The Concert Band of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is heading north for its 2004 Winter Concert Tour, and will perform in Hinesburg on Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. at St Jude Church. In keeping with the tradition of the MIT Concert Band, admission to this performance will be free.

This season’s tour program will feature the band’s signature mix of music written for winds, and will include music by Percy Aldrich Grainger and John Williams, Rimsky-Korsakov’s Procession of the Nobles, and several contemporary pieces commissioned by the MIT Concert Band.

Each winter, this group of musicians goes on tour to share its music with regions outside of the Boston area. The MIT concert Band was founded in 1949 under the direction of the late John Corley, who directed the band until 1999. Throughout the years of Mr. Corley’s tenure, the band became known for its performance and commissioning of original compositions for winds, and gave the Boston area premieres of many major band compositions, including Hindemith’s Symphony in Bb, Holst’s Hammersmith, and Schoenberg’s Theme and Variations.

The ensemble is currently directed and conducted by Thomas Reynolds, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and Ithaca College, and Robert Rucinski, who graduated from MIT in 1999 and received his Master’s Degree from MIT in 2000. The musicians in the MIT Concert Band are students, alumni, and staff of MIT and Wellesley College, most of whom are science or engineering majors.

We hope that you can save this date for a special performance by a talented group of musicians. If you would like more information about the performance or the MIT Concert Band, please call Michelle Keller at 482-6490.
Greetings from North Carolina

To all of our friends in the Hinesburg Community:

Thank you all so much for the wonderful send-off you gave to David and me! We truly enjoyed the party, and would like to say thanks to all who attended. Your outpouring of best wishes, affection, cards and gifts was very much appreciated.

We will miss you all!

Special thanks go to the planners and organizers of, and contributors to, the festivities. I am not certain at this point who started it all off, but when I first heard about it, it was Roni Estey who called me, so many thanks, dear friend! Another of my good buddies, Jeanne Wilson, was a huge part of the organization process, as usual. (I hope you all know what a gem you have in the Town Administrator’s office!) Other good friends, Judy Fritz, Iris and Karen Rose, and of course Dave Estey were right in there helping put it together, and then take it apart at the end. Thanks, everyone, for all you did! Many thanks also go to the band “Permanent Record” and Dave’s son Paul Douce for providing the live music for the party. And much appreciation goes to the folks who helped with the wonderful food that I heard was really good, but never got an opportunity to eat it, so was a bit of a disappointment. Thanks to all of the following:

Brian Busier at Lantman’s donated the veggie platter and fruit platter; Kova’s donated two baskets of cookies; Voula at Papa Nick’s donated the large tray of spinach pie; Betsy Taff donated the cheese platter; Merchants Bank donated $250 towards the caterers. (Leon and Dixie did a great job, as usual.)

And the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association donated $100 to help cover other costs.

If we have left anyone out, please forgive us!

Although our home is lovely and it is wonderful living only two miles from our grandchildren, we miss the familiarity of a “hometown.” There is a lot to be said for belonging to you when you know all the people at the post office, at the hardware store, and the grocery store. I think that I just might be a little homesick for Hinesburg! I feel privileged to have lived there.

Thanks again! All the best to everyone! —Glad and Dave Douce

Hinesburg Community Resource Center – Food Shelf

Thank you, thank you, and thank you very much for your continued generosity. We had a very busy, record setting, fall quarter at the Food Shelf. We are very grateful and appreciate all the help from our residents and friends for support of the Hinesburg Food Shelf. We received a special gift of 77 turkeys from the Shelburne-Charlotte-Hinesburg Rotary for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There were six more from individuals in town and many cash gifts that have helped us to provide for our neighbors at a difficult time.

We are serving an average of 28 families per month for October–December. This is an increase of 85% more families served over last year. We had a total of 1640 adults and children this year.

Each family gets a box with cereal, tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, ice cream and orange juice plus a milk coupon for a gallon of milk at Lantman’s IGA for each child. Cheese, eggs, and beef are added when available. A bag of miscellaneous items is also provided.

It all adds up. Do you know that we are giving out over 1,000 canned goods per month? Plus many cases of box mixes and dry goods every month that adds up to a grocery bill over $9,000 for the year in addition to the goods donated by individuals and the churches. Together we provided an estimated 20,600 pounds this year, over ten tons.

We were very pleased in December to get a large donation (44 boxes) of canned goods from the Hinesburg Community School to thank them for all they do for our children and the churches. We appreciate your caring for our neighbor.

Special thanks to the Rock Hill Club, the Girl Scouts, Champlain Valley Telecom, Hinesburg Record, Hinesburg Business and Professional Association, Hinesburg Nursery School, and many others who have contributed in so many ways. The planning committee has developed good faith financial estimates of both the operating and capital costs. This analysis has incorporated the most recent changes to Vermont’s Education Funding Law, Act 68, and is now available on our website, www.techworks.org. The planning committee is conducting a broad based communications campaign to get information to all voters so that they can make informed decisions.

Here are some quick facts which address the specific concerns raised by Representative Cross:

• The estimated capital cost of this project is approximately $58M. This project budget includes all anticipated expenses including an inflation factor, equipment and fixtures, and all permits, attorneys, consultants, land acquisitions, and 10% contingency.

• The estimated cost per pupil at the RTA will be comparable to the current cost of sending students to two existing technical centers. The comparable cost per pupil includes both operating and capital expenses.

• Any additional cost to towns will be incurred only if more of their students enroll. Current financial models, based on current law and estimated enrollment projections, show an average 3% cent increase in the tax rate across the 25 communities in the service region.

• The current design of the RTA includes an allowance for space for Vermont State Colleges and other post-secondary institutions. Several colleges have indicated a strong interest in locating programs on the site and have participated in the planning and building design. Finalizing these plans and negotiating the specific financial arrangements will be one of the responsibilities of the new regional technical school board.

What do you get for approximately the same cost?

• Twice the time on task
• Less traveling on buses between two different schools
• One school, one diploma
• Integrated academic and technical curriculum organized by career interest areas
• New learning experiences
• Almost double the number of students served each year (assuming projected enrollment figures based on survey results and current trends)
• Easy access to post-secondary education
• Expanded adult education and work force training center

For additional information, I urge you to look at our web site, www.techworks.org, or to contact us directly with any questions, comments or concerns. Our volunteers and local citizens interested in improving educational opportunity for students in our community.

After a positive vote in March, we will be closer to putting this vision into reality. We need your help in communicating this issue to the majority of uncommitted voters who appear to support that you can provide in helping to get a positive vote on Town Meeting Day.

— James A. Hester, Chair
RTA Planning Committee

Tallest Tree

As quoted from the Burlington Free Press of January 14, 1918, under the heading of “Tallest Trees”:

One of the largest trees ever grown in Vermont, an elm, was cut down on the property of Seymour Wright Pierce in Hinesburg. It measured five feet at the butt and was 52 feet high before a branch was reached. At the top, it measured 3 feet 9 inches inside the bark. It was used as cheese box liners from the bottom. The logs were cut into boards 12 inches wide and sold as floor coverings.

Yours truly, John C. Pierce
Notice of Vacancy

By Jeanne Wilson, Town Administrator

There are currently the following vacancies on boards or commissions: one vacancy on the Hinesburg Recreation Commission, an alternate member to the Hinesburg Development Review Board, Hinesburg’s alternate representative to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and Hinesburg’s representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

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 position.

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 to hinesburgtown@gmavt.net, or write to: Hinesburg Selectboard, Attn: Jeanne Wilson, PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

Regional Technical Academy Vote

Additionally, there will be an article on the ballot relating to the proposed Regional Technical Academy. The vote is to decide whether or not to form a regional technical school district that will encompass all of the 25 towns currently part of the Burlington and Essex technical centers. If the article to form a Regional Technical Academy passes, a committee will then put forth a bond during the November 2004 election for the construction of a new Regional Technical Center. The governance Planning Committee Report is available in the Hinesburg Town Clerk’s office.

Dog Licenses Due By April 1

It’s that time of year again when all dogs residing within the Town Of Hinesburg must get their new licenses. Please have your owner bring in a copy of your current rabies certificate so that we may issue you a 2004 license. Many primary classes from the Hinesburg Community School came to the Town Hall this Fall while completing their unit on civics. One of the activities we conducted while the kids were here was allowing them to vote on the shape of the new dog licenses. They had a ballot with six shapes and were able to vote for their choice. The “heart” came in first, with the “star” shape placing second. This was a true hands-on voting experience!

Homestead Declarations Due By April 15

For those of you who missed it in the last issue of The Record, or who did not receive your form from the State, everyone who owns property must file a Declaration of Homestead for HS-131 with the State of Vermont. This is a part of the Act 60 reform bill known as Act 68. This form will establish which tax rate will be applied to your property, the residential rate of $1.10 or the non-residential rate of $1.59. You are required to file this form and there are substantial penalties for non-compliance. We have them here at the Clerk’s Office, so please come in to get one if you haven’t filed already.

Just a reminder: We are open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in order to be available for those of you who have a hard time getting here earlier in the day.

By Missy Ross

Voting on March 2

At the time of writing this article, the slate of candidates for the election in March has not yet been finalized. We will have that list for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record to be published at the end of February. Don’t forget that the Presidential Primary will take place on March 2, 2004, along with the election of local officials and the vote on the Champlain Valley Union High School budget for the next fiscal year. If you will be unable to come to the polls on Election Day, you may request an absentee ballot by calling 482-2281. You may also stop by the Clerk’s Office to request one in person and actually vote while you are here!

Registration Deadline

The last day for new Hinesburg voters to register for the March 2 primary election is Thursday, February 25. You may register in the clerk’s office at your earliest convenience. If you are already registered to vote in Hinesburg, you do not need to register again.

Hinesburg Town Clerk

by Lisa Belliveau

Advertisements:

The deadline for submitting advertising for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record is Monday, February 9, 2004.

For advertising information, contact Lisa Belliveau 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, Inc. is Thursday, February 12, 2004.

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

To Submit News & Calendar Info

Contact June Giroix, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 if you have questions. You can call or fax 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. Prefer electronic submissions if possible.

