

The Hinesburg Record

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Holiday Offerings

There is always a flurry of offerings for all interests and ages as the holidays draw near. We are fortunate to have these offerings. Many are free, others have a small charge.

Community Christmas Concert

The Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert will be Sunday December 12 at 7:00 p.m at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg. The concert will feature the South County Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick.

The musicians will perform selections from Messiah and traditional Christmas Carols, as well as There is Joy Joy Joy, Gesu Bambino, What Child Is This, Jingle Bells, I heard the Bells On Christmas Day, and O Holy Night, featuring soloist Gary Moreau. The Orchestra will also perform Christmas Concerto by Corelli.

This free concert is presented by the Hinesburg Artist Series. Donations are cheerfully accepted. Those attending are also encouraged to bring items for the food shelf as well. Please join us for an evening of beautiful Christmas Music.

Ceremony of Carols and other Seasonal Favorites

The South Burlington Community Chorus Holiday Concert will be held on Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the South Burlington High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the South Burlington Recreation Department for \$8 or are available at the door for \$10 each. Senior Citizen and student tickets are \$5 each.

The Chorus will be singing Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" for chorus and harp with Heidi Soons. Also, seasonal selections include Beams of Gentle Light, Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light, Lord of the Dance, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and a carol sing-a-long.

The Community Chorus is sponsored by the South Burlington Recreation Department and is under the direction of Karleen Teply and Andrea Orlyk, Accompanist.

UVM upcoming Events

Saturday, December 4

10:00 to 11:00 a.m., 2:00 to 3:00 p.m, and 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.—PLAY: "The Toys Take Over Christmas," Patricia Clapp. The UVM Theatre presents this Vermont holiday tradition. Tickets \$5 to \$10. Royall Tyler Stage. Information: 656-2094, <http://www.uvmtheatre.org>

2:00 to 3:40 p.m.—FILM: "Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time." Named Best Documentary of 2002 by the San Francisco Film Critics' Circle. Shown in connection with the Fleming Museum's fall theme "An Eye Toward Nature. Tickets \$3 to \$5. Open to UVM affiliates and Museum members. <http://www.flemingmuseum.org>.

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2:00 to 3:00 p.m.—GALLERY TALK: "Bernd Heinrich: The Naturalist as Artist." Bill Lipke, department of art and art history. Tickets \$3-5. Open to UVM affiliates (Continued on page 4.)

Valerie Gardner Retires

She Served Us Well

The Champlain Valley Union Board of School Directors recently announced the planned retirement of Principal Valerie Gardner, effective June 30, 2005.

"Val" as she is known by students, colleagues, parents and community members will be completing a career that began at CVU in 1979 as a physical education coach and continued with an eighteen year tenure as principal of one of the most highly regarded high schools in Vermont. Her role as an educational leader is recognized by colleagues throughout the state and the New England Region.

The Board accepted Ms. Gardner's announcement with regret but with great appreciation for her leadership, her contributions to the lives of students, support of staff and her passionate advocacy for a high quality public education system serving the communities of Charlotte, Hinesburg, St. George, Shelburne and Williston.

Here is a brief glimpse at the woman who has positively affected so many of our lives:

Education

Val graduated from the University of Vermont in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in Education, majoring in physical education and mathematics.

In 1979 she received a Master of Science in Physical Education at the University of Oregon, with a concentration in administration. She also served as a graduate assistant to the Women's Athletic Director, developing and administering special programs.

Educational Experiences

Val began her service to Champlain Valley Union High School in 1979 as a Physical Education Teacher and became the Athletic Director. She taught physical education and health, and redesigned the curriculum to make the program co-educational. She coached a variety of sports and in 1977-78 served as the Special Assistant to the Principal.

In 1983 she became the Assistant Principal and was busy directing student services, evaluating the staff and faculty, supervising athletics, transportation, and buildings and grounds, and building and managing the Master Schedule.

Val became principal in 1987 and accepted all of the responsibilities the position brought with it. Among other things, she:

- led transformation efforts to create a high school that serves the needs of students, including the development of programs such as an advisory system, smaller learning communities, senior exhibitions, collaborative decision making and an increase in student voice
- built, managed, and generated voter support for a \$13 million budget
- worked with school board in the development of programs, policy, and budget
- participated on numerous district wide committees on curriculum, evaluation, and policy development
- managed personnel including hiring, evaluation, and supervision of staff
- served on various statewide committees including a High School Task Force and Time Task Force
- presented at various statewide conferences and worked with individual schools on standards-based curriculum, School-To-Work programs, and leadership.



Val Gardner has presided over an impressive period in CVU's history.

Professional Memberships

Val has been active in the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Associated Schools and Colleges from 1997 to 2003, serving as its Chair (2001 to 2003), as a member of the Board of Trustees (2003), and as Standards Revision Chair.

She has also been a member of the Headmaster's Association, Board of Directors-Vermont Educational Leadership Alliance, Vermont Principals' Association (of which she was President from 1989 to 1991, Phi Delta Kappa, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Board Member-Vermont Youth Orchestra Association, St. Michael's College - Adjunct Faculty member in 2004.

Awards

In the 1993-94 school year Val went to Washington, D.C. as a Principal in Residence for the U.S. Department of Education. She worked with the Deputy Secretary of Education, Madeleine Kunin, on issues of policy including IDEA, Goals 2000, and technology. Val has also been honored with the Vermont Distinguished Principal Award for Excellence in Education (1990), elected to the Athletic Hall of Fame at the University of Vermont (1989), and received the Robert F. Pierce Memorial Award from the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference (1984).

NRG Receives Approval to Install Wind Turbine

Turbine Will Produce Clean Power at New Manufacturing Facility

NRG Systems has received Vermont Public Service Board approval to install a 10-kilowatt wind turbine on the hill behind its new 46,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Hinesburg. The turbine, which should be installed in the next few weeks, will help produce electricity for NRG's new facility.

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Open Letter to Town Officials

I am writing to compliment the Hinesburg Selectboard and Town Administrator, Jeanne Wilson, for their recent actions to increase the pedestrian friendliness of the Hinesburg Village center. The pedestrian crosswalk and a recent proposal to paint fog lines on village roads are two activities that clearly make the village safer for walkers and bikers.

We will always have traffic; the key is to make it safer for people and cars to co-exist. One concept is the idea of traffic calming—an effort to slow traffic by providing visual cues like narrower streets, on-street parking, and bump-outs or islands. Hinesburg is rightly exploring some of these ideas. We need to show cars (and drivers) as they approach the village that this is a village and they need to slow down.

In this regard, there is one action that all of us can take and that is to slow down as we drive through and near the village. Slower traffic makes walkers and bikers feel safer and makes it easier for cars to get out of Lantman's, Silver Street, and Charlotte Road. And, if one car slows down, it forces everyone following that car to slow down.

— Richard Watts

Thank You Hinesburg Voters

I congratulate Bill Lippert on his re-election to the Vermont House of Representatives.

Also, a big thank you to all those voters who supported me in my bid to win a seat in the Vermont House.

While I did not win the race, I can safely say the number of voters who supported me were substantial enough to demonstrate that there is a large minority voice alive and well in the Hinesburg community.

The numbers should encourage everyone to make his or her ideas and concerns known to our local representative and to our county senators as preparations are made to open both the House and Senate bodies to begin the business of lawmaking for the years 2004 and 2005.

Our minority numbers have earned us the right to expect to be heard and recognized and listened to in our community and our state. Don't be silent. Pass along your ideas. While you remain the minority voice, exercise your rights in thoughtful and constructive ways, without rancor, as I plan to do for the next two years.

— Margery Sharp

To My Hinesburg Friends and Neighbors

I am honored and pleased to have been re-elected to serve you again as Hinesburg's state representative to the Vermont House of Representatives. I will do my best to serve our community of Hinesburg and the state of Vermont and to deserve your trust.

Many thanks to those who supported my candidacy for re-election. Thanks, too, to Marge Sharp, my election opponent, and her supporters, who ran a vigorous and fully respectful election campaign. It is my intention to serve you all in my work. I appreciate Marge's contributions to our Hinesburg community, and enjoyed our eleven hours of visiting in front of town hall as we greeted voters from dawn to dusk on election day!

In order to help keep our Hinesburg community informed, I plan on writing articles for the Hinesburg Record on a regular basis. If you would also like to receive periodic legislative

updates from me on an email basis, please email me your name using the email address you prefer to have me use in return. I am going to see if I can generate more timely updates for those community folks who have access to email.

I look forward to your input and advice over the next two years of the legislative biennium. I also welcome you to continue to ask for my assistance with state government when needed. Please feel free to contact me at my Hinesburg email - BillLippert@gmavt.net, or by phone 482-3528.

Let me apologize in advance for any delays in responding to your inquiries. Late Montpelier nights and early morning meetings sometimes keep me on the run. If you have not heard from me, please contact me again. Emails have been known to go awry into cyberspace, and phone messages can get lost. It is always my intention to follow-up with you.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to continue serving Hinesburg in the Vermont House of Representatives. Do come say hello at the statehouse!

— Representative Bill Lippert

Missing Ted

Ted White was one of my all time favorites. He had such great spirit and enthusiasm for life, and unabashedly supported his friends and fellow Hinesburgers in all their endeavors.

After a concert Ted would say the nicest things and, displaying his famous grin, would offer suggestions for the next concert. He always encouraged friends and acquaintances to come to concerts or join the chorus. Ted's wardrobe included several Hinesburg 4th of July Shirts. I think he purchased one or two every year, and he probably had the largest collection in Hinesburg.

As a loyal member of the Hinesburg Artist Series Board, Ted inspired everyone to think of ways to keep the music offerings vital and flourishing in our community.

I will never forget Ted, the supporter, cheerleader, troll, and friend. I will forever miss his kindness and spunk.

— Rufus Patrick



Ted White

Thank You to the Wainers

On behalf of the CVU Football Club and the CSSU Buccaneers youth football team, we write to thank and applaud two extremely generous members of our community, Brad and Sue Wainer.

For the last two years, they have graciously allowed over 100 of our area youth to invade their carefully manicured fields, taking part in a positive, healthy, physical activity each day after school, from mid-August through late October. Their kindness has allowed both of these organizations to grow tremendously, as witnessed by CVU's 10-1 record this year in junior varsity high school play, and the youth program's waiting list after more than 60 fifth to eighth graders signed on to participate this first year.

Thank you, Brad and Sue, for once again providing wonderful support to our community.

— Cathy and Chip Foutz

CSSU: Get Out of Horse Trading Business

I've learned to dicker from the best horse trader in Vermont, my dad. I watched and listened while he bought and sold hundreds of horses, cows, tractors, trucks, cars, and miscellaneous farm equipment and livestock. I have practiced this art myself and I am quite good at it.

It is exciting and it usually saves money. I have never used this talent to "get a steal" from anyone, just a better deal.

One of the most powerful tricks in dickering is to walk away from the pending trade with the implied promise to consider the terms. This strategy requires one to "walk" and wait for the other party to "break" and contact you first. When that happens, you are often on your way to a deal that is closer

to your terms.

I offer this description because it seems to match the CSSU School Board's position with our teachers.

I am gravely concerned because we are not dickering for livestock or machinery. Our school boards are dickering with people's livelihoods. I understand it is their job to acquire the best deal for the tax payers, while still being fair ("no steals") from the teachers.

However...our CSSU School Board negotiators walked from the negotiations two months ago and are now very deep into the waiting game and power struggle.

Mediator Ira Lobel submitted his report for compromise in August to both parties. A brief meeting ensued. Two months later the CSSU negotiators still fail to respond to requests to talk.

The teachers are working without a new contract. Budget time is at hand for our school boards. Life plans and school business are on hold.

It is time for us to get out of the horse trading game and on with life. Please contact your school board and urge them to use the mediation process we have purchased. We need a fair contract for all concerned, soon.

— Jim McCullough
State Representative, Williston

Thank You, Friends

We wish to express our thanks for all of the kind expressions of sympathy we have received from so many of you on our loss of Joe.

Your cards, calls, and visits made such a difference in this sad time. Special thanks to the ladies of St. Jude's who did such an outstanding job with the reception following the funeral, as well as the clergy who officiated at the church and cemetery services.

— Holly and Jackson Goodrich,
Viola and Karen Goodrich, and Patty Day

Thank You

We would like to say a special thank you to the Hinesburg First Response and the Police Department for the many, many times they were called to the home of Scott Jones.

We know he was grateful for your quick response in his time of need. Again, thank you from his family.

— The family of Scott Jones

Thank You

The family of Sean Charbonneau would like to thank all of the Hinesburg Fire Department and Police Department for all the work and support that you gave to our family.

We hope that you don't have to do this again for a very long time. Again, thank you so much.

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

Advertising Deadline

Jan. 10 for the Jan. 29, 2005 issue.

Call 482-3404 for information.

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Call 482-2350 for information.

Copies of the 2005 Deadlines can be picked up at 327 Charlotte Road

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By Missy Ross

The election, with all of its anticipation and drama, is now behind us, along with our annual collection of property taxes—and our office is breathing a collective sigh of relief. Thank you once again to all of the taxpayers in Hinesburg who maintained their sense of humor on tax day, which made our job easier. We truly appreciate it.

The election went smoothly with no voting machine glitches and plenty of donuts for hungry voters. The line did extend out the door and down the sidewalk for about an hour after the polls opened at 7 a.m., but was never more than a few minutes long after that initial rush. Thanks for your patience. It is always one of my favorite days of the year because I get to see so many people from the community. I always leave exhausted at the end of the day, but with a warm feeling in my heart that Hinesburg is such a wonderful place to live. Hinesburg's "sense of community" is alive and well.

We had a total of 2272 voters from the Chittenden 1-1 district out of a total of 2964, giving us a 76 percent turnout. Chittenden 1-2 had an even greater percentage of voters come to the polls, with an 86 percent turnout. For those of you who are unfamiliar with our legislative districts, a small portion of Hinesburg is now joined with Charlotte for voting purposes only relating to whom you elect to the Vermont House as your state representative. This district (Chittenden 1-2) only has 109 registered voters from the town of Hinesburg, with the rest of the district being comprised of the town of Charlotte. For all local and school district voting, the districts are irrelevant.

Here are some partial results from the election. Complete results are available in the clerk's office.

For President

John Kerry: 1484 George W. Bush: 804

For U.S. Senate

Patrick Leahy: 1820 Jack McMullen: 442

For U.S. Representative

Bernie Sanders: 1723 Greg Parke: 479

For Governor

Jim Douglas: 1287 Peter Clavelle: 992

State Representative

Bill Lippert: 1371 Marge Sharp: 835

The state representative elected from Chittenden 1-2 was democrat Scott Orr, who defeated incumbent republican Ed Amidon.

Taxpayer Information

Many people do not manage to pay their property taxes on time, and the list of those people with outstanding amounts due is forwarded to Delinquent Tax Collector, Jan Bedard. Hinesburg voted at town meeting in March 2003 to reduce the eight percent penalty for delinquent taxes to four percent, and then voted in March of 2004 to abolish the penalty for late payments altogether. Therefore, there will only be interest added to your bills at the rate of one percent per month for the first three months, and one and one-half percent per month thereafter. This greatly reduces the burden on those people who had a memory lapse and forgot to pay their bills on time, as well as those people who are paying as they are able.

I was very proud of Hinesburg for taking the lead and abolishing this punitive penalty and converting to an interest only system. I believe that it will create a feeling of goodwill and understanding on the part of many taxpayers. Late taxpayers will receive monthly bills from Jan Bedard until there are no outstanding taxes. For questions about your account, please call Jan at 482-3494.

As there will be no issue of the Hinesburg Record published in December, it is important to remind people that petitions for elected offices in the Town of Hinesburg will be due on January 24, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. You can pick up petitions and consent forms in the town clerk's office at any time. You must have signatures from 30 registered voters from the town of Hinesburg in order for your petition to be valid. For a list of offices and terms that are up for election, please call or stop by the clerk's office.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



Town of Hinesburg Meetings in Preparation of FY 2005-2006 Budget Please See Schedule on Page 30.

Winter Highway Maintenance

By Jeanne Wilson, Town Administrator

On cold, stormy nights, while most of us are still snug in bed, the Hinesburg Highway Department starts plowing in the very early morning hours to clear the roads for us to travel to work and school safely. The first pass to clear all the roads takes four to five hours, if everything goes smoothly. So next time you look out your window on a snowy day and wonder where the plow truck is, take into consideration that the crew could have been by hours before and that they will be back as soon as they can.

Bear with them during the morning and evening rush hours. They are working as quickly as they can to make the roads safe for travel. Do your part – please slow down and be patient.

Help the crew serve you even better by observing the following Vermont winter safely guidelines:

- Do not allow children to play on or build forts or tunnels in roadside snow banks. Snow plows cannot change their speed or direction quickly enough to prevent injury to children playing in the snow banks.
- According to Vermont State Statute (23 VSA § 1102) vehicles left in the public right-of-way that interfere with snowplowing operations may be towed without warning.
- Keep your distance from plowing and sanding equipment. When following a plow truck, keep a distance of 200' – 300' between your car and the truck. Be especially cautious at night and on hills.
- Avoid passing plow equipment. You never know what is in front of the plow and the plow driver may not see

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Advertisement	News	Publication Date
January 10	January 10	January 29
February 7	February 7	February 26
March 14	March 14	April 2
April 11	April 11	April 30
May 9	May 9	May 28
June 6	June 6	June 25
August 8	August 8	August 27
September 12	September 12	October 1
October 10	October 10	October 29
November 14	November 14	December 10

News and Calendar Deadlines

We encourage you to submit news and calendar items as soon as possible. The deadline for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, January 10, 2005.

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

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

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

To Submit News & Calendar Info.

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

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Winter Parking Ban

Under the parking regulations adopted by the Selectboard on June 14, 1982: "No person shall park a vehicle on or in the traveled part of any road or street ... during the months of November through March, inclusive, so as to interfere with snow removal or plowing. Such a vehicle may be towed away at the expense of the owner thereof."

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you in his mirror or beside his truck.

- If you meet a plow truck on a narrow road, slow down and pull over to the right slightly (i.e. – not into the ditch!).
- Secure your mailbox properly. If your mailbox is downed by the snow from a passing plow, please try a more secure placement of your mailbox. If a Town plow makes contact with your mailbox (there will most likely be a dent in the mailbox), please call the Town Garage at 482-2635 and the crew will repair your mailbox as soon as they have cleaned up from the snow emergency.
- It is illegal to plow snow on to a Town road. The snow can turn to ice and become a safety hazard for all motorists and difficult to plow.
- To avoid snow damage, all fences should be at least seven feet off the traveled portion of the Town road.
- Postpone unnecessary travel during times of poor driving conditions.
- Drive carefully this winter and give a friendly wave when you see the big maroon Town of Hinesburg trucks (weather permitting, of course!).

Double Feature for Parents

By Gretchen Pritsky

There’s good news for busy parents: Hinesburg Friends of Families is condensing print and media literacy concepts from both Growing with Mother Goose and Ready to Learn into a two session program.

The workshop, which is most appropriate for parents and caregivers of three to five year olds but can benefit other ages, will be held at Town Hall on December 1 and 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided. Participants will receive free materials, including a manual of developmentally appropriate activities to do with their children, as well as picture books. There will be door prizes, too! To register call Stephanie Murray at 453-3038.

Growing with Mother Goose, a project of Vermont Center for the Book, is designed to help adults make the most of their time reading, playing, and talking with children. This is important because children’s early experiences create connections in their brains that will affect the way they think, feel, and learn for the rest of their lives.

Similarly, Ready to Learn, sponsored by PBS/Vermont Public Television, focuses on making a link between media, print, and hands-on activities which can enhance children’s development. Participants will explore their attitudes toward ‘screen time’ and learn to use media as a parenting tool, rather than allowing it to make their job as parents harder.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

Hinesburg Animal Control Officer

The Town of Hinesburg is currently accepting applications from qualified candidates for the position of Animal Control Officer.

To find out more information about this part-time position, or to request an employment application and job description, contact Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at (802) 482-2096, hinesburgtown@gmavt.net., or PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Hinesburg Conservation Commission

There is currently a vacancy on the Hinesburg Conservation Commission.

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

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

Holiday Offerings

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and Museum members. <http://www.flemingmuseum.org> .

A Glimpse of Christmas Past

A Glimpse of Christmas Past: Through the Eyes of a Child community holiday open house will be held at the Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History on December 4 and 5. Enjoy traditional 19th century holiday decorations and activities throughout the Museum. Electric train village, music, kid’s craft project, refreshments, holiday stocking raffle. Children of the World photography exhibit in the Cerf Gallery. Free admission for Addison County residents. Donations welcome. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information call the Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St., Middlebury, VT. 388-2117.

Counterpoint ~ Christmas is Coming!

Christmas is Coming! Join Counterpoint, Vermont’s premiere professional vocal ensemble led by music director Robert DeCormier, for a joyous Twelve Days of Christmas. We’ll invite our Swedish cousins, Ritsch, Ratsch, Filibom, and our African friends, Betelehemu, to sing Joy to the World while we Deck the Halls, and together light the Chanukah candles.

Saturday, December 4, North Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury, 8:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5, Episcopal Church, St. Albans, 4:00 p.m.

Tickets: 802 86-FLYNN (Burlington) or at the door. General admission is \$15, students seven to 18 years old are \$12, children under 6 years old are free. For more information call (802) 259-2327 or www.counterpointchorus.com.

Henry Sheldon Museum Presents Brown Bag Lunch History Talk: “How Christmas Became Christmas”

“How Christmas Became Christmas: Reflections on the Making of a Holiday” is the topic of the December Brown Bag Lunch History Talk at the Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History. On Tuesday, December 7, at noon, Jim Ralph,

professor of history at Middlebury College, will explore the forces that established the Christmas holiday that is so familiar to us today.

Brown Bag Lunch History Talks are offered once a month at the Henry Sheldon Museum. Programs last approximately one hour. Participants may bring a brown bag lunch; the Museum will provide beverages and dessert. The fee for each program is \$2. The Henry Sheldon Museum is located at 1 Park Street in downtown Middlebury across from the Ilsley Public Library. For more information about the Brown Bag Lunch History Talks, call the Museum at 388-2117.

South Burlington Public Library Holiday Bookmaking

Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.—Holiday Bookmaking Workshop. Judy Brook will teach participants how to make their own personal books which can be used for stories, poems, recipes, gift giving, or other creative ideas. Class size is limited to 12. Registration is required. Call 652-7080 to register. A materials fee of \$7 will be charged each participant. The South Burlington Community Library is located at 550 Dorset Street.

Saint Michaels Holiday Offering

Saint Michael’s College will present the annual festive ceremony of Lessons and Carols on Friday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Michael’s College Chapel. Music by the Saint Michael’s College Chorale and Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Nathaniel Lew; the Wind Ensemble, directed by Dr. Paul LeClair; the Bell Choir, directed by Dr. Susan Summerfield; the Sleepless Knights and Organist Dr. Susan Summerfield. The concert features songs both sacred and traditional for the holiday season.

Saint Michael’s celebrates Mass for Christmas on Friday, December 24 at 9:00 p.m. in the Saint Michael’s College Chapel. Traditional Christmas carols will be lead by College Organist Dr. Susan Summerfield beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Carol will be presented Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Flynn Center MainStage. Tickets are available at \$32, \$28, and \$20. Nebraska Theatre Caravan’s musical adaptation of Charles Dickens’ classical tale is a perennial Flynn holiday favorite for families.

Visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge discovers the true meaning of Christmas.

Amahl and the Night Visitors

The First Unitarian Universalist Society in Burlington will present an operatic tale in English, “Amahl and the Night Visitors”, on Saturday, December 18 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Society in Burlington.

Originally written by Giancarlo Menotti for television broadcast in 1951, Amahl & the Night Visitors is the operatic tale of three kings, a child and a Christmas miracle that the whole family can enjoy. The program is presented under the direction of Joseph Garafalo.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from the UU office (862-5630 x21) for \$10 (adults), \$6 (children) with a family rate of \$30. At the door prices are slightly higher, \$12 (adults), \$8 (children) and \$35 (family rate).

Burlington Contra Dance

Queen City Contras will hold its regular contra dance on Friday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Church Hall, 305 Flynn Avenue, on the corner of Flynn Avenue and Pine Street, Burlington.

The caller will be Patrick McCullough and music will be provided by Firetruck: Seth Houston, Anna Patton and Ethan Hazard Watkins .

All are welcome, all dances are taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners’ session at 7:45 p.m.

Admission is \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance info: 434-2446

Church St. Marketplace Presents Holiday Magic

The Church Street Marketplace celebrated the official beginning of the holiday season with its annual Santa Parade

and Lighting Ceremony the day after Thanksgiving.

The beautiful blue spruce Christmas Tree was donated by Eric, Bonnie, Kaitlyn and Olivia Schmitt of Burlington. Each year the Marketplace staff searches for a local tree appropriate for such magnificent display and asks the owners to share it with the community. This is the ninth year of such generosity.

News Channel 5, The Salvation Army and the Marine Corps League are teaming up to provide “Toys for Kids” this holiday season. Red barrels are located throughout the community and will be present on the Marketplace. The public is asked to bring new, unwrapped toys to donate.

Activities continue throughout the month of December on the Marketplace. Musicians, exhibits and horse and buggy rides for children are all part of the holidays on the pedestrian mall. The festivities on the Church Street Marketplace are brought to you courtesy of Charter One Bank, News Channel 5 and Hall Communications.

Celebrate a Colonial Christmas

Ethan Allen Homestead announces its annual holiday program, “A Winter’s Eve,” an open house celebrating the social season in colonial Vermont. Museum visitors are invited to step back in time and see how families enjoyed recreation before the advent of television and computer games.

“A Winter’s Eve” at the Homestead features rare candlelight tours of Ethan Allen’s historic house, costumed interpreters and hot mulled cider around a roaring fire. Children can also enjoy simple games and crafts in the recreated 18th century tavern. If nature provides the appropriate backdrop, bring your snowshoes for a moonlight trek across the meadows.

Most Americans are familiar with Victorian holiday traditions, such as Santa Claus and lighted Christmas trees. The holiday season in early Vermont was a less complicated time of visiting and good cheer. Neighbors would call on one another and perhaps share a feast. Some colonial Americans hung garlands of evergreen to decorate their homes. Our “Winter’s Eve” celebration helps today’s Vermonters touch the world of yesterday.

Join us on Sunday, December 12 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call 865-4556. Located off route 127, in Burlington’s Intervale, Ethan Allen Homestead is part of a system of public parks owned by the Winooski Valley Park District. The Homestead Trust is a private, not-for-profit organization that operates the park’s museum and historic site.

Coolidge Christmas Open House is December 11

The 2004 Christmas Open House at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is scheduled for Saturday December 11, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is free.

The open house is the perfect opportunity to visit Plymouth Notch, a state-owned historic site operated by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. The Coolidge Birthplace will be decorated for the season much as it would have been in 1872, the year the future U.S. President was born.

The celebration of Christmas was a relatively new idea in rural 19th century Vermont. Even by the mid 1880s, when Calvin Coolidge was a teenager, the only Christmas tree in a small Vermont town was typically at the church or schoolhouse. The historic site’s extensive Coolidge collection does not include any Christmas ornaments, nor is there written mention of a Christmas tree in Calvin’s boyhood home. The simple holiday decorations at the open house reflect this early period. A few evergreen boughs, some fruits and nuts, perhaps a small gift or two—that was a Coolidge Christmas.

This simplicity is seen throughout the historic village that remains much as it was when young Calvin sledded down the snowy hillsides. In addition to the Coolidge Birthplace, open house visitors can see the new winter exhibits in the Aldrich House, the home of the President’s stepmother and later a prosperous tearoom. Also open are Coolidge Hall (the 1924 Summer White House office), Wilder House Restaurant (serving a homemade and hearty lunch), and Florence Cilley General Store. The store, once owned by the President’s father, is now a museum shop that offers old-fashioned toys, Victorian reproductions, Vermont specialty foods, and Coolidge memorabilia.

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet Tom Gilbert, the new cheesemaker at the Plymouth Cheese Factory. Tom’s first batch of the traditional granular curd Plymouth Cheese will be ready for sale in January, but until then, his retail shop has a fine selection of Vermont-made cheeses and other specialty food items. Also at the factory is an exhibit that examines the history

of Vermont cheesemaking with historic photos and the original equipment of the 1890 Plymouth Cheese Factory.

Period music and early home life activities are featured throughout the day: old-time fiddler Adam Boyce; children’s holiday activities; special cancellation in the historic Plymouth post office; holiday wreath sale to benefit the Plymouth School Club; and, sleigh or wagon rides (depending on weather) with Fred DePaul.

Shortly after 4:00 p.m., the public is welcome to attend the annual carol service at the Union Christian Church, which is located in the center of the village. This Greek Revival style church will be decorated with fresh evergreen boughs in a manner to reflect its elegant Carpenter Gothic interior. The carol service is sponsored by the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation. Seating is limited, so come early.

Take a break from the ski slopes and experience an old-fashioned Vermont Christmas! For further information, contact the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 802-672-3773, or visit the state-owned historic sites online at www.HistoricVermont.org

Shelburne Museum Gift Shop Open

The Shelburne Museum gift shop is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the following weekends this holiday season: December 4-5 and December 11-12. Museum members save 25% off all merchandise and deeper discounts are available on some items. Avoid the malls, go for quality, support the museum and save money this holiday season by shopping Shelburne Museum.

Consider a holiday gift of museum membership just \$40 for an individual or \$75 for a family. For information, call 985-3346.

Catch the Spirit!

Celebrate the season at Edaville USA™ with the Holiday Festival of Lights™! This year, New England’s largest holiday light display runs through January 2, 2005. The family fun park features a train ride through 5 1/2-miles of a decorated cranberry plantation.

This year, the train ride at Edaville USA™ includes a holiday story crafted especially for the Holiday Festival of Lights™. Costumed characters will tell the progressive tale along the 5 1/2-mile trip on an authentic narrow-gauge railroad in heated passenger cars, past several million twinkling lights and through 1,300 acres of frozen cranberry bogs.

The Holiday Festival of Lights™ is the largest holiday light exhibit in New England. It also features dozens of lit displays and other holiday activities for visitors, as well as the story and, of course, daily visits by Santa Claus through Christmas Eve. Located in Carver, Mass., just off I-495 on Route 58, Edaville USA™ is decorated with dozens of new exhibits and plenty of activities for visitors. Displays include the Village of Peacedale, Pirates Cove, Candy Land and many more.

Edaville USA™ is open for daily operations. Here is this season’s schedule: Until January 12 – Holiday Festival of Lights™ open daily, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. on weekends (closed Christmas Day)

Tickets to Edaville USA™ are \$16 per adult and \$14 for senior citizens 60 and older, and kids from three-12. Children under three are admitted free. The all-inclusive price covers everything except food and beverages. Group rates are available. Call for details.

Edaville USA™ is located on Route 58, less than 4 miles from I-495, in Carver, Mass. For more information, call 877-EDAVILLE or visit the website at www.edaville.org.

NRG Receives Approval

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“We will be thrilled to have our wind turbine up and running,” said Jan Blittersdorf, president and CEO of NRG Systems. “So many people who know we work in the global wind energy industry have asked when we would put one in.”

With the addition of the 10-kilowatt turbine, NRG’s renewable energy powered system will total 77 kilowatts, including the 67-kilowatt solar photovoltaic (PV) system that is already in place. NRG produces more than two-thirds of its electricity with the renewable energy sources on its site. On very sunny days, excess electricity generated by NRG’s solar PV system returns to the electrical grid to serve neighboring homes and businesses.

HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

October 25 – November 15

By Stewart Pierson and Jeanne Wilson

Firemen’s Association Parcel of Birchwood Drive

Fire Chief Al Barber met with the Selectboard at the October 25 meeting to discuss the future of a parcel of land on Birchwood Drive owned by the Firemen’s Association. The Association is considering selling the parcel in order to raise funds for a new fire truck. The parcel has limited area which could accommodate a house site, but is adjacent to a parcel owned by the Town. Chief Barber was proposing that the two parcels be joined and sold as one building lot. There are certain deed issues which need to be resolved in order for such a sale to occur, but the Selectboard was in general agreement with the proposal.

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Daniel Senecal-Albrecht, a Planner with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, met with the Selectboard on October 25 to review the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This regional plan, which is a FEMA requirement, establishes the identification of potential hazards and goals for mitigating these hazards. In order to be eligible to receive FEMA funds, the Town would need to adopt the plan. The Selectboard had concerns about some of the goals and recommendations, and will continue the review at a future meeting.

Municipal Employee Organizational Restructuring

Over the past several months, the Selectboard has been assisted by a consultant from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns in an organizational restructuring process for municipal employees. Due to the growth in Hinesburg and the resulting increase in municipal staffing, the complexities associated with providing services to the community have increased. The organizational restructuring will help address the increasing complexities. This plan calls for the establishment of specific department head positions and strengthening the role of the Town Administrator to one of Chief Administrative Officer. At the November 1 meeting, the Selectboard met with all municipal employees to discuss the proposed organization structure. Work will continue on this project through the refinement of job descriptions for each position.

Community Center

Hinesburg resident Veronica Pinckney met with the Selectboard on November 15 to review a proposal to launch a community center, utilizing the warming hut building adjacent to the ice rink/skateboard park behind the Hinesburg Community School. The goal would be to create a supervised gathering place for children of all ages that would provide safe, fun activities. The center would be funded through grants, volunteer efforts and fundraising. The Selectboard was supportive of the program and of the use of the warming hut for such a purpose. The proposal will also need to be reviewed by the HCS School Board.

Budget Planning Sessions

The November 15 meeting signaled the beginning of the budget preparation process for FY 05 -06. At the meeting, the Board reviewed budgets for the Carpenter Carse Library, cemeteries, Conservation Commission, Hinesburg Land Trust, Lake Iroquois Recreation District, municipal buildings, parks, street lights, sidewalks and agency requests. A new request for funding was received from the Hinesburg Artist Series in the

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amount of \$500. This newly incorporated, non-profit organization oversees the activities of the South Country Chorus, Hinesburg Community Band and In Accord a cappella singers, and the HAS Orchestra, all of which are under the direction of Rufus Patrick. The Selectboard will continue the budget preparation process through January.

Discussion of
Proposed Town Plan Revisions

On October 12 the Planning Commission completed its work on the proposed Town Plan revisions, and forwarded the Plan to the Selectboard for further action. The Selectboard has been reviewing the draft and discussing possible revisions. Once the Selectboard has made any changes it feels are necessary and created a revised draft, a public hearing will be scheduled (in early 2005). Depending on whether additional changes are made following public comment, the plan will either be adopted or the Selectboard will schedule a second public hearing.