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Please print the name and address clearly and tell us how you want the gift card signed or if you would like it mailed to you send:

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December 1 – January 12

By Stewart Pierson

Texas Hill Road Survey

Hinesburg resident Debra Howard presented the results of a recent survey of Texas Hill Road residents regarding future road improvements on Texas Hill Road. Ten Texas Hill Road residents joined her for this presentation. The survey was initiated by potential plans to surface a portion of Texas Hill Road. Sixty-eight land owners (of a potential 90) responded to the survey. Of the sixty-eight responders, 49% preferred that Texas Hill Road remain entirely a gravel road; 29% were in favor of surfacing the steeper sections; and 18% would rather see the entire road paved. Safety, maintenance costs and expected new development were three issues raised during the presentation. The recommendation to form a “working group” consisting of neighbors, Town staff and members of the Selectboard was welcomed by the Board.

Public Hearing on Road Cut Standards

Existing Hinesburg standards for road cuts require between 100 feet and 400 feet of sight distance, depending on the type of road. Vermont State standards define sight distance by the posted speed limit. Following a public hearing, the Selectboard voted to adopt standards for road cuts which reflect the State standards.

Delinquent Taxes Fall Below Last Year

Perhaps due to the refinancing splurge of the past year, the total delinquency following the November 15 property tax due date was lower than the previous year. Total delinquent taxes amounted to approximately $222,000, compared to $250,000 in 2002. It appears that the reduced penalty for late payments enacted in 2002 has not adversely affected the smuttal of property tax payments.

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Working with internet service providers, Brisson was able to track the origin of the bomb threat to the girl’s home in St. George and obtain a search warrant for the computer. A forensics examination of the computer was conducted by Detective Tisdel of the Burlington Police Department. In addition to the criminal charges in court, the girl is facing administrative action at the school.

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He will answer the criminal charge at a later date in District Court.

Huntington Man Arrested in Warrant

On December 5 Officer Barbara Brison arrested John Palin, 23, of Huntington. Brison received information from Richmond Police that Palin had headed into Hinesburg and there was an active warrant for him. She located him at a residence on Vermont Route 116 and took him into custody.

Palin was transported to the Chittenden Community Correctional Center and posted bail there for the charge of criminally operating while suspended for the second time.
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Town Garage Site Plan

Public Works Director Rocky Martin updated the Selectboard on future plans for the construction of a new highway garage and sand storage shed. Due to revised rules by the Environmental Protection Agency, all municipalities will be required to store salted sand piles under cover. Vermont is the last State to conform to this EPA requirement. The proposed sand storage shed would be 175' x 75' and cost roughly $150,000. The proposed new highway garage (six bays) would be 60' x 120' and is estimated at $600,000. It is anticipated that the Town would fund this project through a bond, which would spread the payments out over thirty years. The plan also includes relocating the CSWD Drop Off Center to a more accessible location closer to Beecher Hill Road.

Wastewater Service Area

The Selectboard held a special meeting with the members of the Planning Commission to discuss the delineation of the Wastewater Service Area. Since this service area will impact the future growth and development of the village area the Selectboard and Planning Commission will work together to appropriately address this issue.

Budget Planning

Many meetings between November and January have been devoted to the development of the municipal budget to be presented to voters at Town Meeting. A projected 16% increase in the cost of employee health care coverage remains a serious budget concern for 2003. In response to these rising costs, the Selectboard is proposing an increase in employee contributions for health care and a plan change which would require a larger deductible. To offset the increase in employee out-of-pocket expense for health care, the Selectboard is proposing a “cafeteria plan” which will allow employees to have money deducted from their salary for these expenses on a pre-tax basis.

Road Projects:

Anticipated road projects for the coming fiscal year include further repaving of Silver Street, reconstruction of a section of Charlotte Road, drainage and ditching work on Hayden Hill Road West, and ditching on Lincoln Hill Road. Also included in the highway budget is $20,000 for the purchase of a trailer to haul culverts and other large items.

Polce Get Extra Protection

The Dodge Durango operated on patrol by Hinesburg Community Police received some extra protection. The Warner family purchased a new Dodge, but found that the heavy duty brush guard from their old one would not fit the new one.

Brad Wainer knew that Hinesburg Community Police operated a Durango like his own. With the assistance of Officer Steve Gutierrez and Jon Wainer the brush guard was transferred over.

Happy Holidays

It appears Santa Claus was not the only one entering buildings on Christmas Eve.

At 6:15 a.m. an employee arriving for work at the Saputo cheese plant found a money changing machine in the break room pried open and the cash removed. A flashlight lay on the cheese plant found a money changing machine in the break room pried open and the cash removed. A flashlight lay on the floor with burglary and also with violating conditions of release from parole.

If you noticed anything unusual at the cheese plant between 6:00 p.m. December 24 and 6:15 a.m. December 25, please contact us.

Beecher Hill Stop Nets Wanted Man

On the evening of December 30, 2003 Hinesburg Community Police Officer Steve Gutierrez noticed a vehicle traveling with only one headlight on Beecher Hill Road. He stopped the vehicle and during a routine computer inquiry learned that the operator, Adam Rahelich, 20, of Hinesburg was wanted on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a marijuana charge.

Rahelich was arrested and transported to the Chittenden Community Correctional Center and lodged there.

Interagency Teamwork Bags Three

On January 6 Hinesburg and Middlebury State Police took three people into custody following a burglary on Davis Road in Monkton just south of the Hinesburg town line.

Police report that a fifteen year old female forced entry into the home, but was apprehended by the homeowner. Her two accomplices, Jarred Mullin, 21 and Brandy LaRose, 21, both of Vergennes were located by Chief Chris Morrell in a wooded area on Davis Road.

The fifteen-year-old was lodged at the Woodside Juvenile Detention Center for the burglary. The two twenty-one- year-olds were cited for a later appearance in District Court.

Police Professional Sought

If you are looking for a profession helping people and desire to work locally, the Hinesburg Community Police might have a position for you.

Vermont’s leading community police department is seeking to fill a full time position. Unlike traditional police agencies that see their goal as policing the public and making sure they obey the law, Hinesburg officers work with the public in a joint effort to provide public safety and enhance the quality of life in Hinesburg.

Applications may be picked up at the Hinesburg Community Police station; requested by mail at P.O. Box 1; requested by email at hinesburgp@vmsat.net; or calling 482-3397.

The hiring process includes doing well on the Vermont Police Academy written entrance test; passing the physical fitness test; passing the psychological personality test; an oral board interview, an interview with the Selectboard; an extensive background investigation, a polygraph examination; and a medical examination.

Police work at times requires extreme physical activity and the officer holding this position must maintain an adequate level of fitness while employed.

Hinesburg Youth Charged With Burglary

Hinesburg Community Police Officer Barbara Brisson has charged a sixteen-year-old Hinesburg youth with burglary and violations of conditions.

The arrest follows a spree of burglaries in Hinesburg. The youth was apprehended on Friday January 9. He is charged with burglary and also with violating conditions of release from previous burglary, obstructing justice and petty larceny charges.

Following directions of the court, the suspect was again released on conditions of release for a later appearance in District Court.
I am writing this article during the week of 15 degrees below zero weather. My hope is that by the time you read this that this frigid stretch of temperatures is a distant memory! Outside recreation can be great in the winter months, but double digits above zero are all we ask!

**Before You Skate**

Rocky Martin our one-man zamboni, has requested skaters stay off the ice when the “safety light” down at the rink is off. You can tell in the daytime if the ice looks too soft, but at night if he is flooding or decides it is best for skaters to stay off the ice, he will turn on the small light. Thanks for your cooperation. Isn’t that warming hut looking great!

**Winter Carnival**

We have our Annual Winter Carnival coming up on Saturday, February 7. Lori Hennessey and her committee (Tom Giroux, Eileen Crawford, Mary Pellegrino, and Sandy White) have organized a fabulous day. Chuck Reiss and Company have planned a dinner cabaret theater as a new option for the night of February 7. Mary Pellegrino is repeating the International pot luck dinner at St Jude’s. Lori Hennessey and her committee (Tom Giroux, Eileen Crawford, Mary Pellegrino, and Sandy White) have organized a fabulous day. Chuck Reiss and Company have planned a dinner cabaret theater as a new option for the night of February 7. Mary Pellegrino is repeating the International pot luck dinner at St Jude’s. So much fun to choose from. Look for the schedule of events in this issue of The Hinesburg Record. A quick recap:

**Winter Programs**

There are several programs in the Winter Program Guide for kids and adults that begin in February and March:

**Jazzercise**

Jazzercise is a fun aerobic workout that blends dance with exercise. Each 60-minute workout is set to music with easy to follow choreography. The class includes a warm-up, 30 minutes of aerobics and toning, and a final stretch. This is a great opportunity to get in shape with the help of a certified jazzercise instructor.

- **When:** Mon. and Wed. for 6-week session (12 classes). Starting March 15-April 26 (Skips weeks of April 19)
- **Where:** HCS Gym
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- **Fee:** $55.00. Payments made payable to HRD.

**Yoga**

Theora Ward of Ear of the Heart Yoga invites you to stretch your body and your mind. We will explore yoga postures (asana) that increase strength and flexibility starting where your body is at the moment. Each session will also include breath work, meditation and deep relaxation. Through these techniques, you can increase mental stamina by training the mind to focus. In combination these practices culminate in a feeling of peace and a deeper understanding of who you are.

- **Where:** Hinesburg Town Hall
- **When:** Wednesdays
- **Time:** 3:00-4:45 p.m.
- **Fee:** $60.00 for 7 classes

**Tai Chi**

This ongoing class offers a special form of exercise that strengthens your body while calming your mind. Mike Prehoda is a wonderful instructor who is able to guide students from beginner to advanced. You can join in anytime, but classes run for six-week sessions.

- **When:** Thursday Mornings
- **Where:** Town Hall
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
- **Fee:** $36.00. Please make payment to HRD.

**Gymnastics Workshop**

This week long class will be a fun taste of activities from tumbling, cheerleading, to circus tricks and spring boarding! The class will culminate with a demonstration for parents on the last day, Friday.

Certified gymnastics’ instructor Ila Sewall will offer this unique opportunity right at our HCS gym!

- **Who:** 3rd-6th graders
- **When:** Monday thru Friday, Week of February 16th
- **Time:** 2:35 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Where:** HCS gym
- **Fee:** For 5 classes, $35.00 maximum

**Taking Time To Paint With Ms. Trageser and Assistant Becca Schulman**

Students will be able to experiment and learn more about using color, shape, texture, and pattern in their work. Various kinds of paint and surfaces will be used to create both realistic and abstract paintings.