Routine Business

- Warrants for bills payable approved
- Minutes of recent meetings approved
- Trial balances accepted
- Resignation of Elizabeth Sengle as Recreation Director accepted
- Jennifer McCuin appointed as new Recreation Director
- Evanson Road approved as the road name for the private road to the Evanson subdivision on Buck Hill Road West
- Grant agreement with the Vermont Agency of Human Services for the Community Partners Program signed
- Changes to the Lodged Grand List approved, as recommended by the Listers
- Christina Mead appointed as staff assistant to the Board of Auditors
- Rocky Martin re-appointed as Health Officer
- Request by Cub Scout Pack 691 to sell holiday trees on the lawn of Town Hall on December 4, 5, 11 and 12 approved
- Gianetta Bertin appointed to the CVU School Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Sandy Lathem
- Karen Cornish appointed as Town Auditor



Submitted by Hinesburg Community Police

Survey Results

The results of the first ever survey for the Hinesburg Community Police are in. The survey was conducted on Election Day during the record voter turnout. Almost 300 voters took time to complete the questionnaire to give the Community police a guide to serve residents better.

Of the issues that residents felt the police should devote their greatest efforts toward, burglaries topped the list, followed by enforcing traffic laws. Computer crime, which has become a problem in many jurisdictions, was rated the least important.

On the question of whether the department should provide 24 hour coverage even if it resulted in a tax increase, 89 people said yes and 193 said no. Another 15 qualified their answer.

Respondents supported the department's decision to limit their activities in substituting police action for parental responsibilities 129 to 68.

People overwhelmingly supported the departments providing citizens with information on what is occurring in their community that might affect their safety. Only seven people indicated the police give out too much information. The others felt police give out the right amount or wanted even more.

On the question of whether they felt safer today than five years ago, 101 said yes; 48 said no; and 148 felt the same.

People overwhelmingly supported Community Policing 203 to 26. Another 68 marked they were unsure. Police believe the reason for the high number of unsure responses was the fact that community policing is very difficult to define and a concise definition was not provided with the question.

The very successful Community Partners (Court Diversion or pre-arrest program) in Hinesburg also won overwhelming approval 232 to seven.

A number of comments were added to the surveys; most were positive or were neutral comments and suggestions. Hinesburg Community Police officers will analyze the results



Photo (in Hard Copy) Caption- Hinesburg Community Police Officer Michael Wharton receives a kiss from his wife, Danielle, after she pins his badge on at graduation ceremonies at the Vermont Police Academy on Friday, November 19. Wharton will join the Hinesburg force as the third full-time officer as soon as he completes post basic and field training. Thirty-four officers from throughout the state graduated from the intensive sixteen week program at the formal ceremony which was accompanied by a pipe and drum band. HCP FILE PHOTO

and the comments in an attempt to tailor their policing to the desires of the residents. A follow-up report will be provided in the next issue of the Record.

The officers thank those voters who took time to complete the survey and provide this very valuable insight.

Hinesburg Man Charged
in Pursuit

On October 5, Hinesburg Community Police Officer Steve Gutierrez charged Mark Palmer, 43, of Hinesburg with the criminal charges of Attempting to Elude and Grossly Negligent Operation.

The charges resulted from Palmer's fleeing from Gutierrez on Shelburne Falls Road when he attempted to stop him for a speeding violation. During the course of the pursuit Palmer drove on to several homeowners' property, attempted to hide his vehicle behind another homeowner's house, and nearly struck both the Hinesburg cruiser Gutierrez was operating and a Shelburne Police cruiser involved in the pursuit.

Due to heavy rush hour traffic, the pursuit was terminated by the involved officers. Hinesburg officers did continue their investigation throughout the evening and determined who the operator of the car was. Later that evening Palmer, realizing that police were closing in on him, turned himself in.

Hinesburg Resident Nabbed
in Road Rage

On Friday night, November 12, Hinesburg police assisted in the arrest of Aaron Goodell of Hinesburg on a charge of reckless endangerment. Williston Police reported Goodell had threatened another motorist on Interstate 89 with a handgun following a road rage incident.

Officer Barbara Brisson assisted Williston officers in taking Goodell into custody at his Hinesburg residence. He was arrested without incident. A nine millimeter handgun was also recovered.

Three Cited for Criminal
Driving While Suspended

On Sunday, October 17, Officer Barbara Brisson lodged Spencer Supernor, 28, of Bristol as the result of a routine traffic stop for registration plates not assigned on Commerce Street. A further computer inquiry showed that Supernor was operating

Planning News

By Alex Weinhausen, Town Planner

Town Awarded Grant for Village Growth Study

On November 12, Hinesburg was awarded \$9,590 in state funds to examine ways to accommodate growth in the village area. This grant money will supplement approximately \$5,000 in local funds approved at the March 2004 Town Meeting to help the Planning Commission with community outreach and professional consulting services. The grant comes from the state Municipal and Regional Planning Fund, which was established in 1988 to help Vermont municipalities develop and implement their town plans.

Hinesburg was one of 91 towns from across Vermont selected in a competitive award process. A diverse collection of projects were awarded funding, ranging from traditional planning activities such as updating town plans and zoning regulations, to more innovative projects. Examples of innovative projects include: village center planning in Hinesburg, Underhill, and Whitingham; planning for affordable housing in Barnard and Marlboro, and a regional Agricultural Development Strategy for the Rutland region. This is the fifth year in a row that Hinesburg has been awarded a Municipal Planning Grant!

This project will be a key component of the Planning Commission's efforts to revise Hinesburg's existing regulations to implement the new Town Plan (currently

pending Selectboard approval). Many of the Plan's recommendations relate to growing the village, both through in-fill in the existing core, and possible expansion areas. Hinesburg's Zoning and Subdivision regulations (e.g., zoning districts, density, allowed uses, etc.) are where the "rubber meets the road", and we are excited to start refining these! This project will serve as the catalyst to bring the community together to discuss the real "look and feel" of Hinesburg's village area. It will also help develop real partnerships with wide variety of housing advocacy, smartgrowth, and development groups that can help us realize our goals for well-planned growth and our need for affordable housing. This project seeks to plan for growth, while ensuring that our village remains a special place in which all Town residents can take pride.

The Planning Commission hopes to get started on this exciting project in January. Keep your eyes on the Hinesburg Record and the Town web site (www.hinesburg.org) for more information. Feel free to call or e-mail me for more information or perspective. Remember that Planning Commission meetings are always open, and all are welcome.

Note that the Commission's December meetings are cancelled, so the next meeting is January 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Have an ad? 482-3404 or hrsales@gmavt.net

while his license was suspended criminally and also had an outstanding warrant for failing to answer the same charge in court on a previous occasion.

Supernor was lodged at the Chittenden Community Correctional Center.

On Thursday, October 28, Timothy Cousino, 24, of Bristol, was charged by Officer Brisson with operating while suspended criminally. The charge was the result of a traffic stop on CVU Road.

On Tuesday, November 2, Robert Sheridan, of Hinesburg was cited by Brisson for criminal driving while license suspended. Brisson had just checked Sheridan in at the police station for his daily breath test. She watched him walk away because his license was suspended and then she went to fuel up her police cruiser. On arrival at the gas station she found that Sheridan had beaten her there in his own car.

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

Four Hinesburg Youths Charged in Assault

On Monday, November 1, Officer Steve Gutierrez charged four youths ranging in age from eleven to thirteen with Simple Assault. The charges are the result of a dispute that began on a school bus and then reignited once the four got off the bus.

Shelburne Man Nabbed for Leaving the Scene

A Shelburne man was nabbed within minutes of his fleeing the scene of a crash on Richmond Road on Monday, October 25. Chief Chris Morrell responded to the property damage crash on Richmond Road when a motorist exited Triple L Trailer Park and struck a passing car in the side.

On arrival Morrell radioed area police agencies of the hit and run vehicle and Shelburne police officers spotted the car at a business on Route 7. They detained the operator, Robert J. Cosgrove, 28, of Shelburne until Morrell arrived. Morrell charged Cosgrove with Leaving the Scene of an Accident and several traffic violations.

Pond Road Crash Requires Extrication

Two people were injured and had to be extricated from their vehicle when it went off Pond Road on Tuesday, November 9 in the first snowfall of the winter. Officer Steve Gutierrez reported that Jennifer Still, 29, of Hinesburg and her ten year old daughter had to be extricated by Hinesburg firefighters from their car after it struck a fence and some trees. A child in a car seat was not injured. Still and her daughter were transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by Richmond and Shelburne Ambulances for further treatment.

Cell Phone Crash

One man was injured when his car was struck from behind on Vermont Route 116 south of Bissonette Lane on Wednesday, November 3. Chief Chris Morrell reported that a car operated by Francesco Aiuto, 58, of Underhill was headed south on Vermont Route 116. He stopped for a truck ahead that was making a left turn into a driveway. His car was struck by one operated by Colin P. McKennan-Radler, 16, of Middlebury.

McKennan-Radler advised he was following Aiuto's car and his cell phone fell off the seat of his car. He stated he bent to pick it up and when he looked back he saw Aiuto's car stopped. He was unable to stop in time and struck it in the rear. He was ticketed for following too closely.

Car-Bear Accident on Richmond Road

Commuter traffic on Richmond Road on Monday morning, November 15, saw a sad sight. A black bear cub had attempted to cross the road at a run and was struck by an eastbound car operated by Christina Smith, of Charlotte. The bear cub lay unmoving but alive in the roadway as heavy rush hour traffic passed.

When the bear cub failed to revive within a few minutes, Chief Chris Morrell attached a rope to one paw and gently pulled him out of traffic to a grassy spot alongside the road.

The cub apparently suffered serious injuries because he had not resumed consciousness some time later when a game warden arrived and the warden was forced to shoot him.



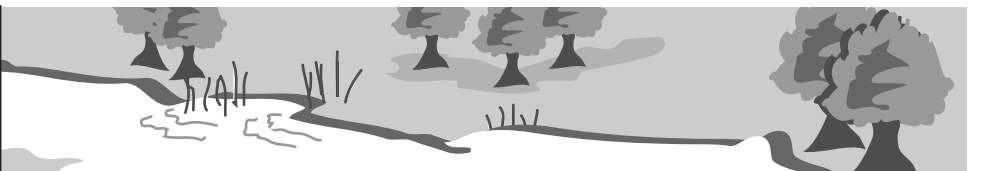
Winter Burn Permits

By Steve Gutierrez, Hinesburg Fire Warden

This past Summer and Fall have been somewhat uneventful in terms of permitted burns becoming out of control. A few controlled fires have found their way to dry leaves, and the homeowners quickly notified the fire department, which resulted in minimal property damage.

Remember to use caution when the wind starts to pick up. The fire department recently responded to a tree fire after a burning ember flew over 100 yards and landed on a dead tree in the woods, causing it to catch on fire. Luckily the fire department was contacted immediately and the fire did not

CONSERVATION



A Remembrance of Ted White

By Bill Marks, Acting Chairperson, Hinesburg Conservation Commission

Ted White, the Chairperson and member of our Conservation Commission for many years, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home, on Wednesday, November 3, 2004.

To say that Ted died 'unexpectedly' understates the fact. To those of us who worked with Ted on the Conservation Commission and were lucky enough to count him as a friend and fellow advocate for our environment, Ted's death does not seem real or plausible.

His enthusiasm, energy and sense of humor (sometimes laden with a little sarcasm) drew us together as a group. He had other interests and missions in life, but I was most acquainted with Ted the Environmentalist. Ted had a deep-seated reverence for life - for people and all other living things.

He knew that we do not own this planet nor any of its natural resources; that we are intended only to be caretakers to preserve and safeguard it for the coming generations and for the plants and animals that sustain us.

Ted was very concerned about the sprawl of residential and supersized commercial development that is beginning to overtake

Hinesburg as it has some of our neighboring communities. It threatens to consume our irreplaceable farmland, pollute our streams and lakes with the runoff from more paved streets and parking lots, and choke our air with the emissions of more traffic. We, the Conservation Commission, intend to continue Ted's mission and our work to help protect Hinesburg from this bleak future.

One of Ted's favorite mantras was to warn people to "Get Your Lawn Off Drugs!" No practice is so destructive to the health of our drinking water and lakes, and so useless and vain, as to feed our lawns chemical herbicides and fertilizers that ultimately poison all of our water supplies. We will continue Ted's quest to educate homeowners about the danger of trying to 'improve' Nature by poisoning it. Start by taking a fresh look at dandelions. They are really quite beautiful.

Finally, perhaps the most immediate and tangible result of Ted's work on the Conservation Commission is Geprags Park. If you have not yet enjoyed the hiking trails through the woods and meadows of Geprags, do so. It's a wonderful tribute to a marvelous man.



Jennifer McCuin Named New Recreation Director

By Stewart Pierson

Jennifer McCuin took over Beth Sengle's position in the Recreation Department three weeks ago. These are large shoes to fill, was her initial observation. She was attracted to this job for many reasons, but mostly because she wanted to be involved in

the town. She has discovered that the Hinesburg community is a unified one and a happy one. People really want to help. She is a sports lover. While at CVU and UVM, she ran on the track team. Since then, she has been an active runner and skier. The kinds of activities she now oversees are ones close to her heart. Planning children's events and working with the school and parents gives her great pleasure. She will coordinate and manage the new after school Enrichment Program in connection with HCS.

Jennifer grew up in Amherst MA, but moved to Shelburne at age 15, graduating from CVU. She majored in psychology at UVM, spent one year skiing and working at Copper Mountain Resort in Colorado, then moved to Burlington and worked in the staffing industry, finding employees for local employers.

She and her husband Chris moved to Hinesburg in 2002
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Photo Caption: New Recreation Director Jennifer McCuin has taken on the job of keeping Hinesburg's kids happy and healthy.

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along with their two sons, Hoyt and Owen. They wanted a smaller and more cohesive community. They are extremely happy with their decision. Her husband Chris has been coaching their young sons’ recreation soccer and t-ball teams since they arrived.

Her big job now is to set up the basketball program and recruit its coaches. Then she will turn to writing a new winter brochure. What really excites her is the Winter Carnival planned for mid-February behind the community school.

Hinesburg Recreation News

By Jennifer McCuin

I am the new face in the Recreation Office, as well as the new voice on the phone line. I have certainly appreciated the warm welcome that I have received in starting this new position. It is great to see so many familiar faces! I am a fellow Hinesburg resident, with two grade school sons who have lots of interest in recreation sports.

Please bear with me as I get familiar with the job and be patient if the winter brochure arrives a bit later than normal. Feel free to stop by the office Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00 to 2:30 to say hello or give me a call at 482-4691 if you have any questions.

Youth Basketball

Don’t forget that Youth Basketball starts on December 4 in the HCS gym! Remember that children are grouped according to school grade, not age or ability. It should be a lot of fun. Below are the practice times for each group:

- Kindergarten & Grade 1 (all): Saturdays, 9:00-9:45a.m.
- Grade 2 (all): Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Grade 3&4 (girls): Saturdays, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Grade 3&4 (boys): Saturdays, 12:45-2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Grade 5&6 (girls): Saturdays, 3:45-5:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Grade 5&6 (boys): Saturdays, 2:15-3:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Smuggler’s Discount Passes

Special down hill lift tickets will be available at the Recreation Office for Smuggler’s Notch. Hinesburg residents can ski at a deep discount rate of \$9 all day for kids and \$15 for adults. Complete equipment rentals and lessons are also \$9 a day for kids and \$15 for adults. This offer is for Sundays, January 9, 23, 30, and February 6th. Call now to purchase tickets and to reserve a spot. We need a minimum of 20 participants to make this program work.

Teen/Adult Pick-Up Basketball

Teen/Adult Pick-Up Basketball continues on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 8:00-9:45 p.m. at the Hinesburg Community Gym. On Thursday nights the players are 35 years and older. All players need to have a signed registration form that can be found at the Recreation Office at the Town Hall or in the envelope near the gym closet at HCS. This program is free of charge.

Ongoing Adult Programs

The ongoing adult programs that will be available all winter in the Town Hall are Tai Chi, Strength Training and Jazzercise. Feel free to call anytime to learn more about these classes and their times or look for details in the December Program Guide.

After School Enrichment Classes

The After School Enrichment Classes will also be featured in the Winter Program Guide. Remember to register early as classes do fill up quickly. Many classes from this fall are “back by popular demand”. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful instructors and the support of the HCS administration.

Winter Carnival is February 12

Winter Carnival is fast approaching and scheduled for February 12. Be sure to mark your calendars for what promises to be fun for the whole family, featuring dog sled races, ice skating, and hopefully lots of snow and friendly temperatures! After a very successful premiere, Dinner Theatre will be returning for a second show at the Winter Carnival. Look for more information about the event in upcoming publications. Tickets will be sold at the Recreation Office.

I hope that you can take a moment out of your busy schedules to enjoy the magic of the holiday season. In the meantime, I look forward to planning lots of recreation in the upcoming year.

Snowmobile Safety Course to be Offered December 8 and 10

Scott Johansen will instruct this worthwhile class which meets the Vermont State Police and VAST requirements for Snowmobile Safety. The course is six hours in duration and will be held on December 8 and 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and December 11 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Hinesburg Town Hall Classroom.

“All persons born after July 1, 1983, who are twelve (12) years of age and older must attend an approved snowmobile safety course before operating a snowmobile on Vermont’s Statewide Snowmobile Trails System. Children who are eleven (11) years of age and turning twelve (12) before April 16, 2005 may attend an approved snowmobile safety course and receive certification.”

To sign up for the class please call Scott at 482-2204. There is a 20 person limit to this class.



Last Minute (or Any Minute) Hassle-Free Shopping Suggestions

By Jean Isham, HBPA

If you, like so many of us, are among the procrastinators when it comes to holiday shopping, think Hinesburg first and enjoy the added plus of convenience. Here are some ideas.

Maple syrup—always a welcome treat. Contact the Russell Family at 482-2434, the Riggs Family at 482-2338, Michael and Linda Fortin at 482-5062, and The Trillium Café (next to the Post Office) at 482-2727.

Gentlemen, maybe the lady in your life would appreciate a little pampering. Gift certificates for a massage can be obtained from Lee Hemingway at Everybody’s Massage (578-6364), Eileen Carpenter at Hinesburg Healing Arts (482-3002) or Kathleen Hurley’s Massage for Women (482-2847).

For the senior on your list, consider a fruit basket from Lantman’s. I am reminded of my neighbor’s response when I gave her a fruit basket one year—“Oh good, something I don’t have to find a place to put.” Or give a gift certificate to Lantman’s.

Gift certificates for car washes at Hart and Mead make an especially nice winter gift for anyone.

How about a bouquet of flowers, a plant or a dried arrangement from The Wild Thyme Flower and Gift Shoppe?

For that special person, look for Alaskan gold jewelry made by a Hinesburg native and sold at Three Generations Shoppe.

A gift certificate to Mountain’s Edge Farm which can be used for their delicious antibiotic- and hormone-free meats (beef, pork, ham, bacon, sausage), roasting chickens (also chicken halves and quarters), fresh turkeys at Thanksgiving or Christmas, or eggs. Call Jen Lang at 482-7405.

Consider gift certificates to the local beauty salons for mom, grandma, or your favorite teen. Check out Permanent Solution (482-3319), Shear Art (482-3900) or Not a Hair Out of Place (482-3589).

After all that holiday cooking, give mom a break from the kitchen with a gift certificate to Papa Nick’s Restaurant, Good Times Café or our newest café, Trillium Café at Green River Chocolates.

Someone on your list have a special dog or horse they would like a photograph of? Janice Bauch at Three Generations Shoppe specializes in photographing dogs and horses. Gift certificates are available.

For that special teacher, gel candles from Three Generation Shoppe or Honey Light candles at Wild Thyme Flower and Gift Shoppe make a special thank you gift.

At Trillium Café and Green River Chocolates, I found many ideas. Try their chocolate sauces (made on site), one and two pound boxes of assorted chocolates, specialty cookies, and other unique and special chocolates. Also available is loose tea for brewing along with an assortment of tea pots and mugs, crepe and pancake mixes made on-site and Brown and Jenkins organic, fair trade coffees. Create your own gift basket from this wonderful assortment. Works of local Hinesburg artists are displayed in the dining area and are for sale.

As a special gift for employees or customers, Green River Chocolates will make chocolates with your company logo. Contact them at 482-2727.

For the bird lover, a gift certificate to Estey Hardware could be used for a special bird house or for the seed to keep



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the bird feeder filled.

The works of many local artists and artisans can be found at Wild Thyme Flower and Gift Shoppe and Three Generations Shoppe. These two shops offer a great selection of gifts for all age ranges.

Remember, shop local and enjoy the holidays!

HBPA Winter Social at NRG Systems, Inc.

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association cordially invites all members of Hinesburg's business and professional community to attend the annual Winter Wine and Cheese Social on Tuesday, December 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the newly opened NRG Systems facility at 110 Riggs Road in Hinesburg. David and Jan Blittersdorf of NRG Systems, Inc. have graciously offered to host this year's social.

Join the HBPA and members of the business and professional community and visit the new NRG Systems facility. For more information, contact HBPA Treasurer Jeanne Wilson at 482-3767. The HBPA requests that guests consider bringing a non-perishable food item or monetary donation to be contributed to the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

Jan Blittersdorf Named President and CEO of NRG Systems

Jan Blittersdorf, former vice president and chief financial officer for NRG Systems, has been named president and chief executive officer of the Hinesburg company. As president/CEO, Jan concentrates on overall company management and strategy development, helping to determine NRG's role in the global wind energy industry. Jan replaces David Blittersdorf, founder and former president of NRG Systems, as CEO. David will concentrate on product engineering and design as director of engineering.

Jan officially joined NRG Systems in 1987, focusing on the operational and financial side of the business. As the company grew, Jan took over the human resources function of NRG. She developed a hiring process that matches prospective employees with NRG's corporate culture. She also designed an employee benefits program and incentive program that includes a monthly cash profit sharing plan, paid sabbatical and other perks. Her emphasis on financial integrity and workplace quality has been rewarded by a loyal, highly motivated 43-person team, which is expected to more than double in five years.

NRG's recently completed manufacturing facility and office building, a model in sustainable design and energy efficiency, will accommodate the company's expected growth and provide employees a healthier work environment. Jan's success in fostering company growth and managing NRG's financial prosperity was instrumental in its selection as a Deane C. Davis Vermont Business of the Year and as the Small Business Administration's New England 2003 Exporter of the Year.

Jan is on the board of directors for the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility (VBSR), is a board member of the Child Care Fund of Vermont and is on the Board of Advisors for the School of Business at the University of Vermont. She received bachelor's degrees in human development and professional nursing from the University of Vermont. Jan Blittersdorf resides in Charlotte with husband, David, and their two children, Alyssa and Evan.

NRG Systems, founded in 1982 by David Blittersdorf, manufactures wind energy measurement systems for the global wind industry. Its product line includes complete wind assessment systems, towers, instruments, sensors and accessories. NRG products can be found on every continent in more than 100 countries, serving electric utilities, wind farm developers, research institutes, government agencies, universities and homeowners. For more information, visit www.nrgsystems.com.

NRG Holds Grand Opening

NRG Systems, Inc., manufacturer of wind assessment systems for the global wind energy industry, celebrated the grand opening of its new 46,000 square foot manufacturing



Photo caption: Appearing in photo (from left): NRG Systems CEO/President Jan Blittersdorf, Senator Patrick Leahy, Representative Bernie Sanders and NRG Systems Founder David Blittersdorf. PHOTO BY JEFF CLARKE

facility and office building with an open house on October 13.

Vermont Congressional delegates, Senator Patrick Leahy (D) and Representative Bernie Sanders (I) were in attendance to congratulate company owners Jan and David Blittersdorf and to participate in a "plug pulling" ribbon cutting befitting NRG's new green building. The \$8 million building, located in Hinesburg, is powered primarily by renewable energy and features the latest in energy efficiency technology and green building design.

"We needed a new space to accommodate our company's growth," said Jan Blittersdorf, president and CEO of NRG Systems, Inc. "We also wanted to create a workplace that was healthy, functional and beautiful for our employees, while supporting our company's mission of furthering the use of renewable energy."

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

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

"We spent more money to build our facility green, but we see it as a long-term investment that will more than pay for itself in terms of productivity gains and energy and operating cost savings," said David Blittersdorf, founder of NRG Systems. "We have essentially prepaid our energy bill by

relying on renewable energy and, as a result, we won't have to worry about rising energy costs in the future."

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

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

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

NRG's new facility is LEED-registered and seeking gold level certification. LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the nationally accepted standard and rating system for high performance, sustainable (green) buildings developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. If successful, NRG's building would be the highest LEED-certified building in Vermont and one of only a handful of manufacturing facilities in North America to receive this designation.

The design team included William Maclay Architects and Planners, Breadloaf Construction, Energy Balance, Salem Engineering, Krebs and Lansing Consulting Engineers, Engineering Ventures, Erickson Consulting, and Naomi Miller Lighting Design. NRG Systems received energy efficiency services and qualified for rebates from Efficiency Vermont. NRG's new building is located at 110 Riggs Road on the east side of Route 116 just north of the village of Hinesburg.

Photos and a building fact sheet are available at: <http://www.marketing-partners.com/nrg/preview/>

NRG Systems Adds Three New Members to Team

Carl Irving, of Jericho, joined the team as a software engineer. Irving is a recent graduate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he majored in computer science. He previously worked at NRG Systems as a computer programmer on a part-time basis while working toward his degree at Rensselaer.

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Jan Blittersdorf has been instrumental in the success of NRG Systems and has served the company since 1987.

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David Carlson, of Fairfax, joined the team as an electronics technician. Carlson graduated from Vermont Technical College, where he studied electro-mechanical engineering technology. He previously worked at NRG Systems as an electronics assembler on a part-time basis while working toward his degree.

Ric Trzeciak, of Milton, joined NRG as a purchaser. Before joining the team, Trzeciak was a senior buyer at Huber + Suhner, Inc., in Essex Junction. Trzeciak graduated from the University of Texas at Austin.



David Carlson

Run of the Mill – Woodworking by Tom Lyman

By Jean Isham, HBPA

There is a new barn, complete with cupola, gracing the property at Tom Lyman’s place on Falls Road, but it is not filled with animals. It is the new home for Tom’s woodworking business. Previously he used the tractor shed at the former Lyman farm in the Village.

The shed, approximately 1,000 square feet in size, was on two levels. This made it difficult for someone working alone and especially so when larger pieces were involved. The move to the new “barn” in July of this year provides him with 2,160 square feet, all on one floor, and much more workable space.



The November 2003 issue of Better Homes and Gardens featured a Shelburne home showing kitchen cabinetry and built-in book cases made by Tom.

Although 95 percent of his pieces are clear finished, included in the space is an area set up for spray painting larger pieces. There is also a collection system for the sawdust which is bagged and picked up by Tim Ballard for use on his farm. If you are driving on Falls Road after dark and the barn lights are on, note the interesting light pattern showing from the cupola.

Tom started doing woodworking when he was in high school. The first piece he made was a buffet which he made in his mother’s living room. Following high school, he spent several years farming but during that time still found time to continue doing woodworking as a hobby. The items that he made were of a smaller scale and he had a market for them in Conway, New Hampshire. He chose the name Run of The Mill for his business with a logo featuring an old water wheel.

Subsequently, Tom spent eleven years working for Morse Hardwoods in Essex. Through this exposure he acquired a more extensive background in the different kinds of wood and their uses.

He prefers working with cherry and mahogany woods. He noted that fifteen years ago oak was very popular and now he finds that most of the work he does is with cherry.

One day he received a call from a contractor asking him to make a cabinet door. A couple of months later the contractor asked him to make a vanity. From there, a full-time business venture was born. For the last six plus years, Tom has been making custom kitchen cabinets, various built-in cabinetry and some furniture items. He is currently working on a project in Hinesburg doing cabinetry for the kitchen, living room, two bathrooms, two fireplace surrounds and a laundry room. He estimates that 75 percent of his work is for contractors and 25 percent is for homeowners. The November, 2003 issue of *Better Homes and Gardens* featured a Shelburne home showing kitchen cabinetry and built-in book cases made by Tom.

Tom does do some design work and has a chair he designed on display at Morse Hardwoods. The chair was inspired as the result of buying chairs that “kept falling apart.” If you are looking for high quality, fine woodworking, give Tom a call at 482-3405.

Tom, a Hinesburg native, and his wife, Jann, an employee of Bombardier Capital, have two children. Michael, age 14, is a freshman at Champlain Valley Union High School, and Jennifer, age 10, is in the fifth grade at Hinesburg Community School.

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A Healing Homeplace – Shooting for Good Health (not just the Absence of Disease)

Take Charge of Medical Decisions

By Jean Isham, HBPA

I was intrigued when I first met Susan Miners and sought to learn more about her and her business, A Healing Homeplace.

For many years Susan worked with Outward Bound, helping people get a sense of taking charge of their own lives. This is so critical when you have serious health issues. Five years ago Susan was diagnosed with melanoma and after some surgery was told that there wasn’t anything more that could help her. She was offered interferon but a study indicated that it did not help with overall survival rates.

For two years she followed a juicing program developed by a Dr. Gerson, a resident of Germany in the early 1900’s. Dr. Gerson was plagued by terrible migraine headaches and found nothing medically that worked. What he did find was relief through nutrition. When he shared this solution with patients, they reported that other diseases that they had were gone. His daughter has continued the program. Susan said that this program was the only one that gave her more than a five percent chance of survival.

She processed 13 different juices a day, using 60 pounds of carrots a week and proportional amounts of apples, lettuce, and other fruits and vegetables. After following this program for two and a half months, the cancer spots on her lung and liver were gone, and she has continued to be cancer free

However, following the Gerson diet left her with other problems, including chemical sensitivity, which she needed to address. She learned that one size does not fit all and researched extensively to find what would address the needs of her body. Twenty years ago a new paradigm in nutrition, Metabolic Typing, was discovered. Metabolic Typing was built on the extensive scientific clinical work of many famous physicians who had each been working with a different homeostatic mechanism in addressing the ability of the body to heal. Homeostatic mechanisms are the body’s way of maintaining and restoring balance. Of the nine homeostatic mechanisms we know of, two are the most important. One is dominant and one is secondary, and dominance varies in individuals. These two homeostatic controls are known as the Autonomic Nervous System and the Carbo-Oxidative System. People respond entirely differently to foods depending on which of these mechanisms is dominant.

Early on Susan was told that fruits and vegetables are alkaline and meat, fish and grains are acidic. That is true if you burn the foods and test their ash. However, this does not take into account how the body’s homeostatic controls respond to food. The autonomic nervous system regulates and maintains energy in your body. Some people are primarily energy regulators and maintainers, and some are primarily energy producers, or oxidizers. One can be a fast oxidizer or a slower oxidizer. Because she was a fast oxidizer, the vegetables she had been told would make her alkaline actually made her more acidic. Susan

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said it was an amazing process to feel the change once she started eating in a way that responded to her metabolic type.

The healing process, starting with her spiritual and emotional health, and moving through mental, structural, biochemical and environmental healing, has been an incredible journey in searching out and finding what science can do to help. Susan is available to provide both spiritual and emotional support to those seeking her guidance as well as support with nutrition and detoxification. She is certified as a Metabolic Typing advisor.



Susan Miners seeks to help others take control of their lives and their medical decisions.

Her work with metabolic typing has made her aware that there are supplements available that are not made chemically in a laboratory but come from plants actually grown with extra minerals in the substrate.

Referred to as whole food supplements, they are available for each metabolic type. For example, Susan learned that as a fast oxidizer she needs additional calcium to push her metabolism in the direction of balance and that other metabolic types do not do well with calcium as it makes them even more alkaline. Metabolic Typing can assist people by creating the cellular environment that promotes metabolic efficiency and well-being. Once this occurs, tissues and organs can work efficiently and the body can absorb and circulate the nutrients it needs and then remove any toxins, creating overall health.

Disease is not specifically addressed by metabolic typing, and as efficient functioning builds, true good health returns. Susan offers support to clients through whatever process the client decides is best for them. She is available to help clients integrate conventional medical options with natural, traditional, native and alternative options. The work is very patient specific. She teaches people how to garden organically and prepare organic foods. Her "office" is her home, offering a relaxing atmosphere, both inside and outside, from organic gardens and woodland trails to a library of books and video tapes on spiritual, emotional, mental, structural, biochemical and environmental healing.

Because of her background in nursing, she is familiar with the medical world, how to talk with the doctors and how to interpret medical and laboratory reports. It is important for people to take charge and make decisions about each step in dealing with their own health. Susan is there to help. She can break down the various numbers from the laboratory reports and help patients to understand what they mean. This encourages people to shoot for good health, not just for the absence of disease.

She also assists people who are getting ready for surgery to prepare their bodies to handle the toxins from anesthesia. She found in her own experience that by taking glutamine in advance of surgery she was able to leave the hospital much earlier than her physicians expected.

Susan was born in Saskatchewan but moved at an early age to 100 miles north of Quebec City, in an environment similar to Vermont's. She grew up snowshoeing in moccasins made by the Cree Indians and by the age of four was downhill skiing. She has bicycled across the United States and all over Europe. As a nurse at Outward Bound in Minnesota she worked with doctors from the Mayo Clinic. She came to the northeastern part of the United States to work as a nurse at an environmental center in the Catskills. She then went back to school and obtained a degree in education with an environmental specialty. Still with Outward Bound, in January of 1985 she chose to study mediation at Woodbury College in Vermont. While heading back to Outward Bound in Maine she was involved in an automobile accident which left her with severe injuries, prohibiting her from returning to the more physical work she had done in the past. She continued with mediation and then obtained a Masters Degree in mental health counseling from the University of Vermont. For the next fourteen years she worked for the State of Vermont, first as a telephone counselor for parents and later as coordinator of this service.

Now that she has regained her health and vigor she can again enjoy outdoor sports, including hiking, skiing, sailing, kayaking and tennis. In addition she is an avid reader and organic gardener. Her extensive background lends itself to many ways in which she can assist and support her clients.

Susan will be offering monthly introductory Metabolic Typing workshops next year on the third Tuesday of the month, in addition to individual services. Nourishing Touch Massage for Elders (and for clients of all ages) is available at Homeplace or your place. This massage is both physically and spiritually nourishing. Susan works closely with a naturopathic physician and a chiropractor and they are available by appointment. For more information, contact Susan at 482-6363 or e-mail her at homeheal@gmavt.net.

New Office Manager at CCV Burlington

The Community College of Vermont has appointed Pam Durda to the combined position of office manager and administrative team leader in the College's Burlington location. Durda has worked for several years with the University of Vermont where she held administrative positions supporting the School of Agriculture and Life Science, the dean's office, and the Northeast Center for Food Entrepreneurship. Durda owned and managed Heaven-Scent Herbs in Hinesburg for several years.



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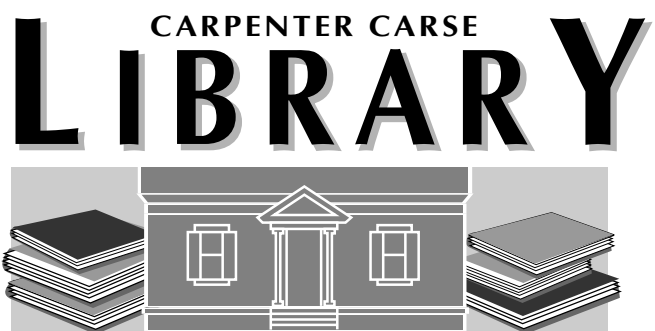
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Book Discussion Groups

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group, which meets monthly. The November 30 selection is *Forever*, by Pete Hamill.