- **Who:** 5th & 6th graders
- **When:** Wednesdays: February 11, March 3, 10
- **Time:** 2:35 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Fee:** $35.00 including materials

**Knitting! With Martha Sacco**

Beginner or experienced... come make a “funky fun” hat! Martha makes this both fun and easy. Take this opportunity to learn a lifelong craft. Boys and girls find knitting both rewarding and RELAXING! All Materials (needles & wool) are included in class cost.

- **Who:** 6th - 8th grade boys and girls
- **Where:** Library reading alcove
- **When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays: February 5, 10, 12
- **Time:** 2:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Fee:** $50.00

**Family Swim Days at The Edge**

Special opportunity to check out a great pool and pretend it’s not winter! The Sports and Fitness Edge, located on Wellness Drive, off Marshall Avenue, has kindly opened their pool to Hinesburg residents the last Sunday of January, February, and March between the hours of 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. The fee is only $5.00 per family of four.

Please remember to pre register at the Town Recreation Office by noon on Friday. The Edge requires names prior to the weekend. You will be expected at the Front desk and can pay your $5.00 at check in at The Edge. Call the Recreation Office to register...the machine is always on! Leave a message at 482-4691.

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**Saturday February 7, 2004**

**Winter Carnival’s Newest Feature:**

**Community Dinner Theater**

Featuring The Hinesburg Community Band and Chorus!!

Seating: 6:30 pm @ HCS Gym

Tickets for Dinner Theater must be purchased ahead of time at the Hinesburg Recreation Office in Town Hall

$15.00 per person. Proceeds benefit Performing Arts of Hinesburg & Community Food Shelf
Considering Building?

New Conservation Checklist for Proposed Development Can Help

By Melissa Levy

Are you considering building a house or adding on to an existing one? The Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) has a brand new checklist that can help in planning for new development.

According to the Town Plan, “Natural resources are critical to the Town’s rural character, to townspeople’s enjoyment of their natural surroundings and to the economic vitality of the community. Consideration for natural resources is essential for basic human health and safety. Natural resources, perhaps more than any other resource, are irreplaceable and damage to them irreversible.”

Taking its cue from the Town Plan and its own mission, the Hinesburg Conservation Commission (HCC) is dedicated to protecting and improving Hinesburg’s natural environment. The HCC seeks to work cooperatively with other town agencies and the citizens of Hinesburg to achieve this goal. The HCC believes three types of environmental impacts need to be carefully considered when development is considered or planned.

In light of the Town Plan and other town regulations, the HCC encourages residents to consider the following when land development is proposed:

Impact on water quality
1. Effectiveness of management of stormwater
   -buffer zones
   -erosion control
2. Recharging of the aquifer (A formation that contains sufficient saturated, permeable material to yield significant quantities of water to wells and springs)
3. Prevention of chemical contamination of water bodies
   Have you considered alternative types of surfaces for walkways, roads, and parking lots?
   Have you considered if the required minimum 75-foot buffer for streams or bodies of water is actually sufficient?
   Have you considered limiting or eliminating the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers?

2. Impact on Plant and Animal Systems
1. Preservation of wildlife corridors
2. Management of forestland to minimize forest fragmentation
3. Preservation of biodiversity and natural habitats, especially of uncommon native species
4. Prevention of chemical contamination of soils

Does the location of proposed structures, roads, septic systems, and walkways fragment contiguous natural habitat, forestland, or agricultural land?

3. Impact on Natural Aesthetics
1. Maintenance of undeveloped ridgelines
2. Maintenance of undeveloped shoreline
3. Preservation of undeveloped agricultural land

Will the location of proposed structures, roads, septic systems, and walkways impact a scenic view, shoreline, or farm?

Copies of the HCC’s Conservation Checklist for Proposed Development can be obtained at Town Hall.

Hinesburg Winter Carnival
Saturday February 7 – 9:00 am until 3:00 p.m.
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Recycling at CSWD
MRF Up 19%

Since July 2003, the amount of recyclable material handled at the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Williston has increased by 19% over the same six-month period in 2002. December 2003 proved to be a record month for recycling (1,842 tons) and December 23, 2003 was a record setting day (180 tons). Why all these records? Officials at the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) attribute the increase to All-In-One Recycling, a new program that started in July allowing people to mix bottles, cans, and mixed paper together in the same bin.

“We did a significant amount of advertising in late summer to promote the new program,” says Tom Moreau, General Manager for CSWD. “That promotion, combined with the fact that All-In-One makes recycling super easy seems to be encouraging more people to recycle more stuff.” But not all of the 19% is new recycling. Some of the recyclables that were handled at other facilities are now coming to the CSWD MRF because of the All-In-One option. “It’s just easier for everyone,” says Moreau.

To accommodate All-In-One Recycling, CSWD invested nearly 2 million dollars in new sorting equipment and facility renovations at their MRF. The equipment includes a series of conveyor belts with rotating star-shaped discs that mechanically separate bottles and cans from mixed paper. This state-of-the-art equipment, manufactured by Machinex and operated by Canella Waste Management, can process more than 17 tons per hour. “We’re hoping to get the system up to 20 tons per hour soon,” says Moreau. “The faster we can sort the material, the more efficient we can make the recycling system. The more efficient it becomes, the more economically sustainable recycling will be.”

In fact, economics was one of the driving forces behind the District’s decision to convert to All-In-One Recycling last year. Haulers and drop-off centers collecting recyclables now spend less time worrying about keeping paper separate from other materials, the more quickly and efficiently material, the more efficient we can make the recycling system. The faster we can sort the material, the more efficient we can make the recycling system. The more efficient it becomes, the more economically sustainable recycling will be.”

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Moreover, the automated processing reduces labor costs, increasing the amount of material the MRF can handle at a higher rate. Haulers and drop-off centers can unload the MRF more quickly, meaning that CSWD can process more recyclables in a shorter amount of time, thus reducing the overall recycling cost.

In addition to making recycling more economical, All-In-One Recycling also makes recycling more convenient and efficient for everyone, especially businesses. Many local businesses are converting “cardboard only” dumpsters to All-In-One Recycling bins. Allowing employees to recycle a wider range of materials at work, without addition new containers or taking up additional space.

is key to making recycling work at businesses. And making recycling work is a benefit to us all. “It’s all about efficiency and resource conservation,” says Moreau. “Recycling reduces pollution and saves energy. We’re just trying to make recycling a choice that is easy and economically viable.”

Tours of the CSWD MRF are available to groups of at least 6 people. Please contact CSWD at 872-8111 to schedule a tour. An 8-minute video tour of the MRF is available online at www.cswd.net. Look in the “What’s New” column.

6th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot A Success

By Colin McNaul

The Hinesburg Land Trust’s 6th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot held on Sunday, November 30th was a success and enjoyed by all participants. A record field of 35 runners raced on a cold and cloudy day with intermittent snow. The 4.25 mile course passes some of the land conserved by the Hinesburg Land Trust. 6 courageous walkers also braved the elements. The event raised $397.00 for the Hinesburg Land Trust.

Eli Howard, age 15, of Richmond, Vermont was the first person across the finish line with a time of 24:56. Eli also runs for Mount Mansfield High School. Marielle Aunave of South Burlington won the women’s division with a time of 31:31.

Other winners in their age divisions were:
• Paul Houchens, 30-39, South Burlington
• Jessica Bolduc, under 29, South Burlington
• Matt Dugan, 40-49, Burlington
• PhyllisArsenault-Berry, 40-49, Duxbury
• Yvon LaMarche, 50+, Vergennes
• Nancy Walsh, 50+, Charlotte

Boll’s Maple Syrup, Hinesburg and Koval’s Coffee of Vermont, Hinesburg, provided prizes.

Race Results

Complete Race Results shown below: 6th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot
Held: Sunday, November 30, 2003
Distance: 4.25 miles

Place/Name Sex Age Hometown Time
1 Eli Howard M 15 Richmond 24:56:00
2 Brendan Barden M 26 Barre 27:00:00
3 Matt Dugan M 40 Burlington 28:30:00
4 Jim Roy M 47 Hyde Park 29:00:00
5 Scott Magnan M 27 Burlington 29:30:00
6 Paul Houchens M 35 South Burlington 29:40:00
7 Forrest LeMoine M 49 Shelburne 29:40:00
8 Dave Fields M 49 Underhill 30:00:00
9 Neil Bean M 40 St. Albans 30:50:00
10 Marielle Aunave F 34 South Burlington 31:31:00
11 Tom Howard M 47 Richmond 32:25:00
12 Phyllis Arsenault-Berry F 47 Duxbury 33:15:00
13 Karen Alence F 37 South Burlington 33:42:00
14 Jessica Bolduc F 27 South Burlington 33:57:00
15 Yvon LaMarche F 34 Vergennes 34:01:00
16 Phil Boush M 55 South Burlington 34:01:00
17 Dave Delibac M 51 Grand Isle 34:46:00
18 Heidi Hales F 32 Burlington 35:05:00
19 Katherine Kjelleren F 43 Hinesburg 35:17:00
20 Andy Seaton M 44 Hinesburg 35:40:00
21 Len Toshman M 61 Charlotte 36:13:00
22 Nancy Walsh F 52 Charlotte 36:55:00
23 Hannah Wilson F 25 Barre 37:31:00
24 Richard Shreck M 31 Middlebury 37:41:00
25 Robin Harris F 44 Williston 37:50:00
26 Cathy Hudson F 42 Williston 37:58:00
27 Logan Bean M 8 St. Albans 38:39:00
28 Jen McCuin F 34 Hinesburg 38:39:00
29 Tom Anderson M 55 Monkton 38:44:00
30 Guil Center F 46 Richmond 42:00:00
31 Sylvie Vidrine F 39 Hinesburg 42:09:00
32 Kyle Bean M 13 St. Albans 42:09:00
33 Emily Kallbeck F 27 Hinesburg 43:16:00
34 Sylvie Mitchell F 29 South Burlington 43:28:00
35 Amy Kaminski F 21 Castleton 45:18:00

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Artistic Miriam Adams

Meet Hinesburg artist Miriam Adams. Miriam was born in the Bronx and grew up in the greater New York/New Jersey area. She originally wanted to be a dancer, having started dance lessons at a very young age. By the time she was 16, she realized that she was not meant to be a ballerina and switched to her other art interest. She received an Art History degree from Barnard College and also took courses in painting and drawing at Columbia University. She has worked as an artist and sold her work both during her college years and since graduating from college.