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in readers' homes. Please note that there will be no December meeting. Phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on meeting locations.

Storytime News

Toddler Storytimes (up to three years of age) are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, November 2 and November 16. Walk-ins are welcome.

A Preschool Storytime for ages three and up is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. Songs, stories, and a craft with a holiday theme will be featured. Join us for a fun time! Pre-registration requested.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

Arvin, Reed, *The Last Goodbye*
 Coben, Harlan, *Back Spin* (LARGE PRINT)
 de Bernieres, Louis, *Birds Without Wings*
 Evanovich, Janet, *Metro Girl*
 Follett, Ken, *Whiteout*
 Gregory, Phillipa, *Queen's Fool*
 Hagen, George, *The Laments*

Mayor, Archer, *Surrogate Thief*
 McLaughlin, Emma, *Citizen Girl*
 Roth, Philip, *The Plot Against America*
 Weiner, Jennifer, *Little Earthquakes*

Adult Nonfiction

Ash, Timothy Garten, *Free World*
 Bass, Diana Butler, *Broken We Kneel: reflections on faith & citizenship*

Beckham, David, *Beckham: both feet on the ground*
 Gordon, Deborah, *Ants at Work*
 Gross, Terry, *All I Did Was Ask*
 Mansfield, Stephen, *Faith of George W. Bush*
 Remen, Rachel Naomi, *My Grandfather's Blessing*
 Rogak, Lisa, *Stones & Bones of New England*
 Smith, Jeff, *The Frugal Gourmet Celebrates Christmas*
 VT Life editors, *The Twelve Seasons of Vermont*
 Sutton, Patricia, & Clay, *How to Spot an Owl*

****Visit the library to view a list of recent acquisitions of juvenile and young adult materials.**

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 2, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Home School Program: KidsConnect@the Library with Will Danforth, musician and storyteller. Pre-registration requested.

Saturday, December 4, 10:30 a.m. to noon. "Accordion Book" Art Program, instruction provided by Suzanne Richard. Some of the nicest gifts are handmade! Come join us to make an accordion book—a mini-scrapbook which displays up to eight pages of your photos, artwork, poetry or writing, recipes or anything else you choose. Bring in your own treasures and materials and instruction will be provided by Suzanne Richard. This fun art program is for ages ten and up; adults are welcome. Please accompany your child. Pre-registration required. Call 482-2878. Space is limited for this free program.

Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. Stained-glass Snowman Craft Program. Dress up your window with a special 11" diameter stained-glass snowman. Paints, fun and refreshments included. Ages seven and up; space limited, please register.

Saturday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. "Tunes and Tales to Celebrate Winter Solstice" presented by storyteller Cynthia Payne-Meyer and musician Sam Moffatt. Winter Solstice – the longest, darkest night of the year; a perfect time for gathering around to share warm stories and songs.

Take some time out from your busy schedule to join us for this perennial favorite of patrons and library staff. "Tunes and Tales" is a moving performance that unifies the meaningful traditions of many lands, enacting tales of light and sun, moon and darkness. Appropriate for ages eight and up. This free program is made possible by the Vermont Public Library Foundation funded by the Freeman Foundation. For information call 482-2878.

Thursday, December 16, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. YA Book Selection Group. Avid readers meet to discuss and select "teen" books for the library. Newcomers welcome! Refreshments served. Contact Janet at 482-2978 or email, janetsoutiere@yahoo.co

Saturday, December 18 at 2:30 p.m. *The Christmas Carol*. Come in and relax while watching a video of this wonderful classic story by Charles Dickens. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring a small pillow or a favorite stuffed animal.

The Giving Tree

In December we are reviving the Giving Tree tradition at the library. Librarians and trustee Kathy Kjelleran will adorn a tree with small paper "books." Visitors to the library who want to donate a book to the collection may choose from authors/titles (our wish list) written on the little book ornaments. Donors' names will be added to the books when they pledge. Patrons may choose to purchase the item themselves or to pay the library its discounted purchase price.

Space Needs

The library may be purchasing a bookmobile van in the near future! If we acquire the van, we will need sheltered storage space for it in fall and winter. No insurance would be needed. The library is also looking for heated dry storage space on a ground floor for some of the Friends of the Library book sale books. The big annual sale is on July 4, with a smaller one on the day of the Town Wide Yard Sale. The library accepts book/media donations during much of the year, but storage space is limited and gets cramped as early as November. Help!!!

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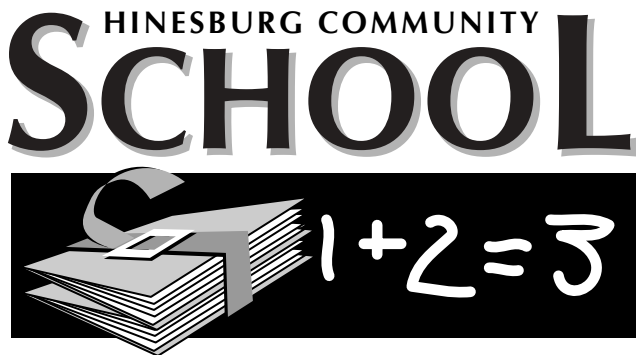
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Compiled by Denise Giroux

HCS Calendar

December

- 6: PTO meeting 6:30 p.m. Business; 7:00 p.m., Literacy Coordinator Betsy Knox, Wainer Learning Center
8: Enrichment Committee meeting, 2:45-4:00 p.m.
14: School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wainer Learning Center
21: School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wainer Learning Center

22: Last day of school before Holiday Vacation

23: Holiday Vacation begins

January 2005

3: School resumes

4: Math Methods for Parents, grades 1/2, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Music Room

11: Math Methods for Parents, grades 3/4, 6:30- 7:30 p.m., Music Room

14: Teachers' In-service, students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

17: Martin Luther King Day, no school for students

General School News

by Donna Hale, Principal

School Board

We are looking for an individual to attend School Board meetings and record their happenings. This is a paid position. If you are interested in becoming a recorder for the School Board, please contact Donna Hale at 482-2106. The School Board meets usually on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Food Service Program

We are looking for a dynamic, hard working and friendly individual to join our kitchen staff. Candidates should have a strong background in baking and cooking. Please submit an application and resume to: Angela Stebbins, Assistant Principal, Hinesburg Community School, 10888 Route 116, Hinesburg, VT 05461. You may call Mrs. Stebbins for information about the position at 482-2106.

Visit From Commissioner of Education

We were pleased that the Vermont Commissioner of Education, Richard Cate, made a visit to the Hinesburg Community School! Mr. Cate came on Monday, November 8 to learn more about the school. After a short overview of our school, Mr. Cate and Principal Hale took a tour—he stopped in (Continued on the next page 16.)

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All District Music Auditions

By Katie Emerson

On Saturday November 3, 2004 several Hinesburg students went to Hunt Middle School to audition for the All District music band. The All District band is made up of talented musicians from all over. The auditions were held at Hunt Middle School in Burlington from 9:00 A.M. to noon. A great number of students from Hinesburg attended and out of them nine were accepted. Those lucky musicians will perform in January at a festival. It was an exciting day and almost everyone was very nervous. They weren't alone at a strange school though, Mrs. Fay, one of the Hinesburg's music teachers, was also there as a judge for the French Horns.

At the start everyone met in the auditorium where there was a short introduction of what would happen and the introduction of the different judges. Then the large group split up to go to their assigned rooms. Each instrument had its own room(s) to audition in. For the twenty-four flutes that auditioned, they were all in a classroom with stands and chairs set up in a circle. All of the flute players spent some time warming up with whatever music that would make them feel ready. Then the people who had to leave early for the spelling bee or the piano concert, which were happening the same day, played first so they could leave quickly. One at a time, the musicians gave their name, grade and school and then played their solo piece, "Gavotte". After each solo piece there was a short applause, which was not asked for but the players were courteous enough to start it all on their own. This was helpful for the person playing because it helped calm his or her nerves knowing that he or she wouldn't be made fun of for a mistake. Each performer, after playing the solo piece went into a second room to play scales and a sight-read piece of music. Sight reading is when a musician is given a piece of music that he has never seen before and is asked to look through it briefly noting dynamics, sharps and flats and then play it.

Musicians were graded on a rubric that looks remarkably similar to the rubrics used to grade Hinesburg students on math and writing portfolio pieces. For the flutes, the evaluation had many categories; the lowest you could get was a two and the highest an eight.

Congratulations to the talented musicians who made All Districts. They were Caitlin White and Rebecca Paskiet on the flute, Christine Piper and Hillary Whitney on the French Horn, Ben Martin and Cody Lee on the trumpet, Anna Watts and Ryan Fox on the alto saxophone and Rebecca Donaldson on the clarinet. Also, Erin Gingras and Tess Keller made the All District Chorus. Everyone

School Daze

should be congratulated whether they got in or not, because it took a lot of courage to try out in front of a lot of people you don't know. This was a good experience for everyone.

HCS Polling Station

Jacob Gevalt and Cameron Breck

On November 2nd, not only adults went to the polling booths. An infinity Team tradition was continued as the kids at HCS cast their own votes. Starting at the first grade level, students had simple ballots with few choices. Seventh and eighth graders voted with more complicated ballots, including the opportunity to vote for the attorney general as well as the President. The Library was transformed into a patriotic voting place decorated with flags and ribbons of red, white and blue.



Melissa Hansen and Tess Keller managing the HCS polling station

For the first four hours of the school day, the library was packed with young kids who were very serious about their simple decision. Infinity seventh and eighth graders had set up three voting booths and some took five minutes to fill out their ballot, while others had already decided who they would vote for and voted very quickly. Most of the kids took voting very seriously; it was not until the older kids voted that votes for Spiderman and Sponge Bob started popping up.

The votes were hand-counted by Infinity students, and the results were announced later that day. The School's vote was primarily liberal, with almost 300 for Kerry and about 85 for Bush. Leahy and Sanders were also very successful, as was Governor Jim Douglas, and Lieutenant Governor Brian Dubie. The HCS vote was reflective of the state's vote. But, as we all know, the Democratic views of Vermont did not carry over to the

national election.

"The mock vote was a good opportunity for kids to get political," said eighth grader, Justin LaPoint, "Kids got excited about the vote."

The H.E.R.O Team

(Helping Everyone Respect Others)

Natasha Irish & Mariah DiPasquale

This year Hinesburg Community School has formed a new kind of team. This group of 7th and 8th grade students are doing their best to help everyone respect others. The HERO team is made up of these students... Natasha Irish, Melissa Miller, Rebecca Paggia, Katie Longshore, Tess Keller, Caitlin White, Katie Iadanza, Dylan Harris, Cameron Burner, Dean Priest, Casey Morits, and Nick Race. All of these people are great additions to the team. They have given up an exploratory to be part of this group of students.

On November 10, 2004 the HERO team brought in treats and had a bake sale to raise money. With the money we are going to make Thanksgiving baskets for anonymous people who won't have a full dinner meal. At the bake sale there were a lot of interesting goodies. The bake sale was a big hit and they made a lot of money.

The H.E.R.O team can't do it all and needs the help of everyone to accomplish their goal. People can help by trying to stop things like harassment and bullying around you. Instead of thinking, "It's not my problem, so I won't get involved", help the victim stand up for him or herself. Also, people can help by telling the bully to "Respect people instead of picking on people". Even though people think they shouldn't get involved because they might get picked on, they should still get involved because they will be taking the pain of the person who was originally getting picked on. No matter who you are, you can help!

We hope this new program will make the Hinesburg Community School a much nicer place for teachers and for the students. We also hope that they can help many more people who need help.

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Hinesburg Students Spellbound

Tegan Mahoney

On Friday, the 15th of October, two spelling teams, of six HCS students each, participated in the District Team Spelling Bee at the CSSU office in Shelburne. Representing Hinesburg's 7th and 8th grades were Hilary Whitney, Tegan Mahoney, Tess Keller, and Tom Eddy. The team's alternates were Jacob Gevalt and Ethan Linck. Melissa Henson, another 8th grader, stepped in as assistant coach, since the original coach, Mrs. Spaulding, was the



HCS 7th & 8th grade spelling team: Tom Eddy, Hilary Whitney, Tess Keller, Melissa Henson, Tegan Mahoney and Jacob Gevalt. Ethan Linck is not pictured.

moderator.

In the beginning of the year all the 5th through 8th grade students took a spelling test to see who to select for the teams that would compete. Although many students performed well on the test, only the six students listed above were selected to compete.

There were quite a few firsts that day; many of HCS's team members were in their first spelling bee and for the first time the Hinesburg 7th and 8th grade team won the District Spelling Bee, and advanced to the Regional Bee on November 6th at the Allen Brook School. Hinesburg's 5th and 6th grade team unfortunately tied for third at the District Bee.

Sadly, Hinesburg did not fare as well in the Regional Spelling Bee. Although they had 104 points after all twelve rounds, they ended up placing fourth. Ahead of Hinesburg in the regional competition were spellers from Georgia, Fairfield and Mount Ake. Perhaps next year HCS students will make it all the way to the State Team Spelling Bee.

Snowy Troubles

Melissa Henson

Throughout the first week of November, weather forecasters in Burlington told Vermonters to expect snow showers for the next few days. Some people were excited

to finally have winter underway and some groaned and wished they could move to somewhere south. But the snow didn't come. The people in Hinesburg weren't going to get snow until the morning of Monday the 8th. It began snowing at around 10:30 A.M. and continued to snow until around 7:00 on the evening of Tuesday the 9th. Many places received several inches but only about 1.5 to 2 stayed.

The small amount of snow that fell certainly caused its fair share of trouble. Texas Hill was closed off for almost a whole hour Tuesday evening for the removal of ten to fifteen cars which had gone off the road before the hill could be salted and sanded. Hinesburg Community School students, Jacob and Lily Gevalt, were among the many who had to wait at the bottom of the hill for a length of time. After returning from an indoor soccer game with his friend Tom Eddy, Jacob found that he could not return to his home at the bottom of Texas Hill. He had to wait in his car with his sister Lily and their mother. When asked what he thought Jacob said, "It was cold and I was annoyed. I was lucky my mom had handed me my coat when she left the game." They waited for about forty five minutes before they could drive up the hill. Other trouble included the overturning of a car on Pond road heading towards Williston and slippery conditions on Route 116 and Route 2.

Snow plows were hooked up waiting to be used and the sanding and salting trucks were out for a great portion of the night. Luckily we didn't get enough snow to need those snow plows. It is time to make sure the buses and town trucks have chains on, your cars have their winter tires and you keep a jacket, a hat, mittens and boots with you or in your car at all times. Be aware of the changing driving conditions even as the snow comes and goes. The ground is freezing, and rain, snow or hail could cause messy conditions. Have a safe and happy winter!

Math Counts' Mathletes

Kaity Kenyon and Tess Keller

It was silence. Students sat at desks in disarray. When walking down the rows, muttering could be heard. This was the setting for the 2004-2005 Math Counts school competition at Hinesburg Community School. The competition was open to all 7th and 8th grade students. This year the proceedings began with everyone taking a test of sorts called the 'sprint round'. It consisted of 30 questions from all categories of problem solving techniques, with forty-five minutes to complete as many as one could.

After the test, anxiety was apparent in all the students who took the test. Finally, the scores are posted, and budding mathematicians gathered round to see where they placed. Many rejoiced, others were surprised at the outcome of the 'sprint round'. Some came away disappointed, in themselves and their performances. Melissa Henson, an 8th grader said, "The test was very easy for me, but I didn't like my score at the end."

For everyone who wanted to do better, there was a second chance to improve one's score, with a second round called the 'target round'. In the target round there are only eight questions to do and twenty-four minutes to do them in. In this round you were allowed to use your calculator on all the problems, which was a very big help. Again, students flocked to see the posted scores. Again, emotions ranged from joy to disappointment.

The students who received high scores were extended invitations to join the Math Counts team and a possible spot on the HCS Math Counts team which will compete at regional and state competitions. Many other schools will send teams to the competition, some sporting witty mathematical slogans on team T-shirts like, 'got E!'. The state and regional competitions consist of four rounds, with tougher, more complex, thought-provoking problems. The intensity of the tension in the room is very apparent, as the student's concentration is very focused on the formulas and equations presented to them. The teams that will go to the regional competition have yet to be decided. So, gather round and share the cheer for Hinesburg's future Mathletes!

Brunch at HCS

Matt Mainer

This year at the H.C.S. Middle School there have been some drastic changes to the daily schedule. One of the biggest and most controversial is that the seventh graders have lunch at 10:00 A.M. and the eighth graders shortly thereafter. When asked about this change teachers have answered that, "People are hungry then," before quickly changing the subject.

However when I asked some of my peers about this they said that, "We only had breakfast two and a half hours ago." Only a very small portion of them said they were hungry at that time, and they were usually those students who had chosen not to eat breakfast. The rest of my peers mostly the ones who had eaten breakfast, weren't very hungry at 10:00 A.M. and feel sick if they eat that early. I feel there is no excuse for not eating breakfast. It's important and is even provided by the school in the mornings.

The other part of the problem is that it's close to five hours before students can come home and eat when lunch is this early. And, for the kids that have after school activities like soccer or cross-country the time before they can eat again is closer to six hours. If you have a chance, try this: have breakfast at 7:30 A.M. and try to eat again at 10:00 A.M., then don't eat again until 4:30 P.M. Do this and you will have a good idea what one hundred middle school students' dining experience is like this year at HCS.

My solution for all this would be to allow the people who want to have lunch at 10:00 have lunch and the rest of the people go out to recess. Then later in the day have the people who did not eat at 10:00 eat and the rest would go out to recess. Hopefully this can be changed this year or next.

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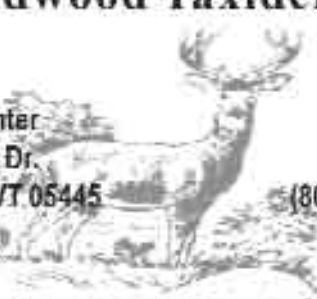


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many classrooms and saw all aspects of our school (classrooms, unified arts programs, food service, etc). He was impressed with what he saw and we're impressed that he took the time to learn what is happening in Vermont schools.

Math Methods for Parents

1st/2nd Grades: January 4, March 8 and May 3
3rd/4th Grades: January 11, March 15 and May 10.
The meetings will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Cindy Fay's Music Room. They will focus on different content strands, such as place value, fractions etc. Problem solving will be discussed throughout each session.

CY Mentoring Program Coordinator at HCS

Hinesburg Community School is seeking a creative, organized, community-minded person to help coordinate a new school-based "Mentoring Program" that will link caring adults with fifth through eighth grade students. This paid position requires approximately 200-300 hours per year with a flexible schedule.

For more information, please contact Steve Hyde or Angela Stebbins. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference to: Angela Stebbins, Assistant Principal, HCS, 10888 Route 116 Hinesburg, VT 05461. We will accept applications until the position is filled.

Student Happenings

Champlain Valley District Band

We're proud to announce that nine HCS students were accepted in the District Band: Becca Paskiet, Caitlin White, Rebecca Donaldson, Anna Watts, Ryan Fox, Ben Martin, Cody Lee, Christine Piper and Hilary Whitney. Great showing and great effort!

CSSU Spelling Bee

The grade 7/8 Spelling team competed against teams from the other districts within CSSU (Charlotte, Shelburne and Williston) and pulled out the win! While the team lost at the regional competition, we still want to acknowledge the efforts of Tom Eddy, Hilary Whitney, Tess Keller, Tegan Mahoney, Jacob Gevalt and Ethan Linck. The team, coached by Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Knox and assistant coach Melissa Henson, made a great effort. Congratulations!

PTO News You Can Use

Hinesburg School PTO Meeting — Come Join Us

The next Hinesburg Community School PTO meeting will be held on Monday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a business meeting followed by a presentation on Literacy by Hinesburg Community School Literacy Coordinator Betsy Knox. The meeting will take place at HCS. Everyone is welcome and babysitting is available.

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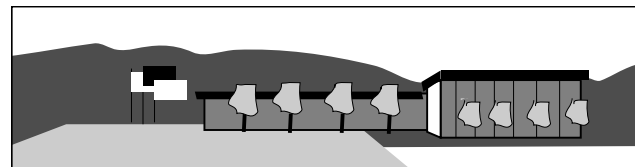
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December:

- 4: SAT Test Date
- 8: Grad Challenge - Mid-Year Report From Community Consultant
- 8: Sophomore Plan Night, 7:00 p.m.
- 9: 1/2 Day In-service
- 10: Madrigal Festival (tentative)
- 11: ACT Test Date
- 13: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 114
- 14: Concert—Band I, II and Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.
- 20: Registration Deadline for January SAT
- 21: Concert—Band III and Full Chorus, 7:30 p.m.
- 23-31: No School
- 27: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 204-206

"Val" Resigns Tenure at CUV to End June 30, 2005

The Champlain Valley Union Board of School Directors announced the planned retirement of Principal Valerie



Gardner, effective June 30, 2005.

"Val" as she is known by students, colleagues, parents and community members will be completing a career that began at CVU in 1983 as a physical education coach and continued with an eighteen year tenure as principal of one of the most highly regarded high schools in Vermont. Her role as an educational leader is recognized by colleagues throughout the state and the New England Region.

The Board accepted Ms. Gardner's announcement with regret but with great appreciation for her leadership, her contributions to the lives of students, support of staff and her passionate advocacy for a high quality public education system serving the communities of Charlotte, Hinesburg, St. George, Shelburne and Williston.

Student, Faculty, and School Recognition

The staff at the *CVU Life Program* is proud to announce the award of a grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance. This grant will be used in part to assist students at the Life Program with academic scholarships after they complete high school. The Life Program staff would like to thank the local ExxonMobil businesses for their continued support of CVU and the Life Program.

The *CVU Key Club* volunteered its time on October 10 to help with the Charlotte Tractor Parade. They were commended for their willingness to help in any way, and their cheerfulness and enthusiasm greatly contributed to the success of the parade and festivities.

Congratulations to *Katie Crown*. She was the winner of the *Into The Woods* poster contest.

Congratulations to *Tamie-Jo Dickinson*, CVU's Outstanding Teacher. Tamie-Jo has developed a curriculum which includes standards, holds high interest for students, and connects the school and local businesses. During the past year, she earned National Board Certification. Tamie-Jo has been the advisor for a very successful Future Business Leaders of America chapter. She models both a love of learning and life-long learning for her students and her colleagues.

Grad Challenge 2005

Panelists are needed on Friday, April 29, 2005, for Presentation Day, the culminating event of the seniors' Graduation Challenge program. On this day seniors make formal presentations to panels composed of five individuals from both the community and the CVU faculty. Only seniors and juniors come to school on this day so that full attention is given to this last step of the program. It is a wonderful day filled with both anticipation and celebration.

Panelists have found their participation in this special day to be an exciting, and in many cases, a moving experience. One of last year's panelists commented, "This is one of my favorite spring activities! I greatly admire the talent and interests of the students and the commitment of the faculty. It's a great mutual learning experience!"

The day is divided into three blocks: two in the morning and one after lunch. Each block is one and a half hours long. During each block, over 20 classrooms are filled with panelists listening to groups of five or six seniors make presentations. Each grouping of students is loosely based on the topic they have chosen for their Graduation Challenge program.

There are eight general topic areas on which the groupings are based:

- Recreational Wellness
- Science/Math
- English/Foreign Language
- The Arts & Entertainment
- Technical Education
- Business Education

- Social Studies/ Education
- Life Skills/Health

The panelist's responsibility includes listening to the presentation, asking questions, and evaluating the student's performance (based on an established scale). All panelists receive materials in the mail ahead of time and are asked to attend a brief training session on Presentation Day. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

We recommend that parents of seniors not participate as a panelist. This will leave you free to watch your child's presentation and help him/her celebrate the day.

If you are interested in being a panelist, please contact Andrea Van Hoven at 482-7195 or e-mail at andrea@cvuhs.org.

Construction Update

For pictures and more info: see
www.cvuhs.org/bond

Cafeteria Now Open

It's official! We're in the new cafeteria! Thursday, October 28, everyone at CVU was thrilled to be in the new cafeteria and kitchen serving area. At 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, students and staff were welcomed into the new area and, even with workers putting the finishing touches on the space, were thrilled with the new look.

At lunch, students were in the new serving area figuring out what the new lunch combinations were and which line gained access to what food. It was not long, however, before the open setup for hot lunch, hot sandwiches, salad bar, grinders, fruit, drinks, and the likes were figured out, and students were taking items that represented a balanced meal at a reasonable cost.

New Classrooms and Relocations

In addition to the new cafeteria, we will be getting new classroom space on the second floor of the new wing and north of Four Corners. Fairbanks and Chittenden Houses will move to the second floor of the new wing. Snelling will join Nichols on the first floor of the new space.

The Direction Center and Guidance Office have moved so construction could start on the new entrance. The Direction Center staff and guidance are located in a number of different rooms on the second floor north of Four Corners. The phone extensions will remain the same, and we will post the final room locations in the main office.

The Learning Center will also relocate with the construction. The tutoring space will move into room 240. The staff will be available to assist students and there will be computers in the room adjacent to the space.

We look forward to the opening of the new library media space at the end of November!

Air Quality and Heating

We have been dealing with some issues with the renovated classroom space on the first floor north of Four Corners. We have been working to control the temperature in the rooms. Heat from the tunnel has been radiating into the rooms, causing uncomfortably high temperatures. The heating pipes are being insulated to prevent this condition.

In addition to the heat, we had a problem with air circulation. Because we are adding sections of the building one at a time, we have had trouble balancing the air handling system. While the construction crews were putting the finishing touches on the second floor, dust from their work was brought into the first floor rooms. We emptied the classrooms and
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Supporting people with abilities! 

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found other spaces for the classes while we worked on a solution to the problem. All of the classrooms have undergone a thorough cleaning. An air quality testing company has been hired to test the rooms and let us know what is in the dust. Our engineers and mechanical contractors have been working, not only to address the air quality and circulation in these rooms, but also to ensure that as sections of building open up and under-go construction, that the design and balance of the air handling systems prevent any future issues.

Scholarships Available

AFS Intercultural Programs/USA announces that 50 full scholarships will be awarded this year to high school students who want to study in Germany through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. These prestigious scholarships cover a year of study in Germany, which is equivalent to more than \$8,800 per student. Established in 1983, and jointly sponsored by the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag, the program is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

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Students must submit completed applications postmarked by December 16, 2004.

For the full press release, please visit <http://www.afsonline.org/afsusapresskit.nsf> and click on Congress-Bundestag Scholarship Release, October 2004.

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Dear CVU Class of '92,

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Parents, if you're reading this and you know where your 1992 grad is, please send this information along or feel free to get in touch with us.

Email Michelle (Richards) Peters or Sarah Williamson at mrichards@virtuoso.com or swilliamson80@hotmail.com. We're looking forward to hearing from everyone and, hopefully, seeing you next fall!

— Michelle (Richards) Peters
 — Sarah Williamson

CY—"Aw Shucks" Volunteer Recognition

On Tuesday, November 16 CY-Connecting Youth hosted its annual "Aw Shucks" Awards and Community Celebration. At the event, CY honored several volunteers who have dedicated their time to supporting local youth and families. These are the folks who quietly - but persistently - work to promote a more caring community! We call the evening "Aw Shucks" because this is usually what volunteers say when they are told that we would like to recognize them!

The following are CY award recipients for 2004:

- Jane Krasnow, Katie Antos-Ketchum, and Jen Ciardelli for their creation and involvement with the CVU diversity group, Working On Respecting Difference (WORD);
 - Elizabeth Bluemle and Sumru Tekin for their work with The Charlotte Town Players and The Community WordPlay Project;
 - Kathleen Carrara and Mary Jane Shelley for their work with the Girls On the Run program in Charlotte;
 - Deb and Mike Bissonette and Terry Francis for their work with the Hinesburg Recreation Basketball program;
 - Pam Miller for her work with the Hinesburg Community School music program and support of the school's theater productions;
 - Nick Cowles for his support of youth and community at the Shelburne Orchards; Jan Gannon and Joe Hameline for their volunteer work with the Shelburne Recreation Committee and Youth Soccer programs;
 - Mike Monette, for his years of service as an adult mentor in CY's Mentoring Program at Williston Central School;
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CVU Board Meetings

By Rosalyn Graham

November 22 Meeting

It's official: football is a CVU varsity sport

By Rosalyn Graham

The proud and enthusiastic players of the CVU Football Club, their parents and members of the Boosters Club, came to the meeting of the CVU Board on November 22 to urge the board to raise their sport from club status to a varsity sport. Their articulate and impassioned testimonials accomplished their goal, as the board voted unanimously to make football a CVU varsity sport beginning in the fall of 2005.

The meeting room was a sea of red sweatshirts, jackets and caps as close to 100 people poured in to take part in the discussion that followed Principal Val Gardner's recommendation that the football team be granted varsity status in the 2005-06 school year with funding from Friends of CVU Football. She said she and Athletic Director Kevin Riell had

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met with the supporters' group and recognized the need to make the move from club to varsity sooner than the typical three-year life span of a club sport, largely as a result of the great success of the club. "They have been overwhelmingly successful, both on the field and off the field in terms of fund raising," she said. Their success, and the age and ability of the players, had raised questions of safety in games that their club status restricted to the junior varsity level.

Booster Club President Joanne Wallace described the financial strength of the organization, with support from 120 local businesses, and \$26,000 in the bank from donations and a very successful golf tournament fundraiser, sufficient to outfit a varsity and junior varsity team with money left over. "We have had great community support," she said, reading a letter of support from Barbara Snelling in which she referred to the experience of her late husband Gov. Richard Snelling, as a Harvard football player. CVU was the only high school in the county that has not had a football team.

Support of the Friends has made it possible to begin the varsity phase of CVU football without funding from the taxpayer, but Principal Gardner said that funding through the school budget would be a question for negotiation in the future.

Steven Campbell of Hinesburg, a freshman at CVU and an offensive center on the football team, described the importance of the game to him. "We strive to be better and strive to be better together," he said. Mick Jean of Williston who played football for the first time last year, said he had developed a passion for football which he said he thinks is making him a better person. "I'm thankful I called and said I wanted to play," he said. "Football is what I play three months a year and think about the other nine."

Coach Jay Michaud pointed out that most of the 100 young men who have been playing football probably would not be playing a sport if they did not have football. The club has also organized feeder football programs for boys in the towns that send students to CVU, a feeder system which, like the CVU club, has attracted great interest and grown steadily in two years.

Elijah LaChance, the CVU Student Council representative to the board, pointed out that football was important to more than just the players on the teams. "It is important to everyone who goes to the games, plays the national anthem, and recognizes the players in the halls."

In a question about possible financial impacts of the addition of football to the list of CVU sports, Principal Gardner said that capital improvements such as bleachers and fences would be needed for all sports. She also looked to the future when a trainer might be needed to work with all students in all sports.

'I'm a crusader for the crusader mascot'

Since last spring, a debate has swirled around the appropriateness of the CVU mascot: the Crusader. Concerns focus on the violent history of the Crusades, the specifically Christian identity of the Crusaders and the resulting insult it implies to members of the student body and the community who are not Christian. In previous discussions of the possible need to change the mascot, the board had asked Principal Gardner to come to them with a process for addressing the question, and at the November 22 meeting she presented a plan based on the assumption that the mascot would be replaced, and that Administrators Kevin Riell and Connie Metz would lead the process, including seeking recommendations from students and faculty, appointing a committee of students, faculty, staff and Friends of CVU, and developing a way to communicate with the community. The Board deferred action on the proposal to their December 13 meeting and invited students and the community to take part in the discussion at that time.

Student Council representative Elijah LaChance said that a survey of students indicated that 55% do not want to change the

mascot, but 10% do not like the mascot and would like it changed.

Sophomore Caitlin LaBarge of Charlotte urged the board to give weight to the definition of the word 'crusader' as "attempting to achieve something you believe in strongly." She said that in her research she had found many other revered people who were called crusaders, including Martin Luther King. "I am a crusader for the crusader mascot," she said. Her remarks brought cheers from the football club audience.

Fellow student William Nadeau of Williston also asked the board to keep the crusader mascot, suggesting that it was up to the school and the students to "make the mascot represent what we want it to represent. We can make the crusader mascot represent our willingness to stand up for our causes."

Principal Gardner said that the move to change the mascot has been driven by students put in an awkward position by the identification of the crusader mascot as historically anti-Semitic and anti-Islam, and by the parents of those students. "A mascot should be something everyone can get behind," she said.

Bertin joins CVU Board

Gianetta Bertin was officially welcomed to the board of Champlain Valley Union High School at their November 22 meeting. Bertin was appointed by the Hinesburg Selectboard to fill the unexpired term of Sandy Lathem who retired from the board at the end of the summer.

Bertin has served on several school-related committees including the frameworks and facilities committees for the high school and the middle school principal search committee.

Search process begins

A committee was established to begin the process of selecting a successor to Principal Gardner who has announced that she is resigning effective June 30, 2005. Sarita Austin of Williston, Joan Lenes of Shelburne, Michael Bissonette of Hinesburg, Jeff Parker of Shelburne and Chittenden South Superintendent Brian O'Regan will meet to gather input from the students, faculty and staff on their vision of a successor, as a basis for creating a job description and weighing the possibility of a national search.

Budget time is here

The Board began its annual budget planning process with a review by Principal Gardner of the enrollment numbers, current and projected, a ten year budget retrospective, a look at staffing, past, present and future and the possible changes to program in the next five years. The board members traditionally invite members of their local communities to attend the budget planning sessions which continue regularly through December and January, to add extra opinions to the decisions on what budget will be presented to the voters at Town Meeting in March. The next budget work session will be held on December 6 with another to be held on December 15, following the district-wide meeting of all CSSU Boards. CVU will hold its regular board meeting, which will include further discussion of the mascot question, on Monday, December 13.

November 8 Meeting Teachers Want Talks to Resume

A crowd of unprecedented size (approximately 60-70 people) filed into the meeting room on Monday, November 8 as the faculty of Champlain Valley Union High School came to the meeting of the CVU Board to underscore the seriousness of (Continued on the next page.)

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their concern about the lack of a contract. Chris Hood, a mathematics teacher and president of the Chittenden South Education Association, said the teachers throughout the district are concerned that they have been working without a contract since July 1.

He said that the teachers and the board share mutual goals of quality education for the students, but that the teachers are "increasingly disappointed that the school boards have shown no willingness to return to negotiate on the basis of the fact-finding report. We strongly urge the school boards to meet with the CSEA Negotiations Team in order to reach a timely and equitable settlement."

He presented a petition signed by 104 of the CVU faculty members asking that the negotiations move forward. CSSU Superintendent Brian O'Regan said that representatives of the association and the boards were trying to find a convenient time to meet and were expecting to meet by the end of November.

Challenging Standards

- Measuring performance of students and their readiness to step out into the world.
- Challenging students by establishing standards for them to achieve.
- Improving instruction by setting goals the learners should reach with their teachers' support.
- Ensuring that there are different ways of reaching the goal and measuring the achievement.