Miriam works on paper with graphite and watercolor. It is a very direct technique, inherently simple, that allows for subtle play of line and color. Her drawings are realistic in style, but the composition is more conceptual. In describing her work, Miriam commented that she “draws from the vastness of nature, focusing on forms and rhythms in order to create a heightened awareness, a meditative vision. There is an emphasis on line which speaks of a love of drawing. The work involves images from the natural world such as flowers, rocks, wood and feathers, sometimes in juxtaposition with ‘man-made’ items such as ribbons or statues. The drawings of gloves retain the memories of human activity and feelings which they express in an abstract manner. These are intimate drawings meant to be lived with.”

Miriam generally works alone but has done some collaboration with other artists. She collaborated with a friend, Suzanne Noguere, a poet. They produced a series of thirty-one pieces called Leaf Lines. These pieces take as their subject the leaves of the trees that grow in the northeastern United States. They have exhibited this work in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and intend to exhibit it again. Eventually, they hope to have the project published. In collaboration with artist Jeanette Chupack, Miriam worked on subjects that were unusual for her. They did one series on the Huntington Gorge in Vermont and Miriam has one daughter, Nina. Nina attended Hinesburg schools from kindergarten through high school, and graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School. She currently is creating and managing an elder care project in Geneva, New York, providing legal advocacy for elders.

Miriam’s art has been exhibited in Philadelphia, New York City, Boston and Vermont. In Vermont her art can be found at the Furchgott Soundfile Gallery in Shelburne, Frog Hollow in Middlebury and Burlington, and the Elaine Beckwith Gallery in Jamaica. Miriam’s art appears in both private and public collections including Readers Digest, Fidelity Investments and Champion Paper. Most of her art is sold through galleries. She also accepts commissions and sells her art privately. Recently she had an unusual commission drawing fly fishing lures for a business in Minnesota. Miriam is also available to talk about her work. She can be reached at 482-2066 or by e-mail at madumskohn@aol.com.

Shear Art

(An article featuring Shear Art was published in the December 2003 issue of the Hinesburg Record. The photograph below was inadvertently omitted. The Record apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.)

Linda Gregory, Kristie Bataille, and Dawn Safford of Shear Art, Firehouse Plaza, Hinesburg. Shear Art is a new, full service salon in Hinesburg. The salon is open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment (482-3906); walk-ins accommodated.

Photo by: Jeanne Wilson

Champlain Valley Telecom Directory

Addison County Addition

By Alan Jones

Waitfield and Champlain Valley Telecom is pleased to announce the arrival of the 2004-2005 Champlain Valley Directory. The telephone directory is scheduled to arrive in mailboxes this month.

Enhancements have been made to the directory including the addition of 7,000 telephone numbers from Addison County to include the Brandon and Rochester exchanges. This year’s directory will feature artwork from students in Hinesburg Community School. Residents and businesses in Addison County will receive a special edition of the directory with updated Addison County information and a special cover.

Questions regarding the new Champlain Valley Telecom Directory can be directed to Alan Jones at 802-496-8328 or via email at ajones@wcvt.com.
We Deliver

Free delivery of materials is available to Hinesburg residents who find travel or physical access to the library building difficult. Books and tapes are also circulated to Seniors on the third Friday of each month at the Senior Meal Site in the Osborne Hall behind the United Church.

Trustee Meetings

The Carpenter-Carse Library’s Board of Trustees meet at the library at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month; exceptions to this schedule are posted in advance at the Hinesburg Post Office and 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. Please call Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on the location of the meeting.

Storytime News

A Preschool Story Hour (for ages 3-5) is scheduled for Toddler Storytimes (up to 3 years of age) are held at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 14. There will be stories, songs, fingerplays and a thematic craft. Pre-registration requested. Toddler Storytimes (up to 3 years of age) are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, February 3 and February 17. Walk-ins are welcome.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:
Ashley, Trisha, Every Woman for Herself
Bayard, Louis, Mr. Timothy
Brookner, Anita, Rules of Engagement
Hart, Carolyn, Letter from Home
Hegi, Ursula, Sacred Time
Koonz, Dean, Odd Thomas
Mayor, Archer, Gatekeeper
McCullough, Colleen, Touch
McGuire, Gregory, Mirror, Mirror
Morrison, Toni, Love
Niffenegger, Audrey, Time Traveler’s Wife
Rice, Anne, Blood Cattle
Sandford, John, Hanged Man’s Song
Steel, Danielle, Safe Harbour
Adult Non Fiction:
Agatston, Arthur S., South Beach Diet
Cosby, Bill, I am What I Ate and I’m Frightened
Dean, Howard, Winning Back America
Ketchum, Katherine, Teens Under the Influence
Miller, Zell, A National Party No More
Shesvosa, Lili, Putin’s Russia
Tudor, Bethany, Drawn from New England**

Visit the library to pick up our new Youth Services brochure, designed by Janet Soutiere. The brochure contains a sample of recent acquisitions of juvenile and young adult books, as well as helpful information for kids and their families. The brochure will be updated monthly.

Friends of the Library

By Earla Sue McNaull

Money raised through the book and book bag sales is used for the “extras” not included in the annual budget. Recently the Friends purchased some additional plants for the reading garden and paid half the amount for the rocking chair in the children’s area. This chair honors Natcha Pouech’s dedication to partnering children and books, and we hope it will be enjoyed by many. Rock on!

Uncovered: Film about Iraq War Planning

On Wednesday, February 11, there will be a showing of Robert Greenwald’s film Uncovered: The Whole Truth about the Iraq War. The showing will take place at the Carpenter-Carse Library at 7:00 p.m.

Uncovered examines the progression of the Bush administration’s case for the Iraq war through the public words of top administration officials and interviews with two dozen experts. The experts include several former CIA operatives and analysts, a former director of the CIA, two former assistant secretaries of defense, a former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and even the man who served as President Bush’s Secretary of the Army until just a few months ago.

Taken collectively, the interviews reveal how the pre-war intelligence record showed virtually the opposite of the picture on Iraq that the administration painted to Congress, to US voters and to the world. As Mel Goodman, a veteran CIA analyst who now teaches at the National War College, said, “There was never a clear and present danger. There was never an imminent threat. Iraq — and we have very good intelligence on this — was never part of the picture of terrorism.” The case for accusing Saddam Hussein of concealing weapons of mass destruction was, in the words of the veteran CIA operative Robert Baer, largely achieved through “data mining” going back over old information and trying to wrest new conclusions from it.

Through the interviews, the film also reconstructs the way senior White House officials — notably Vice President Dick Cheney — leaned on the CIA to find evidence that would fit a predetermined set of conclusions. This agenda, according to George Bush Senior’s ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Chas Freeman, was both highly political and profoundly misguided.

The idea for showing the film in Hinesburg grew out of a national “house party” sponsored by MoveOn.org, through which Uncovered was shown at more than 2600 sites. TheShowing will be updated monthly.
who saw the film locally and were moved and concerned wanted to share it with a larger audience.

Our showing in Hinesburg will be timely, since it follows the publication of *The Price of Loyalty*, by Ron Suskind, who interviewed former Treasury Secretary Paul O’Neill, fired by President Bush in December 2002. In the book, O’Neill contends, that the planning for the Iraq War began well before the infamous events of September 11, 2001.

Light refreshments will be served in the library’s Community Room before viewing the film, which runs 56 minutes. A discussion will follow the film.

For more information, please call Julie Becker at 482-2978.

Hinesburg Community Quilt Provides a Special Warmth

By Suzanne Richards

It was one of those days when the temperature never rose above the single digits despite the efforts of a brilliant sun. In those conditions, it wasn’t surprising that people were looking for quilts. However, these particular quilts were not stored away in chests or closets. These quilts were hanging on the walls of the Carpenter-Carse Library for the Hinesburg Community Quilt Project reception on Saturday, January 10th. The four quilted panels are the final results of a collaborative art project funded by Vermont Recreation and Parks Association and the Hinesburg Resource Center/Vermont Council on the Humanities.

As coordinator of the project, my observation was that the quilts did indeed fulfill the expectation of providing comfort and warmth even if it was of a different nature.

An estimated count of eighty people came to view the quilts within the two hours. Many of the quilt square makers and their family members attended. Others, having heard about the project, came out of curiosity.

In another demonstration of community support, refreshments for the reception were generously donated. The complementary cake provided by Brian Busier, owner of Lantman’s IGA, drew considerable attention. Joleen Raymond, of Lantman’s Bakery, did an amazing job of reproducing in the frosting the 1900’s photograph of the Hinesburg Inn where Lantmans is now located. Other treats were generously provided by Juletta and Gary Koval of Koval Coffee, Shirley Basiliere, Marilyn Dunn, Trinka Parker and Joan Richard. Penny Reed, of The Wild Thyme, generously donated an arrangement of fresh flowers for the table.

I would encourage people to see the Hinesburg Community Quilt on display in the library through the month of January. For visitors who want to test their observation skills, pick up the “I Spy Quilt Squares” which I created. It will lead you on a merry search for particular images found in the quilt squares. Finding the fifteen horses may be more challenging than you think. Although the quilt may move to other locations to be temporarily exhibited, Sue Barden and Jane Racer have kindly offered the quilt a permanent home at the library.

Two lists are included in the display. One is the list of all eighty of the participants and the other is a list of the people who helped with the project and reception. Please take a moment to acknowledge the names. I wish to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who made the project possible.
The 2004 Yearbook
Halle Brodo

This year the yearbook is sure to be great! The staff of seventh and eighth graders working on the yearbook are Halle Brodo, Eilan Ross, Robin Hart, Meghan Lyon, Bee Rose, Christine Piper, Amber Tahler, Kate Bremner and Maital DeHeny and the advisors are Mr. Henry and Ms. Hyd. The yearbook staff meets every other Friday after school at 4:30.

I spoke to some seventh and eighth graders about what they thought about the yearbook. Taha Sameh, a 7th grader at HCS thinks, “The yearbook is awesome because you can look back and show other people who aren’t at our school who people go to our school.” Gabby Johnson, an 8th grade thinks, “The yearbook is a great way to remember the year.” Bess Kellar, a 7th grader on the yearbook thinks, “The yearbook brings out the creativity of everybody and it gives everybody a chance to remember the year.” Sunny He, an 8th grader at HCS thinks, “The yearbook is really cool, awesome.”