There is consensus that there must be standards to assess the quality of education and the accomplishment of students. And there is agreement that those standards should be rigorous enough to challenge the students and the teachers. But the many ways to apply those standards, the variety of tests to measure whether they are being reached or exceeded, and the problem of translating what that means to a specific student in a specific school, add up to a very complicated and many-faceted kaleidoscope – ever changing and occasionally misleading.

That was the message two lead educators from the faculty of Champlain Valley Union High School brought to the members of the Board of Directors at their November 8 meeting. House Director and Head of the English Department Adam Bunting and Director of Guidance Helen Niedermeier explained the many components that are being studied by a district-wide curriculum committee to develop common assessments for student performance from kindergarten through Grade 12. Current tests including NSRE, ACT Assessment, SAT II, SAT I, AP exams and Graduation Challenge measure performance in a variety of subjects, and results distributed by Bunting and Niedermeier showed CVU students significantly ahead of Vermont and national averages.

Board member Jeff Parker of Shelburne asked if there was a mechanism to make the comparisons to schools similar to CVU in such factors as the number of students who go on to college. "Comparing our results to the state and national numbers dilutes the results," he said. Board member Jeanne Jensen of Williston also urged that the standards must be challenging and that the statistics be studied to ensure that progress is being made.

Who Can Play on CVU Teams?

Ginger Street of Shelburne brought a plea to the board for an ice hockey player, Kristin Nelson, a senior at Mt. Abraham in Bristol, to be allowed to play on the CVU Girls' Ice Hockey team. Her contention was that the CVU team is not at full complement, and Kristin, who has had extensive experience playing in youth leagues, attends a school where women's ice hockey is not offered. She said that the guidelines of the Vermont Headmasters' Association that oversees high school sports, allow a student to request to play on another school's team if there is no team at their school.

Principal Val Gardner said that CVU has had a policy of not accepting students from other schools for its sports teams, a policy designed to prevent the ultimate inequity of a school team being made up entirely of non-school players. She also pointed out that requests for such participation should be made by the student's home school. CVU has allowed independent students to join the track and gymnastics teams in the past, but now has curtailed that option.

Bike Path to Skirt Playing Fields

Hinesburg's multi-use recreation path, three years in the planning, has now reached the stage where Public Works Director Rocky Martin could paint the route of the path on the grass to show its relationship to playing fields and driveways. At the CVU Board meeting Martin showed the board the plans

for the new path that will loop from the Hinesburg Post Office, along Mechanicsville Road, up CVU Road on the school side of the road, and terminate at the Hinesburg Library in the Ballard commercial complex. The section of the path along the CVU property will be 10 feet wide. The board gave preliminary approval to granting an easement for the path through the property.

Budget Buddies

As the board prepares to negotiate a budget for the next year that will meet the needs of the students and teachers without breaking the bank for the taxpayers of the Chittenden South towns, members of the board will be recruiting "budget buddies" to participate in the process. It has been a tradition for many years that each director invite an interested person from their community to attend the weekly budget planning meetings to give input in the discussion and ask questions. "They often ask questions we don't think of because we are so entrenched in the process," said Director Joan Lenes of Shelburne. The board will receive the first draft of a budget from Principal Gardner about the end of November.

CVU and the RTA

By Rosalyn Graham

Members of the Champlain Valley Union Board have spoken out in support of continuing the search for the best way to provide improved technical education for the students of the region. At their Monday, November 8 board meeting at the high school, they urged Chairman Michael Bissonette, CVU's representative to the board of the Regional Technical Academy, to do his best to encourage the RTA board, disheartened by the resounding defeat of their proposal for a regional technical school by voters on November 2, to continue their work.

Then at the RTA meeting on Wednesday, November 10, members of the CVU Board were in the audience, amplifying Bissonette's voice of support and offering practical help with the continuing work.

On November 2, the voters of 25 regional towns rejected a proposal for a two-year technical school in Essex Junction to replace the technical programs now offered at Burlington and Essex. CVU sends students to both of the current programs and would be a sending school under the new regional plan. The board of the RTA which had brought the plan to the voters had announced at a press conference on November 4 that it might disband and would not lead the process of planning for technical education, though they would support whoever came forward to lead.

At the November 8 meeting, the CVU board members said it is important that the process continue and recommended that the CVU administration be made available in some way to help with the support work. Meg Hart-Smith of Williston told Bissonette, "We ask you to speak out at the board meeting. If they aren't willing to lead, at least don't let them disband."

When the RTA Board met on November 10, it was apparent that most of the members of the RTA Board shared CVU's strong commitment to improving technical education in the region, but it was not at all clear what the next steps might be for accomplishing that goal. While a two-hour discussion of what had been learned and what the next steps might be included some resentment of the opposition that had risen up against the proposal for a two-year non-diploma granting technical center to be housed in the former JogBra building in Essex Junction, the board members and the audience also agreed that there were lessons to be learned, and integrated what Chairman Jim Hester described as "Phase 2 of the existence of this board."

The options for the RTA board, according to Hester, are to either take the lead in crafting a revised plan for consolidation of technical education as required by the state, or to wait for groups in the community to come to them with alternative proposals which the board could then choose to take to the voters. "We are the only entity who can put a proposal before regional voters," he said.

"We need to decide if we are going to be the convener, the facilitator or the driver of continued planning," said Vice-chair Leslie Williams of South Burlington. That choice was on the agenda for a meeting of the RTA Board scheduled for November 17, too late to be included in this issue of the newspaper.

Members of the board agreed that the legislature's requirement that they plan for a two-year non-diploma-granting institution had been a serious handicap in gaining support from educators and the public. Burlington's representative to the board, Keith Pillsbury, urged a campaign to get the legislature to authorize a four-year diploma-granting school, and suggested that the general public and teachers should speak up for the four-year program. It was also suggested that the legislature be asked to grant more funds to support the board and the planning process.

Melissa Hersh who has been the staff support for the project said about \$100,000 is left from the original grant of \$1 million made to support site selection, option on land, finalization of governance proposal and development of program of study and educational specifications. Hersh has announced that she is resigning, having worked on the project since the planning began by the ad hoc committee formed six years ago by the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Burlington and Essex School Districts to address the need to improve the delivery of technical education.

The CVU Board had pinpointed the impending lack of administrative support as a major handicap and voted to contribute administrative resources to assist the RTA Board. Mike Bissonette said that CVU, with their experience in taking bond votes to the communities, were very aware of the importance of staff support for a volunteer board undertaking such a challenging project, and had voted to lend administrators to help the RTA board as needed.

Jody Harrington, Winooski's representative to the RTA Board, said that the Winooski Board feels strongly that the project should move forward. The lesson to be learned from the November 2 defeat, she said, was that the public trusts their public schools, their teachers and their boards, and that when those groups spoke out against the proposal, the public listened. "The lesson we should have learned is that people who have committed their lives to public education need to be part of the process." Director G. Miller of Essex agreed, saying, "We need to involve those who opposed the proposal in the process. If people are not at the table it is easy to say no."

Curtis Trousdale of South Burlington, a business representative to the board, suggested working with community groups to create a plan for what he described as the ideal school, "a four year diploma granting big school with extra curricular activities," and see how far they can get within the 10 months that remain in the governance mandate that established the regional district and its board.

Miller suggested calling a meeting of "everyone we need to share in the process" and he and board members Pillsbury, Trousdale, and Gary Olberg, volunteered to design a process that would foster that broad participation. Chairman Hester said, "If we made some progress before September 2005, we could go to the voters with a new proposal or ask for an extension of the life of our board."

Commissioner of Education Richard Cate sent a letter to

Board Chair Hester asking that the Board "forestall any action until it has an opportunity to listen to the regional community about recommendations for next steps." He suggested a meeting that would bring together all interested parties, including representatives of all the school districts in the region. He offered to be of assistance in bringing the people together or facilitating the discussion.

Paul Clark, an educator at the Center for Technology Essex presented a letter from the staff of the CTE expressing their commitment to improving technical education. The letter said that CTE faces many challenges including a need to expand and improve their facilities, develop greater autonomy from the sending school, consider whether and how they might extend their mission from a two-year to a four-year academy.

Clark challenged the board to "turn a negative to a positive. We're at the top of the 5th right now, and we'll probably go into extra innings."

Déjà Vu All Over Again

By Matt Dattilio

It was a cool, damp and cloudy Saturday at St. Michael's College, but the CVU boys' soccer team was red hot on the field. CVU came out loaded with Gardner Morrow blasting in the first goal with less than two minutes gone. Both CVU and MMU took it up a notch, with both teams having many opportunities. Goalie, Scott McLoughlin, was tremendous in net, stopping quality shots by the Cougars.

The second half started out similar to the first with CVU scoring their second goal. Ashley Miller scored with a strong, strong assist from Gardner. The rout was on! Hinesburg's Rem Kielman came up from the sweeper position to score the third goal for CVU. Eli Gerson tallied the final goal of the season to seal the championship. This was the third straight Div-1 State Championship for Coach Shepardson and the Crusaders.

CVU will miss a four year varsity player in Todd Shepardson and captain Ross Stirewalt next season. Both are Hinesburg residents. Don't feel sorry for the team because they return Ethan and Gardner Morrow, Jefferson Parker, Nick Mead, Rem Kielman, and Scott McLoughlin. They will also be adding players from the 12-1 Junior Varsity team. We could be *(Continued on the next page.)*

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looking at four in a row!

It was two years ago that the CVU girls' and boys' varsity teams won state championships the same day. Saturday the girls led off with a victory. Again the victim was MMU losing 2-1. After losing to CVU twice during the regular season, the Cougars came out strong. CVU was equally strong with both teams having excellent chances at notching the first goal. Neither team scored and the half ended 0-0.

MMU came out and scored a goal off a redirection. CVU goalie Eliza Bradley had no chance for the save. Like the weather it was looking dark for the Crusaders. With less than three minutes left in the game, Kelly Sisco lofted a shot over the outstretched hands of the MMU goalie. There was a noticeable groan from the Mount Mansfield fans—"nooooooo!" Needless to say, there were cheers from the Crusader fans.

During the first two overtimes the play was solid with both teams coming close to scoring the winning goal. In the third overtime with both teams playing eight on eight, Meg Howard ended the CVU season on a victorious note. Libby Parent's throw in started the play. Howard gathered the ball, carried the ball down the right side, evaded two MMU players and buried the ball inside the far post. Both teams ended the season undefeated. The girls will be losing Hinesburg residents Libby Parent, Kaitlin Francis, Paige Leenstra, and Katie Stetler. Like the boys they will have great material coming in from an undefeated JV team.
(Note: Matt Dattilio is a guest columnist for The Hinesburg Record, in support of CVU Graduation Challenge.)

Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll

The following CVU students earned an A- or better in their Burlington Technical Center programs placing them on the Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll for the first quarter:

Shawn Fortier, Automotive Science & Technology
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CVU Girls' Hockey Team Supports Lund Family Center

Free Admission to Dec. 4 Game

By Stevie Spencer

CVU Girls' Hockey Team and The Lund Family Center are offering free admission to the December 4 game, 7:30 p.m. at Cairns Arena in South Burlington

In addition to the volunteer work the team will be doing at the Lund Family Center, we are also reaching out to the community to help provide some of the many necessities the Center needs.

If you bring an item (or two!) from their wish list, you will receive a free admission to one of our great games of hockey! (Items can be dropped off anytime on December 4th.)

The Lund Family Center has been serving Vermont communities for 114 years, helping families in need, pregnant or parenting teens and young adults, and adoptive families. Their programs serve over 3,000 people providing education and support to children and parents in an effort to reduce the risk of child abuse, neglect, school failure and unplanned pregnancy, as well as provide help when these situations do occur.

Lund Center Wish List

These are items, new or gently used, for which the Lund Center has an immediate need:

- Crib sheets, blankets, bibs, towels and washcloths, pacifiers, teething ring, disposable diapers, diaper bags, baby wipes, Desitin or Balmex cream, Munchkin bottle washers, alarm clocks.
 - Construction paper, 4'by 6' tarps, markers, sponges, duct tape, clear packing tape, contact paper, Velcro (5 foot lengths), blank journals, watercolor paint, play dough, large balls, kites, disposable cameras, 35 mm film, batteries AA, C, D, & GP for thermometers, desk calendars, sharpies, zip lock bags.
 - Step stool, glider rocker, plastic storage units, high chairs, bedding (twin and crib), cribs, toddler beds, suitcases with handles and wheels, wall hooks, personal care items, plastic containers (17x24x17)
 - First aid box, home safety items
 - Small toys for home visits
 - Compost, plants, bulbs, gardening tools (part of high school curriculum).
- Thank you!

CSSU Superintendent Jottings

By Brian. C. O'Regan, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Chittenden South Supervisory Union

Organizations are established to serve a purpose with the purpose often stated in the form of a mission statement. The Chittenden South Supervisory Union during the past several years has been seeking to clarify its role and purpose relative to the six school districts that make-up CSSU: Charlotte, Hinesburg, St. George, Shelburne, Williston and the CVU High School District. Besides providing operational support services to each of the member school districts, CSSU is driven by a mission to ensure the personal and academic growth of all students. To that end, let me address two important elements of



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Academic Achievement

This past spring, each of our schools boards adopted the CSSU Curriculum Frameworks – a standards-based curriculum document that serves as the foundation for local curriculum and instruction. The Frameworks represent common goals, instructional practices and assessments across CSSU, an articulated pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 pathway for students. Developed by CSSU curriculum committees comprised of professional educators from all of our schools, the documents are based on a combination of national and state standards. These Frameworks are also aligned with the latest version of Vermont's Grade Expectations. A parent handbook summarizing the Frameworks is available through your local principal's office or at CSSU (383-1234).

Each curriculum document addresses three critical elements: curriculum (What do we want students to know and be able to do?); instruction (What are the key instructional elements and best practice that support student learning?); and assessment (How will we know our students have met the learning outcomes?).

A full version of the Frameworks is available on-line at <http://www.cssu.org/curriculum/curriculumframeworks.htm>.

In our attempt to coordinate our elementary school programs with the high school, we look forward to implementation of common frameworks. I applaud the efforts of CSSU's Curriculum Director and all of the teachers and principals who helped shape these documents.

Additionally, we continue to use student assessments to improve instruction and to measure the effectiveness of school programs. CSSU participates in assessments required in the Vermont Accountability System as well as in a number of local assessments included in the CSSU Comprehensive Assessment Plan. Given the new Frameworks, curriculum committees are in the process developing common assessments which will assess student performance against local curriculum. The federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) has required Vermont to modify the state assessment and accountability system. The New England Comprehensive Assessment Plan (NECAP) will be administered each fall, beginning in 2006, to all students in Grades 3 through 8 in math, reading and writing.

More information along with specific performance data is included in Ms. Cole's CSSU Assessment Profile (October, 2004) as well as on-line at the CSSU web site: <http://www.cssu.org/curriculum/studentassessment.htm>.

School Safety

In the spring of 2004, the legislature enacted Act 117 requiring "bullying" prevention policies in all schools. Addressing issues of bullying and harassment of students is not a new concern at any of our schools. Staff are vigilant in their efforts to be attentive to situations that suggest either of these behaviors is occurring. Additionally education efforts continue to ensure adults and students are informed about standards of expectations as well as the implications of bullying and harassment – to the victims, the perpetrators and the witnesses. We also recognize that these behaviors do occur and that silence can sometimes be the response.

Ensuring that all students are safe is a priority at all of our schools. Our schools and staff will continue to monitor school climate, respond to inappropriate behaviors and actively create a school environment that is respectful and tolerant. All of our staff were privileged to experience some of the work done by the CVU World of Difference student group that has received statewide recognition for their work around tolerance and respect. In *And Words Can Hurt Forever* authors James Gabarino and Ellen deLara address a range of issues parents might find informative about changes in a child or adolescent's behavior that may be attributable to bullying and harassment.

Any concerns you have regarding your child's safety should be communicated to your child's teacher or guidance counselor. Thanks for reading.



The Two Best Things about Nursery School
(We're All Agreed)

By Deirdre Gladstone

A nighttime ritual for our three year old is to review his "love me" list, which involves reciting names of everyone dear to his heart. Making the top-five list consistently are 'Von and Nat'lie, also known as Yvonne Epstein and Natalie Miller, his Hinesburg Nursery School teachers.

By the end of the first day of school, Ryan had already decided that they were two special people in his life. The extent of his devotion comes as no surprise to parents of children currently enrolled or to past alums. We feel immensely lucky to have Yvonne and Natalie in our school and want you to learn more about these two very special Hinesburg neighbors.

Yvonne (our Director) moved to Lincoln Hill in the seventies and started with the nursery school in 1980. Her husband David is a self-employed jeweler and was able to care for their small girls while Yvonne taught. Of course, eventually they went to school with Mom every day!

Yvonne and her family treasure the friendships they have made over the years with H.N.S. families. When I asked how she found the energy to do this job every day, she talked about how it was such a joy and privilege to be with our children (and she really means it!). Even her 25 year old daughter acknowledged via a recent e-mail how lucky her mother was to love her job so.

Yvonne has a Bachelor's in Education from New Jersey and also works as a librarian at the Community School on Monday evenings.

Natalie Miller has been with the school for 15 years, beginning as a parent of two girls, then becoming involved with the board as Fundraising Chair, Vice President, and then President. After that there was nowhere to go but get a job as a teacher, so she did! And for thirteen years she and Yvonne have



Yvonne Epstein and Natalie Miller, shown here with some of Hinesburg's cutest preschoolers, share over 35 years of experience in early childhood education.

made a fantastic team.