The people on the yearbook staff are very busy working on the cover design and the early order by the yearbook staff at the yearbook run out very quickly. We are also working on what we want to be featured in the yearbook. We are going to have a picture day soon, to collect pictures to put in the yearbook. If anybody has pictures of the seventh and eighth graders from this year and would like to donate them to the yearbook call Mr. Henry at HCS.

Science Fair
Nicole Talbert
Samantha Nielsen

Science Fair is a project that all middle school students have to do to graduate. The purpose for science fair is for students to study a topic in science and do a project about it. Another thing that is required for the science fair is an experiment. When you do your experiment you have to record the materials and observations.

During school, the students got a lot of help from their teachers. Teachers inform the students about the upcoming events, and the date that things are due. Teachers can also provide materials if the students need them. Students are required to write up a report on their subject. The student must have a hypothesis, an introduction, a method, the results, the lab setup, and a display to complete the project. The first due date was on Friday, November 14, 2004, and the end of Monday, February 2, 2004. The actual science fair will be held on February 4, 2004.

The Lord Of The Rings
Joshua Parker

If you have not yet seen Peter Jackson’s amazing film, you need to see them. They include the Lord of the Rings trilogy (The Return of The King, The Two Towers, and The Return Of The King). This movie is full of the story of a powerful ring that Frodo is trying to destroy, but he loses the ring to evil, which Middle-earth could be in peril forever. Yet, something that I noticed the most in these movies was the relationship between Frodo and Sam. Changing all the time. How did the relationship between Frodo and Sam change over the course of the trilogy? I noticed that in the first movie of the trilogy, Frodo and Sam were best of friends and seemed like they would never ever leave each other. At the end of the first movie, Frodo and Sam tell each other how they will stick together and do anything it takes to destroy the ring. But, things change, and in the second movie when they meet a “goblin” they’re guide to destroy the ring, they get a little scared between Frodo and Sam.

The only thing the goblin wants is the ring; so, he is trying to make Frodo and Frodo fights and kills each other. It was working, Sam and Frodo were always fighting and bickering throughout the course of the second movie. So there was a big change from the relationship in the first movie and the second. Things got even worse in the final chapter of the trilogy. Sam finally figures out what the goblin is trying to do,を利用して, the Frodo saves the day. Finally, when the goblin plays an evil trick on Sam, Frodo says, “GOMA SAMA! DON’T TREAD YOU ANY MORE!” As Sam is there weeping the grand and Frodo continues on, but when Sam figures out the trick the goblin has played, he goes back and finds him. When everything is settled, Frodo and Sam become best of friends again. This obviously shows how the relationship between Frodo and Sam improved and goes throughout the course of the trilogy.

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HCS Geo Bee
Champion is Crowned
Josh Parker and Steve Hyde

During the week of January 7th the annual National Geographic Geo Bee competition was held, and over twenty, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students competed for the title of HCS Geo Bee Champion. This competition is a geography bee and is usually a very tight one and this year was no exception.

The bee consists of three rounds; the preliminary round, the final round, and the championship round. In the preliminary round each competitor is asked seven questions and the top ten scores advance to the final round. In the final each student is again asked a variety of geography questions like, “The Cape of Good Hope is located on the southwestern coast of what continent?” and “The Danube River, the second longest river in Europe, flows into which body of water?”

The student who misquotes two questions or is eliminated from the competition. This continues until there are only two competitors left who advance to the championship round. This round those two students were fifth grader, Morgan Pell, and seventh grader and defending champion, Ethan Linke. In the championship round each student is asked the same two questions and the one who gets the most correct is the winner. Morgan got one of three questions correct and Ethan got two correct earning him the title of HCS Geo Bee Champion.

At the HCS championship, Ethan will go on to compete in the Vermont, National Geographic Geo Bee competition in March. This win will then go to the national competition in Washington D.C.

Mr. Hyde who ran the competition said, “This year’s competition was the best so far because the more students got correct answers than ever before. The students knowledge of geography is definitely improving.”
Boys Basketball
Chad Place

The HCS Boys basketball A-team has gotten off to a rough start this season. They lost their first four games of the season. But when they were beginning to think they weren't going to win a game, they won one. They won a game against Vergennes, the win gave the team some hope that the season might turn around.

The next two games that the basketball team would play would also be in the CSSU tournament. The first game was against Shelburne, which they lost, and the second game that Hinesburg would play was against Charlotte.

Throughout the entire Charlotte game the score was very close. In the first half of the game there were many fouls and both teams were in the bonus. At halftime Hinesburg was up 12 to 11. The turning point of the game seemed to be when Chad Place was intentionally fouled and went to the foul line to take two shots. He made one of the two shots to put Hinesburg ahead by four points. Charlotte in bounds of the ball and took it up the court but missed their shot. The ball was rebounded by Hinesburg and was brought up the court, and with about a minute left in the game Josh Parker made a layup to extend the lead to six points. In the final seconds of the game Charlotte had possession of the ball and made a three-point shot right at the buzzer, but it was too little too late. The final score of the game was Hinesburg 36 Charlotte 28. Overall it was a good game. Hinesburg placed third in the tournament.

Since the tournament, the team has lost two games. These games were against Mt. Abe and Charlotte. The remainder of the games that the team will play will be against challenging teams, but we are hopeful that we will win another game. Even though we haven't won a lot of games, I have enjoyed playing on the HCS basketball team with all of my friends and teammates.

HCS Food Drive is a Success
Robin Hartland and Ellen Ross

From December 3rd to December 17th, Peer Leadership sponsored a food drive for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Students from all grades, Triple Threat 5th grade, were asked to bring in non-perishable food items. To motivate the students they were told that there would be a drawing and the winner would go on a field trip to the food shelf. The more food they brought in, the better their chances of winning would be.

The winner of the drawing was Mr. Hinesburg 3rd and 4th grade class. They brought in a grand total of 134 food items. We did an interview with some of her students to see what motivated them to contribute to the food drive. Ms. Kelly said, “I wanted to help give to kids so that they could have food.” Allison Givens, who had gone to the Hinesburg Food Shelf before with Girl Scouts said, “I wanted to help the less fortunate.” All of Ms. Hinesburg class did a great job. We would also like to recognize Mrs. Wallace’s class for bringing in 171 food items, and Mrs. Feusner’s, Mr. Salvest’s, and Mr. Rocke’s classes for bringing in over 100 food items each.

HCS collected over 1300 non-perishable food items that helped feed the forty-five families that go to the Hinesburg Food Shelf every month. The number of families is double what it was a few years ago. All of the food brought in is very important and is greatly appreciated. Peer Leadership would like to thank everybody that contributed to the food drive.

Summer Activities
Fair at HCS
Tuesday, February 17th, 6 PM
Improv Night for middle school parents & students, 7 PM
For more information call the HCS Office

Patrolling The Potties
Ben Soll and Ellen Ross

For the past couple of weeks, HCS middle school students have been enrolled in the position to patrol the 7th and 8th grade bathrooms. Also known as Pottery Patrol! This is because of persistent vandalism of the walls and stalls of the boys’ and girls’ bathrooms. A different boy and girl are selected each day by Mrs. Robbins. HCS’s Assistant Principal, stand outside the bathrooms and keep record of anyone who goes into the bathroom. The student on patrol checks the bathrooms after every person is finished using it to make sure that the bathroom is not being vandalized. At the end of the day, the record is taken to the office.

Students have different opinions about pottery patrol. Brian Karge, one of the students that has been chosen for pottery patrol, says, “Potters patrol has helped eliminate the vandalism that has been occurring in the bathroom.” Tasha Vanier-McKee, who has been chosen to patrol the girls’ bathroom, says, “I think that it has nothing to see kids still go and vandalize the bathroom while pottery patrolers are not on duty. Also, a student on pottery patrol could vandalize the bathroom and they wouldn’t get the blame.” As you can see, students have very different opinions on this new policy. The fact of the matter is that vandalism in the bathrooms has stopped.

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We want to encourage parents to check television or radio stations or call the school to hear the message about school openings on any day with extremely cold or unusual weather. We make announcements, beginning about 5:30 a.m., if there is a delay in the opening of school or if school is cancelled. Please note, it is not safe to drop your child off at 7:30 a.m. when there is a delayed opening as staff members typically do not arrive until 9:00 a.m. Also, Morning Kindergarten and Early Education programs are cancelled when the school has a delayed opening. Please remember to call the office if your child will be out for the day.

Budget Development

The School Board Directors are continuing to work on the budget for the 2004-2005 school year. The Board meets on Tuesday, February 3 to finalize the budget; they meet in the Wainer Learning Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Annual School Meeting to vote on the budget will be on Saturday, March 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium at the school.

Openings at YMCA After-School Program

Need a safe place to send your school-age child after school? The Greater Burlington YMCA Live Y'ers School-age program at Hinesburg Community School has openings available. This program provides fun and enriching activities for your children from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. Two, three and five-day enrollment options are available. The program includes arts and crafts, recreational activities, field trips, quiet time for homework and social time with peers and counselors. Financial assistance is available.

For more information about this program and other after-school programs, contact Marsha Faryniarz, School-Age Program Director, the Greater Burlington YMCA, 266 College Street, Burlington, at (802)862-9622, or send email to mfaryniarz@gbymca.org.

Storytelling Benefits the Teller, the Listener and Society

By Dan Wolfe*

An Ancient Art is Recille Hamrell’s Passion

On February 7, Recille Hamrell and some of the best of her students will be in the limelight during the Hinesburg Winter Carnival. The students will be chosen from a special group of 80 youngsters in grades one through six at Hinesburg Community School. And how did Hamrell and her students get into the limelight? By storytelling. Storytelling, you ask, perhaps in astonishment. The answer is storytelling.

Why has Hamrell chosen to take the ancient art of telling tales back into the lives of children in school? “Because,” she says, her eyes shining brighter than ever as she talks about the...
subject, “I believe in the power and the pleasure of stories, storytelling and storytelling.” Why? “Because they benefit the teller, the listener and society itself.”

According to Hamrell, “The teller, telling a beloved story, builds self-confidence, improves academic success and stimulates creativity. The listener also benefits by hearing the story itself, and, if the listener is a parent, by hearing his/her child do something new and clever.”

Hamrell can hold even an interviewee spellbound by the enthusiasm that wells from her like water from the fountain of the Nymphs in ancient Greece.

Hamrell is ready to reach out to other towns, schools and senior centers. She has produced fact sheets that provide a basis for storytelling, since some of them have volunteered to work with the students enrolled in the class, and all of them provide an eager audience for the storytelling.”

Hamrell has created this list of 125 tellable picture-story books, and the librarian at the Hinesburg Elementary School has put the ones that the school already owned into a special section of the library dedicated to story telling, Roberts and the Friends of Hinesburg recently made a gift of 20 more titles from the master list.

Hamrell also gives her students a two-page document that urges them to pick well and prepare thoroughly. She includes tips on how to get the most from the experience by organizing the story, determining the meaning of the story, analyzing the characters and staging the story — and presenting the story boldly, emphasizing the acting portion of the experience.

The second step is to make a storyboard about the scenes of the story, followed by a thorough character study of the principal character of the chosen story.

Leaving nothing to chance, Hamrell also provides teachers and co-operating adults with coaching tips. Since the ultimate goal is storytelling without a script, these coaching tips check to see if the student knows the story well, ask how believable the characters in the story have become, how to start and end the storytelling, and a final section that Hamrell simply calls “everything else.”

Hamrell also brings actresses such as Tracey Girdich and Katrina Fodl to help the budding storytellers make the most of their opportunity to tell tales.

The ‘how to’ directives are as important to the adults who are now part of the storytelling project as to the youthful storytellers. Parents and grandparents now volunteer as coaches and everyone in the family benefits. In Hinesburg storytelling has become an intergenerational town-wide activity and Hamrell is ready to reach out to other towns, schools and senior centers. She has produced fact sheets that provide a basis for including storytelling as a part of a general arts program in a school or in a community. She is also an accredited artist with the Vermont Council on the Arts, a valuable boost for any group wishing to bring Hamrell to their school or community, since it can help to qualify for funds from sources such as foundations to bring Hamrell to help turn everyone into a storyteller.

And beyond all of this welter of materials and helping hands, there is Hamrell herself: white-haired, flashing-eyed, smile at the ready as equally as the momentary furrows of disagreement or additional counsel that from time to time scud across her brows. But then the sunlight returns with the flash of a smile, and the storytelling continues.

And what could be a prouder achievement than having this warm smile flashed your way when you have finished your tale? I, for one, can’t think of a single thing.

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** To contact Recille Hamrell, call 802-863-1754.

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CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL

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**Calendar**

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**February**

4: Eighth Grade Parents Night.

5: Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Learning Center

5-7: District Choral Festival, Essex High School

6: Quarter 2 Academic Recognition

7: ACT test date

9: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 130.

11: 7 day in-service

16-20: Spirit Week

20: Trike Race, 2:15 p.m.

28: Registration deadline for March SAT (SAT only)

22-27: No School

23: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 130.

26-29: Harvard Model Congress

27: Registration deadline for April ACT

**March**

1: Annual CVU Meeting, 5:00 p.m., CVU

2: CVU Budget vote in respective towns.

3: First draft of Graduation Challenge Tri-Search paper due.

4: Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Learning Center

8: Access to CVU spring session begins

9: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 130

11: Jazz Festival

12: Career Day

12-13: CY Youth Leadership Retreat, CVU

13: UNH Jazz Festival

16: Blood Drive

17-19: Arena scheduling

20: Entrance Band, IL, III, 7:30 p.m.

22: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 114.

22: Graduation Challenge final copy of Tri-Search paper due.

23-28: NSRE & PASS Testing

23: 7 day - classes for all students in afternoon

24-25: Graduation Challenge Papers Read

25: Registration deadline for May SAT

27: SAT I Only Test Date

28-April 3: Close-Up

**April**

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

2: End of Quarter 3

3: ACT test date

12: School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Room 130

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**Students Thank Community Through Volunteer Activities**

The CVU Student Council wanted to find a meaningful way to thank the community for providing the bond to expand the school. How better to do that than get out into the community and give back.

From February 7th through February 15th students from CVU will be out in their local towns helping shovel driveways, shovel books, clean-up art studios, bake cookies, and more. Activities will take place after-school, in the evenings, and on the weekends. Students will sign-up for activities at CVU
CVU Madrigal Singers Perform at Charlotte Senior Center

By Peter J. Coleman

The twelve members of the CVU Madrigal Singers sang a repertoire of lovely songs, including Christmas carols, at an early afternoon concert at the Charlotte Senior Center on Ferry Road in December. "It’s a lot of work but when performance time rolls around, it is well worth it," said Sarah Barker, one of the singers. The group estimated that they work together some four to five hours a week and sing on their own as well. That practice yielded a lovely string of beautiful songs.

Road in December. The young ladies have a strenuous schedule: from just after Thanksgiving to Christmas they had some 25 performances - an average of nearly one a day! They appeared on the WCAX TV Thanksgiving to Christmas they had some 25 performances - an average of nearly one a day! They appeared on the WCAX TV Across the Fence program on Christmas eve.

"This group is a fine reminder that when focused on the same goal, very different people are truly united through our music," said Jackie Holtz another member of the group. This group’s goal is music and beautiful music it is." said Jackie Holtz another member of the group. This group’s goal is music and beautiful music it is.

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School Board Meetings

December – January

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The 15-member Regional Technical Academy planning committee, recently expanded by the addition of representatives from six Chittenden County high schools including CVU, as well as BFA-Fairfax, has been refining the plans for a Regional Technical Academy that would centralize technical education for Chittenden County, when RTA board member Chris Smith reported on the progress of the plan at the CVU board meeting on December 8. Smith reviewed the history of the Technical Academy project, initiated in 1998 by Burlington School Board, Essex Union School District and the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce in an effort to reduce overcrowding at the two existing technical programs in Burlington and Essex, to meet an unsatisfied demand for technical education in the area, and to combine technical and academic programs in a degree-granting institution that would meet the needs of many students for a more applied, integrated style of learning. The Academy is also expected to have a positive impact on the Vermont economy, providing a pool of skilled workers to attract new high-tech companies to the region.

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The next step in the process will be a vote in all 25 towns in the affected region at Town Meeting in March to establish a Lake Champlain Regional Technical School District and set up a board of directors.

Smith’s presentation to the CVU board was the last in a series of visits by the RTA planning group to the schools that will be asked to support the regional plan, and his main objective was to explain the timeline for the March vote and encourage CVU’s support for what he said “passionately believes is a better educational opportunity for kids.”

Jeanne Jensen, a CVU director from Williston, voiced a major concern of the board when she questioned the financial numbers Smith presented, especially his estimate of the per pupil cost of the Academy as $10,866, a number that is similar to the current per pupil cost for a student at CVU. She pointed out that vocational and technical education programs are traditionally more expensive and that some estimates of the cost per pupil for the Academy had been as high as $15,000 per pupil.

The board also questioned how the Academy would pay for the conversion of the Tensolite/logflora building on Susie Wilson Road, a project estimated to cost $55 million to $58 million. Smith said that the State had made a commitment to fund $45 million and that the committee expected to raise the balance with federal grants and donations by business. The timing of the state support was not specific and Smith said it could range from $45 million right away to “$1 million a year for 45 years.”

The schedule for the project that would have the governance vote in March 2004, a budget ready to go to the voters at the November 2004 election, construction completed and students in the school by September 2005, drew expressions of disbelief from members of the CVU board who have experienced the slow pace of approvals, designing, financing and construction in years past as they have made renovations to the high school.

CSSL Superintendent Brian O’Regan said the board will have to make a decision, but not before gathering more information and having the opportunity to discuss the proposal with the public. “We need to consider the implications for CVU,” he said. Principal Val Gardner agreed, saying, “A lot more information needs to be garnered, especially the cost per pupil. My experience on technical education would be that the more information needs to be gathered, especially the cost per pupil.”

CVU Proposed Budget for 2004-2005

Champlain Valley Union High School will ask voters at Town Meeting in March to approve a $14,614,540 budget for the coming school year that is up by 9.64% over last year. During a month and a half of discussion and debate, administrators, the Board of Directors and invited members of the public from the four towns of the union district, cut the budget proposal from the 16.44% increase predicted in the first draft of the budget by cutting operational costs, purchasing library furniture and computer equipment with a bond, delaying the addition and expansion of some programs, postponing adding faculty, increasing class sizes and phasing in some staff additions.

At their Monday, January 12 meeting, the members of the board expressed satisfaction that Principal Val Gardner had met their objectives for the budget by paring it to under a 10% increase, with a per pupil cost of $10,668, an increase of 5.59%. Gardner said that her final week of budget planning had been made much easier when she received news that the health insurance cost, previously estimated at 121/2% would be 9.75%.

CVU Annual Meeting March 1

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CVU Board Chair Michael Bissone was chosen to represent the high school on the board of the Regional Technical Academy. He has been the CVU representative on the regional committee planning the new technical school and indicated that he wanted to continue to be involved as the Technical Academy moves to the next stage of its evolution with a board comprised of representatives appointed by their local boards, or elected by the voters of their communities. CVU had agreed that appointing Bissone had the advantage of having a representative who is already knowledgeable about the project. Bissone said he very much wanted to continue on the RTA Board. “This project is going somewhere but there is a lot of work to do,” he said.

A Chance to Save Money

With the repayment of $12 million that will be bonded from the $18.3 million that was approved last spring by the voters of Chittenden South to fund the construction and rehabilitation at CVU (the state funds part of the total), the Regional Technical Academy (RTA) is moving ahead with the project in the 2004-2005 budget. Shibli spoke to the RTA Board. “This project is going somewhere but there is a lot of work to do,” he said.

CVU Chooses RTA Representative

Principal Gardner told the Board that students are taking advantage of the new opportunity to make choices among regional schools. Four students who live in South Burlington will attend CVU next year, eight current CVU students will attend South Burlington High School and one will attend Burlington High School.

Next Step in Building Plan

The Design Review Board of Hinesburg that had spent several months considering parking plans for the reorganized school grounds, had issued the required permits and the Facilities Committee was continuing to study a good solution to the contentious question of parking lot design. Committee member Jeff Parker said if the bids are acceptable, work will be able to begin in February, a schedule that will have some of the potential contractors have been sent out. The bids will be opened at a meeting on January 27.

The March 1 meeting will also be an opportunity for the voters to discuss the proposed budget and may also be a public hearing on the Regional Technical Academy whose governance will be a ballot item at Town Meeting.

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Students Hold CVU Town Meeting

In December the entire student body, divided into two sessions, gathered in the CVU gym to share their concerns, observations and recommendations on everything from the conditions of the washrooms and the wish to have chicken fingers on the cafeteria menu, to the appropriateness of the crusader as a school mascot. Kristen Hammond, the School Board representative to the board, reported that students were very pleased with the opportunity to share their opinions, and the student council hopes to have a town meeting at least once a year, or perhaps once per semester.

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International Travel for CVU Students

Three teachers came to the Board with requests for approval for international student trips and all received enthusiastic support. Dave Ely, proposing an April 2005 trip for 25 to 40 biology students to Costa Rica, described past experiences of students learning while enjoying a new culture and each other. He said “It’s very important for American kids to travel to other countries where they can be seen as individuals.” Spanish teacher Carolina Rodriguez asked for approval for a trip to Costa Rica or Ecuador for 21 students who have been studying Spanish, in February 2005. The students would stay with families and go to school with their hosts.

French teacher Michael Martin proposed re-establishing a relationship with a school in Perigueux near Bordeaux. The French students would visit CVU students in September 2004 and the 25 CVU students would spent four days in Paris and 10 days with host families in Perigueux in April 2005. This long-standing exchange was cancelled in September 2001 when the French government cancelled any international travel by French students.

The only reservation expressed related to the security of travel to Ecuador and the Board voted to approve the Spanish trip to Costa Rica, asking Ms. Rodriguez to come back for further discussion if Ecuador was still being considered.

Principal Gardner said, “Trips add a tremendous amount to the student’s experience. They only work because teachers do a huge amount of work to plan them and take a huge amount of responsibility in escorting the students.”

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When I'm thinking of life's great combos, the first thing I think of isn't chocolate and coffee. It isn't even Johnny and Emma Mead. As wonderful as those teams are (and they are, especially around Valentine's Day), the year's best pairing is coming up soon, in the form of the Hinesburg Nursery School's 4th Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction.

Join us on Sunday, February 15 in the Community School cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a scrumptious breakfast of Belgian waffles, yummy fruit toppings, Vermont maple syrup, bacon, bagels, and so much more. Tickets are $6 for adults, $3.50 for children, and $17 for a family of four. They are available at the door.

And while you're there, take a peak at the many incredible deals available through our Silent Auction. In addition to the chance to bid on some “free money” (Merchants Bank has generously donated a $50 gift certificate), you will also have the chance to pick up a little something for yourself—or for that special someone who felt a little underappreciated on Valentine's Day. The offerings include gift certificates to such places as Mad River Glen and Bolton Valley, the Good Times Café, Dragon House, Estey Hardware, Pampered Chef, Mountain's Edge Farm, and many other fine places. The auction will also feature handcrafted scarves and dollhouses, delectables from “Amazing Cakes”, puppet theatres, two one-hour private fencing lessons, and household items, in addition to many other cool finds.

Over 100 items were auctioned off at the 2003 Waffle Breakfast and the parents of the Nursery School are working hard to make this year's event equally successful. The Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction is an excellent opportunity for the parents and children of the Nursery School to offer a valuable service to the community at the same time that it allows all of you to support the children.

The Hinesburg Nursery School is a parent-cooperative preschool program for children 3-5 years old. Our teachers emphasize a nurturing, child centered, play-oriented approach to learning. This is our 31st year of operation.

If you would like information about enrolling your child, please call the Patti Drew at 482-5354. Do call soon to register for the 2004-2005 school year, as spaces are filling up more quickly than anticipated.

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**Hinesburg Friends of Families Playgroup Update**

By Stephanie Murray

Community Playgroups at the Hinesburg Town Hall take place on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. These playgroups are free and open to all children ages birth to five (5) accompanied by an adult. We have a large open space filled with lots of toys, a craft table, circle and snack.

Come join us during these chilly winter days. It is a great opportunity for the children to be active and adults to meet up with new and old folks!

Questions, please contact Stephanie Murray at 453-3038.

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**Organizations Scouts In Engineering!**

By Dawn Densmore

Big eyes and big smiles were on the faces of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at The University of Vermont College of Engineering and Mathematics first offering of “Scouts in Engineering” program held Saturday, December 6th in the UVM Patrick Gym.

Classes filled quickly with boys and girls — scouts and non-scouts — who experienced space exploration, computers, engineering, robotics, and much more! A special shift of scouts came from the Boy Scouts of America (B.S.A.) Los Angeles Valley Council. The scouts had a great time learning new skills and having fun. The UVM College of Engineering and Mathematics has new great ways for the community to enjoy science and mathematics.

Kurt Oughstun, UVM Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, demonstrates how optics and photography work by measuring beams of light on a blackboard during the Optics/Photography Scouting presentation at UVM.
Engineering, optics, and aviation technologies for the first time. Aaron Ellison, Spencer Fitzgerald, and Michael Pierantini are Hinesburg students who participated in this program.

Three hours was not long enough for these students who learned from both UVM presenters and General Dynamics engineers how to create working models through hands-on activities.

Despite the weather, the Aviation and Engineering sections were nearly sold out, full of scouts who were really engaged. It’s always a pleasure to teach when the interaction and interest is so high. We all had a terrific morning,” reported James Losse, General Dynamics, Director of Technology and Design. Tracy True, Director of the Vermont Girl Scout Council notes, “Gender equity continues to be a challenge in the demanding field of engineering.

Students who participated also visited the “UVM Design TASC* (*Technology And Science Connection) Competition. The Energy Challenge-All Aboard!” and observed high school students as they exhibited their working devices that transported 120 batteries (AA, AAA, and C) to three different destination stations.

Plans are underway for 2004 outreach engineering events. Students ages 12-17 can find out more by visiting: http://www.emba.uvm.edu/outreach/.

Kids Vermont 7th Annual Camp and School Fair

Kids VT, Vermont’s Family Newspaper, is pleased to present the 7th Annual Camp and School Fair. Parents have the chance to meet with camp and school directors to learn about their programs, collect brochures, ask questions and register for programs.

The Camp and School Fair will take place on Saturday, February 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel (formerly the Radisson) on Battery Street in Burlington—just down the hall from the Burlington Parks and Rec Winter Festival and across the street from the Vermont Special Olympics Penguin Plunge.

Parents throughout Vermont trust Kids VT as a resource for current and accurate information on all sorts of topics including education and camps. They rely on the Annual Kids VT School and Camp Fair for guidance in planning their children’s summer, school and after school programs. Kids VT newspaper supplements the event with a comprehensive Education Guide in its February issue, due out February 4 and a Camp and Summer Programs guide in its March issue, due out March 3.


The 7th Annual Kids VT Camp and School Fair is sponsored by Shaw’s Supermarkets, Star 92.9 and Fox 44.

Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends are a non-denominational, self-help group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have experienced the death of a child, grandchild, brother or sister. The group meets the third Tuesday each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Christ Church, Presbyterian, 400 Redstone Campus, UVM, Burlington. Meetings in 2004 are: February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21. Call 482-5319 for information, or drop in to a meeting.

Red Cross Blood Donations

The Northern Vermont Chapter of the American Red Cross welcomes blood donations at the collection center located at 32 North Prospect Street in Burlington.

To be eligible to give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh over 110 pounds, and be in good health. Most medications are acceptable and there is no longer an upper age limit.

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

www.KidsVT.com
United Church of Hinesburg

Pastor: Pastor Bill Neil
Church Phone: 482-3352
Parsonage: 482-2284
E-mail: billandfaithneil@gmavt.net
Web: www.TroyConference.org/unitedchurchofhinesburg

Sunday Worship and Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice: 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings
Food Shelf: Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at lower level of United Church (use back entrance). Items may also be brought to area churches or to Lantman’s IGA.
WIC Clinic: First Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Senior Meal Site: Every Friday (except first) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

February:
1: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
8: “Scouting Sunday”, Children’s Singing Sunday with Beth Kaiser and 11:15 a.m. Very Basic Bible Study at the Parish House.
15: Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon.
17: 7:00-7:30 p.m. Church Committees and Council Meetings.
22: 11:15 a.m. Very Basic Bible Study at Parish House
22-25: Grade 7 and up Winter Break “Road Trip/Mission” with Pastor Bill. Call 482-3352 for details.
25: 7:00/7:30 p.m. Church Committees and Council Meetings.
27: 7:00 p.m. Adult Growth Group: “Well-ness” at the Parish House.
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29: First Sunday in the season of Lent
3: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
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11: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
18: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
22: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
25: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Community Alliance Church

Lead Pastor: Rev. Rodman W. Cory
Shepherd Pastor: Scott Mansfield
Fax: 482-2132
E-mail: staff@hinesburgcma.org
Web: www.hinesburgcma.org
Address: 190 Pond Road (Overlooking CVU)

Sunday Services:
9:00 a.m., Gathering Place (classes for all ages)
10:15 a.m., Worship (Nursery and Junior Church provided)
5:45 p.m., Dinner and Discipleship (groups all ages)

Weekday Ministries:
Men meet for fellowship on Monday nights; women meet on Wednesday nights. Men meet for prayers on Tuesday morning at 6:15 a.m., and a mixed group gathers the same evening at 6:00 p.m. Our Dinner and Discussion group on Wednesday nights is a great place to find out more about Christianity in a relaxed atmosphere. We have regular, ongoing ministries for children and youth, a vibrant Sunday morning worship ministry and plenty of places to get involved. You’ll find the atmosphere around the church warm and friendly – never pushy. Call one of the pastors (we’d love to talk with you) or check out our website to learn more about our fellowship.

Online Ministries:
The church maintains a strong online presence with current information, a calendar and a weekly newsletter all available at www.hinesburgcma.org. Additionally, we maintain a discussion site called The Spiritual Development Round Table (Spiritual DeRT) which is open to all and can be accessed by clicking on “Online Forum” in the menu on our main page.

Hinesburg Nursery School

Valentine’s Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction
Sunday, February 15th
at the Hinesburg Community School Cafeteria
Breakfast 8:30-11:00 am
Silent Auction 8:30-10:30 am

Own a home? Do the form!
It’s quick, it’s easy...and it’s the law!

Live Y’ers is a program of the Greater Burlington YMCA
266 College St, Burlington, VT www.gbymca.org

YMCA After-School Program at Hinesburg Community School

The YMCA Live Y’ers School-age Program provides fun and safe activities for your children from the end of the school day until 6 p.m. Two, three and five-day enrollment options available.
Program includes arts & crafts, recreational activities, field trips, quiet time for homework and socializing, and more.

For more information, call
Marsha Faryniarz, School-Age Program Director, 882-4622.

Youth Services of Vermont
We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Openings Available:
YMCA After School Program
Hinesburg Community School

Do you own a Vermont farm, condo, or house and use it as your principal dwelling? Then you must complete the new Homestead Declaration tax form, so we can apply the correct school property tax rate to your homestead.

The form has already been sent to you, and it’s available from your post office or town clerk. You can also file online at www.esd.state.vt.us/homestead.

File right away because it’s quick and easy...and it’s the right thing for every Vermont homeowner to do.

You must file the form as soon as possible but no later than April 15, 2004.

For more information, call 1-866-602-2665.
Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart
Church Phone: 482-2588
Home Phone: 482-2588
E-mail: lighthousevc@altavista.com
Web Site: www.LBCvt.homestead.com
Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicville Road
Address: P. O. Box 288
Regular Services:
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery provided
Kids Corner (puppets and songs)
Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

Saint Jude Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, S.S.E.
Residence: 425-2637, email: StJude@wcvt.net
Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290
Parish Website: www.vermontcatholic.org/Parishes/St.Jude.htm
E-Mail: StJude@wcvt.com
Pastor: 425-2637
Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, 482-7254
Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-2290
Parish Bookkeeper: Diana Webster, 435-2419

Parish Council Chair: Roger Donegan, 482-2017
Coordinator for Religious Education: Elaine Radzwillas, 482-3527
Advisory Councils to the Pastor
Parish Council Chair: Roger Donegan, 482-2017
Finance Council Chair: Jane Clifford, 453-3810

Other News

Amateur Musicians Orchestra Tunes Up For Winter/Spring Season

Community Group Seeks New Members

The Amateur Musicians Orchestra (AMO) began its Winter/Spring Season with its first rehearsal on Tuesday, January 13. The community orchestra welcomes new members in all sections including winds, strings, brass, and percussion. Players of all abilities and experience are welcomed. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening in the Music Room at South Burlington High School and new members are welcome at any time throughout the season. Rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. A cost of $6.00 per week or $60.00 for 12 weeks is requested to offset the cost of the conductor, music, and meeting space.

AMO means “I love” and AMO members love music. Members are diverse in background including students, social workers, writers, businesspeople, teachers, and more. Additionally, members come from as far as East Calais and Middlebury. David Gusakov, violinist with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, returns as conductor of the group. Music selection varies each season. Past composers have included Beethoven, Tschaikovsky, Copland, Gershwin, and others.

For more information, please contact: Alyson Brown, 203 Richmond Drive, Shelburne, Vermont 05482. Email: chocal@aol.com or call 802-985-9750

Reflections on Basin Harbor

An invitation is issued to all Vermont artists interested in participating in the 19th Annual Art Show.

2004 will be the 19th year that the Beach family and Basin Harbor Club have hosted the Reflections on Basin Harbor juried art program. Each year Vermont artists are invited to find inspiration amidst the natural beauty of the 700-acre resort on Lake Champlain. This unique artist-in-residence program allows the artists chosen to stay at the resort and create pieces that evoke the essence of Basin Harbor, the surrounding gardens, remarkable architecture and lakefront. From August 27 through September 6, 2004, the artwork is displayed during the 10-day exhibit. Since the inception of this program in 1986, over 240 local artists have participated.

Interested Vermont artists are asked to submit as application:
- A biography. Applicable press clips or features are welcome as well.
- Six or more slides of their work with a separate sheet describing size, medium used, year completed and price.
- A self-addressed, stamped mailer to return materials after jurying.

The deadline for submission is March 1, 2004. Those artists chosen will be notified by April 1. The program includes a two-night stay with meals for the artist and guest, providing time and tableau for inspiration. Previous Reflections Artists need not send materials, just a letter of intent.

For more information regarding this program or other events at Basin Harbor Club, call 802-475-2311 or visit us on our website at www.basinharbor.com.

Basin Harbor Club opens on May 16, 2004 for their 118th
Community Mapping Projects Wanted!

Join the growing number of educators and community organization representatives who are developing innovative community mapping projects. The Community Mapping Program’s application for next school year is now available at www.communitymap.org.

Participation is open to educators and community organization representatives working with middle and high school level students in New Hampshire and Vermont. Proposals are due before May 14, 2004.

The Community Mapping Program supports students, educators, and community groups in a process of local inquiry. Students work with spatial tools, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS), to explore their communities and address local needs. Past projects include researching local land in agricultural production, investigating vernal pools, and designing neighborhood walking routes to promote good health. Project outcomes may consist of maps, interpretive guides, databases, displays, and web pages.

We are particularly interested in projects that address community needs, build partnerships between students and community organizations, support learning about sustainable social, economic and ecological systems, use maps and/or spatial technologies (GIS/GPS) in an inquiry process, incorporate field investigations, and assess learning.

Accepted community mapping teams are given first priority for the Community Mapping Program Institutes. This three-day plus five-day institute sequence includes Part I: Fundamentals of a Community Mapping Project (June 24-26, 2004; St. Michael’s College, Winooski, VT) and Part II: ArcView GIS Training for Community Mapping Projects (June 28-July 2, 2004; St. Michael’s College, Winooski, VT).

Participating community mapping projects also receive project support, including:

- In-class and field assistance
- Access to GPS receivers and other tools
- Custom wall maps and field maps
- A CD with local data relevant to your project (topographic maps, aerial photos, and historic maps, etc.)

Opportunities for an ArcView GIS license, mini-grants, and graduate credits are available. To learn more about the Community Mapping Program and obtain a Project Application Form and CMP Institute Registration, please visit www.communitymap.org or call Sherry Berrin at 802-457-1053, extension 128.

Leadership Champlain
Accepting Applications For Class Of 2005

If you’ve ever wanted to learn more about leadership and about your community, consider applying for Leadership Champlain, a program of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce. Through a series of eight, day-long seminars and a two-day overnight retreat you will learn skills like project management and leadership ethics. You will also hear from the leaders of our community on vital issues like project management and leadership ethics. You will also hear from the leaders of our community on vital issues like criminal justice, government and politics, communications, media, health care, tax and fiscal policy, and human services. Instead of learning from an instructor about the executive branch of government you will hear directly from the leaders of our community on vital issues like criminal justice, government and politics, communications, media, health care, tax and fiscal policy, and human services.

This interactive, dynamic program is in its eighteenth year and has graduated roughly 650 individuals. In addition to the monthly seminars, the class also works in teams on research projects on behalf of local non-profit and business organizations. Limited to 40 participants each year, the application process is competitive. If you are interested in participating in the program or finding out more about it, call for a planning session and application today. You won’t regret it!

For more information on Leadership Champlain, please contact Betsy Cabrera, Executive Director at 802-348-9200 ext. 221 or betsy@leadershipvt.org. Visit the program’s web site at www.vermont.org/overview/leadership.html.

The Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that provides socially responsible leadership to enhance the economic environment of the Lake Champlain Region and Vermont. Visit us online at www.vermont.org.
Hinesburg Calendar

Monday, February 2: Groundhog Day. Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., UVM Waterman Building, Room 413.

Tuesday, February 3: Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Wednesday, February 4: Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., HCS Wainer Conference Room.

Thursday, February 5: Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training meeting, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station. Friends of CVU meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 130, CVU.

Saturday, February 7: Hinesburg Winter Carnival at HCS. See Front Page article for details.

Yoga Classes Cancelled: People planning to attend the free yoga classes offered by Sylvia Kabusk to run February 7 and March 6 should note that these two sessions have been cancelled.


CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 130, CVU.

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

Thursday, February 12: News Deadline for February 28 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Lincoln’s Birthday. Hinesburg Fire Department Heavy Rescue Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

Saturday, February 14: Valentine’s Day. Waffle Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Hinesburg Nursery School. See article for details.

Monday, February 16: Presidents Day. Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Tuesday, February 17: Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. Hinesburg Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick’s Restaurant.

Wednesday, February 18: Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., HCS Wainer Conference Room.

Thursday, February 19: 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.

Saturday, February 21: Washington’s Birthday celebrated.

Monday, February 23: CVU School Board and budget meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 130, CVU.

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

Tuesday, February 24: 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 Nicks Restaurant. Call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information.

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

Wednesday, February 25: Ash Wednesday. CCL Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Carpenter Case Library

Thursday, February 26: Hinesburg Fire Dept. Fire Training, 7:30 p.m. Fire Station.

Satruday, February 28: Calendar Items

February 26 issue of The Hinesburg Record published.

Monday, March 1: CVU Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m., CVU. Hinesburg Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., CVU Auditorium.

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.

Thursday, March 5: Hinesburg Fire Department Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 130, CVU.

Saturday, March 6: Vacation Bible School Curriculum Fair. Come browse curriculums from 9am to 12noon @ Jericho Congregational Church Sunday School Building. Any questions call Tammy @ 872-8333.

Yoga Classes Cancelled: People planning to attend the free yoga classes offered by Sylvia Kabusk to run February 7 and March 6 should note that these two sessions have been cancelled.

Monday, March 8: CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 130, CVU. Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Tuesday, March 9: 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.

Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall. Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Thursday, March 11: Hinesburg Fire Department Heavy Rescue Training, 7:30 p.m. Fire Station.

Monday, March 15: Ad deadline for April 3 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Thursday, March 18: News deadline for April 3 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Saturday, March 20: Hinesburg Community School, Annual Meeting, 9:00 a.m., HCS gymnasium.

Regularly Scheduled Calendar Items

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 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: hinesburgplanning@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 Weihagen, Planner.

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday evenings by appointment. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail: hinesburgplanning@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: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Leave a message anytime: 482-4691. Beth Sengle, Director, 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.; 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. CSW: www.csawd.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 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: Friday, 12:00 noon, Osborne Parish House, United Church. For reservations or transportation, call 482-2989 or leave a message at CVAA office, 865-0360.

Web Pages:


CVU: www.cvuhs.org.

Seniors Dinner: www.hinesburg.org.

Hinesburg web site. For calendar, menus, email addresses for staff, department and town web pages, calendar information etc.

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


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**Key To Abbreviations Used in Calendar**

CCL = Carpenter Case Library

CSSU = Chittenden South Supervisory Union

CVU = Champlain Valley Union High School

HCR = Hinesburg Community Resource Center

HCS = Hinesburg Community School

HFD = Hinesburg Fire Department

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