Natalie has also taught parent education for the Extension Service and for Prevent Child Abuse in Vermont. She currently spends her non-nursery time as a Life Coach for folks who desire guidance in creating an awareness of their lives and

where they want to go (which is, it could be argued, what she does with our kids as well). In addition to all of this, she teaches at home, too, home schooling her daughters.

Where are they now?

Did you know Barry Washburn, Assistant Store Manager at Lantman's, is a Hinesburg Nursery School alum? As is his wife Sarah, now a Case Manager for COTS, who started at HNS a few years later. Barry was one of Yvonne's first students and both of them still think highly of each other.

On the other end of the spectrum is recently graduated Harrison Mead, kindergartener, who speaks warmly of the best parts of his nursery school experience—recess and digging for "coal" for a whole year in the sandbox. And, yeah, 'Von and Nat'lie are pretty great in his eyes, too.

Are you a Hinesburg Nursery School alum? Or do you know one? We would love to keep in touch with you and to hear what you are up to now. Please email Jen Bradford at jbradford@gmavt.net and let us know where you are and what you're doing. Until then ...

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Hinesburg Friends of Families Update

By Stephanie Murray

Hinesburg Playgroup

Come join us every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. Playgroup is FREE and open to all children ages birth to five years accompanied by an adult. We follow the school calendar. Hope to see you there! For information, call Stephanie at 453-3038.

Friends of Families Programs

Hinesburg Friends of Families is a non-profit organization comprised of community volunteers. We sponsor the following programs: Kindergarten Connection (held in May), Welcome Baby Visits (year round), Welcome Baby Tea (held in May), Mother Goose programs (one in fall, one in spring), Playgroups (held on Wednesdays), Nurturing Parent Program (October-February), New Residents Welcome Bag (new initiative) and various special topic nights.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help out at various times during the year or with special projects. Small stipends are available. Please call Stephanie Murray at 453-3038 to learn more about becoming a Hinesburg Friends of Families volunteer.

Organizations Hinesburg Community Resource Center - FOODSHELF

By Doug Gunnerson, Treasurer

Thank you, thank you, and thank you very much for your continued generosity. We had another very busy, record-setting year for the Foodshelf. We are very grateful and appreciate all the help from our residents and friends for support of the Hinesburg Foodshelf. We received many cash gifts and donations that have helped us to provide for our neighbors at a difficult time.



Members of the Hinesburg 4-H Club, under the guidance of 4-H Leader Sandy White, participated in a gardening project over the past summer. As part of the project, the group planted carrots and potatoes, and donated the crop to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. When the produce was delivered, Food Shelf organizers Doug and Nancy Gunnerson gave the 4-Hers a tour and explained the important function of the Food Shelf. Pictured are: (kneeling left to right) Alice Reed and Doug Gunnerson; (standing left to right) Katrina Wilson, Nancy Gunnerson, Nick Blumen and Kristin Blumen.

We are serving an average of 50 families per month, and the grocery bill is running over \$1,000 each month. We give out over 2,000 pounds per month—that averages out to about 40 pounds per family. An average box costs about \$20 plus the grocery and produce donations we receive through the drop boxes at our local churches and Lantman's.

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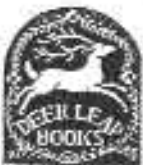
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Lastly, if we can assist you please stop in, or call during the week. We are open every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the rear entrance of the United Church.

Register for Master Gardener Basic Course

Registration for 2005 Vermont Master Gardener Basic Course is now underway. The University of Vermont Extension non-credit course is offered at locations throughout Vermont only once each year and fills quickly.

It is an intensive, introductory course that covers the fundamentals of home gardening and plant and soil science basics. Training focuses on a variety of horticultural topics, such as vegetable and flower gardening, botany, landscape design basics, soils, plant diseases, lawns, entomology, invasive plants, and more. University of Vermont faculty and experts within Vermont's horticultural industry teach these classes. Certified Master Gardener volunteers assist students at each classroom.

Students who wish to earn Vermont Certified Master Gardener status are required to fulfill a Volunteer Internship upon completion of this Basic Course. Volunteer Interns put their classroom knowledge to work on Master Gardener community education projects. Certified Master Gardeners are eligible for advanced gardening workshops and tours to stay up-to-date on horticultural research, learn and practice techniques like garden design, and have the opportunity to network with advanced gardeners, UVM faculty, and industry professionals.

The course will be offered Tuesday evenings, February 1 to May 10, 2005, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Vermont Interactive Television sites in Bennington, Brattleboro, Burlington, Johnson, Lyndon, Middlebury, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, Waterbury, White River Jct. and Williston.

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October Sky – The Sequel Cub Scouts Pack 691 Rocket Launch

Once again the unpredictable autumn weather of Vermont forced the use of a "rain date" for the Cub Scout Pack 691 Rocket Launch. "Wind date" may be a more appropriate title for the delay. Had we held the event on our originally scheduled date, I suspect many of our rockets would have landed in St. George or perhaps even Williston. The delay did nothing to dampen the excitement of the boys and our "wind date" (Saturday, October 23) was a warm and calm fall day at the CVU Space Center.

Scouts were provided a model rocket kit that required assistance and guidance from an adult to build. Some scouts worked on their rockets during weekly den meetings with adult leaders and others with a parent at home. What a great feeling to launch a rocket, that you built, hundreds of feet in the air and then watch it safely (most of the time) parachute to earth. The rockets have cargo areas

so that pieces needed to build the international space station can be carried to space. Well, okay, maybe not pieces of the space station, but many other objects, such as eggs, model cars, bugs and even scout neckerchiefs were launched into space. Each boy was able to place his rocket on the launch pad, help attach the ignition wires and then finally 5,4,3,2,1...press the launch button and send his rocket hundreds of feet into the sky. I'm not sure whose smiles were brighter, the boys' or the parents', as they watched the rocket hiss into the sky and then drift to the ground.

We would like to thank the Hinesburg community for support of the Cub Scout program. Our recent popcorn sale, helped to raise funds needed to supply the boys with rocket kits and pay for this event. Please watch for our Christmas tree sale, behind town hall on December 4, 5, 11, and 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All trees will be \$15 with all money collected going to support Cub Scout Pack 691 in Hinesburg. Thank you.

Cub Scout Pack 691 Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Thanks to a generous donation from a Hinesburg family, Pack 691 will be selling Christmas trees this year to support our town's Cub Scout program. We will be located behind Town Hall with all trees for sale at \$15.

Trees will be available for sale on Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, and Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Hailed as one of *Time Magazine's* Ten Best of Theater 2001, *The Drawer Boy* is the funny, touching story of Morgan and Angus, Canadian farmers and lifelong friends who served together during World War II.

When Miles, a young actor from the city, comes to live with the two bachelors to research a play, he stumbles upon a painful memory locked in the mind of one man which ultimately opens the heart of them all.

Heartbreak and levity mix in this award-winning play about storytelling and how it is woven into the fabric of our lives. *The Drawer Boy* was written by Michael Healy and is directed by the Vermont Stage Artistic Director, Mark Nash. Mark is a former resident of Hinesburg and attended local schools. Performances will be at the Flynn Space in Burlington December 1-12. The play hours are Wednesday through Saturday at 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday Matinee at 2:00 p.m. For tickets, call 86-Flynn.

VSO to bring Two Virtuosos to Flynn

December 4 marks the first time in the seventy-year history of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra that three of the world's leading classical performers have graced the stage at the same time. Burlington's Flynn Center will host world-renowned pianists Leon Fleisher and his wife Katherine Jacobson, and violinist Jaime Laredo, as the VSO presents an "All Mozart" evening beginning with Musically Speaking at 7:00 p.m.

"Fleisher is an unparalleled pianist," said VSO Executive Director Alan Jordan. "His story is one of great human triumph over adversity." Fleisher's story, one that includes two Grammy nominations, began at age eight with his first public recital. In 1944 at the age of 16, Mr. Fleisher made his debut with the New York Philharmonic. In 1964, his career was

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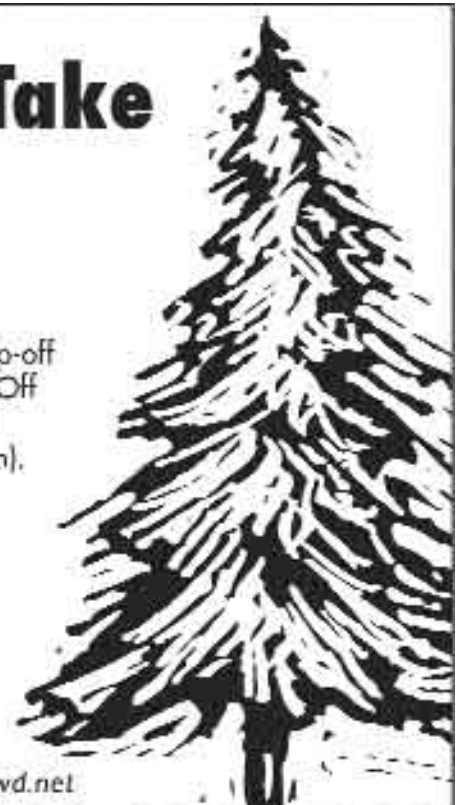
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interrupted by the onset of a debilitating ailment affecting his right hand, later diagnosed as focal dystonia.

During the intervening years, Fleisher devoted his musical career to work as a teacher, to conducting and, eventually, to the left-hand alone piano literature. His performances and recordings of the repertoire for the left hand, beginning in the 1980's, won him immediate critical and popular acclaim. It was in 1995, at a concert with the Cleveland Orchestra, that Mr. Fleisher was able to play the Mozart Concerto in A Major successfully with both hands again. He now performs both the left-hand repertoire and select works for two hands.

Jaime Laredo, Music Director of the VSO and friend of Mr. Fleisher, will conduct and play the violin in Mozart's Serenade No. 7, excerpts from "Haffner". Fleisher will also join his wife, fellow pianist Katherine Jacobson, on Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos, K. 242. Mozart's Symphony No. 35 will round out the evening's program.

The December 4 concert is the second of the VSO's five concert Masterworks series. The VSO's opening night concert was sold out, and has led to a release of additional subscriptions so that patrons who want to see some of the outstanding programming in its 70th Anniversary season won't be left out.

"Enthusiasm for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra is at an all time high," continues Jordan. "We have put together a limited number of subscription packages for the final four concerts that we feel will help our patrons secure their seats right into spring." There are less than 150 special subscriptions available for this and the three other concerts at Burlington's Flynn Center. For information on this offer, please call the VSO at (802) 864-5741 ext. 10 or visit us at www.vso.org.

Amateur Musicians Orchestra Presents Free Annual Concert Final Performance with David Gusakov as Conductor

The Amateur Musicians Orchestra (AMO) presents its annual December Concert on Tuesday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the Elley-Long Recital Hall at Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Get out, celebrate the season, and enjoy some wonderful music performed by your friends, neighbors, and colleagues from across the region in their last concert with David Gusakov leading the group.

The program features a variety of pieces including: Tragic Overture by Johannes Brahms; Du und Du Walzer aus der Operette, Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss; March of the Nutcracker by Tchaikowsky; Feuerfest by Josef Strauss; Alleghany Holiday by Benjamin Husted; and Three Dances from the opera "The Bartered Bride" by Smetana.

Admission is free and all are welcomed to enjoy the music and share in refreshments immediately following the concert, at which time orchestra members are available for socializing.

AMO means "love" and AMO members love music. The more than 35 members are diverse in background, including students, social workers, writers, doctors, businesspeople, teachers, and more. Additionally, members come from as far as East Calais and Middlebury.

David Gusakov, violinist with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, conducts the group and will leave the group after this performance to focus on his work with the Vermont Youth Orchestra and the Middlebury Philharmonic Orchestra.

Music selection varies each season. Past composers have included Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Copland, Gershwin, and others. The community orchestra always welcomes new members in all sections, especially brass, strings, winds, and percussion. Players of all abilities and experience are welcome and no auditions are required.

Rehearsals are each Tuesday evening in the Music Room at South Burlington High School. For the next season, rehearsals will begin on January 11, at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. A cost of \$6 per week or \$60 for 12 weeks is requested to offset the cost of the conductor, music, and meeting space. For more information, please contact: Allyson Brown at (802)985-9750 or Email: chocal@aol.



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NAMES In The NEWS

Emma Bast Named Athlete of Week

Emma Bast, daughter of Robert Bast and Laura Carlsmith of Hinesburg, was recently named Athlete of the Week at Kent School.

Head Coach Michelle O'Brien recently said of Emma Bast, "No one's work ethic could match Emma's all season, and she was the runner who really kept the team strong." At New Englands, held at Canterbury, Bast beat her Canterbury course record by a minute in snowy conditions. Said O'Brien, "She has excelled in every workout and meet, and she never gave us less than her absolute best. She will be sorely missed next season."

Kent School is an independent boarding school located in the northwest corner of Connecticut. It enrolls boys and girls from the United States and around the world in grades nine through twelve and the post-graduate level.

Kohut Assists in Student Life

Mary Kohut, daughter of Eileen Crawford of Hinesburg and William Kohut of Morgantown, was named a resident assistant for the office of student life at Saint Michael's College for the 2004-2005 academic year. Kohut is a sophomore journalism major at the liberal arts residential Catholic college located in Colchester. She attended Champlain Valley Union High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Resident assistants are selected from the entire Saint Michael's undergraduate student population on the basis of faculty and staff recommendations. They display excellent leadership abilities, maturity and likelihood of being good role models for their peers. As a resident assistant, Kohut lives in a campus residence hall and is readily available to help students. She oversees and provides guidance as needed or requested for 40 to 50 student residents of the hall.

Kohut also organizes educational programs, guest speakers, and peer guidance programs for residents of the hall. Supervised by a resident director, she is a paraprofessional official of the college working closely with the residence-life office. Resident assistants work to support and implement the objectives, policies, and regulations of the Saint Michael's College office of residence life.

Births

Kenneth and Heather (Way) Fitzgerald are the parents of a baby boy, Daniel Landon Way Fitzgerald, born September 26 at the Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) in Burlington.

children’s sermon.
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., Osborne Parish House.
Senior Meal Site: Every Friday (except first week of each month) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.
December:
3: 7:00 p.m., Youth Movie Overnight
5: Holy Communion
9: Well-ness Study Group at the Parsonage
11: Women’s Union Breakfast and Gift Sharing
19: Sunday School Pageant
21: 7:00 pm Committees and Church Administrative Council
24: 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Worship
24: 10:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
27: Salvation Army Meal

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Elders: Michael Breer, Rolly Delfausse and David Russell
Communication Coordinator: Danielle Bluteau
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Email: staff@hinesburgcma.org
Web: www.hinesburgcma.org
Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVU High School)
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September – May
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Women’s Group: Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.
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For locations and more information on any of the ministries, please call the church.

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Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart
Church Phone: 482-2588
Home Phone: 482-2588
E-mail: lighthousevt@altavista.com
Web Site: www.LBCvt.homestead.com
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Senior News

Living with Dementia

Three-part workshop

December 6, 7, and 9
Whitney Hill Homestead - Williston
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Designed for family members
\$2.00 per person
Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association
Registration or questions, call (802) 229-1022

Tell Me a Story

Local Celebrities Share Holiday Stories at ECHO

Vermont leaders in politics, sports and business are visiting ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain to share personal holiday experiences and read holiday stories to guests of all ages, in ECHO’s Community Room from noon to 1:00 p.m. during the week of December 18.
As part of ECHO’s Make a Piece, “Give a Piece, Spread the Peace” holiday program, this storytelling series highlights family and oral history. “Make a Piece, Give a Piece, Spread the Peace” was inspired by ECHO’s newest traveling exhibit, Amazing Feats of Aging, and is a compilation of community giving and family activities that are fun for all generations.
The Amazing Feats of Aging, a traveling exhibit by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, explores the mysteries of why and how animals, including humans, age. This exhibit is sponsored locally by Elder Care Services at Fletcher Allen Health Care, the University Of Vermont College Of Medicine and the UVM Area Health Education Centers and will be at ECHO until January 9, 2005.

Make a Piece, Give a Piece, Spread the Peace

ECHO celebrates families and community giving this season as it kicks off its holiday activity campaign, Make a Piece, Give a Piece, Spread the Peace.
ECHO staff, board of directors, volunteers and their families will gather at ECHO at One College Street in Burlington with new socks, hats and mittens, used coats and

non-perishable food items to kick off the Give a Piece portion of ECHO’s holiday activities.

Give a Piece

ECHO is a community drop-off location for much needed winter apparel (new socks, hats, and mittens and used coats) and non-perishable food donations. ECHO is coordinating the distribution of these donations to the Salvation Army and COTS (Committee on Temporary Shelter). The general public is welcomed and encouraged to add their donations to the ECHO Give a Piece collection bins located in the lobby.

Make a Piece

Guests of all ages are invited to Make a Piece for the holiday season too! Children of all ages can visit ECHO’s craft room to make a holiday gift for their loved ones and wrap it in their own handmade wrapping paper. The craft room will be open daily during the school vacation weeks of December 18 – 23 and December 26-31, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
All guests are invited to add their admission bracelets to the ECHO Give a Piece collection tanks to create a community work of art. Families who visit ECHO are encouraged to have their photo taken and add it to the Coat of Many Colors Community Collage located near the Amazing Feats of Aging exhibit.

Spread the Peace

Bring the whole family to hear holiday memories and books read by Vermont leaders in politics, sports and business from noon to 1:00 p.m. on December 18-23.
Donations to Vermont’s needy residents, gifts and messages to loved ones, and time spent enjoying family are all goals of ECHO’s Make a Piece, Give a Piece, Spread the Peace campaign. Please take part!

Call Center, Safe Return Program Aid Alzheimer Families

A recent national survey released by the Alzheimer’s Association shows that 13 percent of American adults have cared for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease, and one in ten are currently serving as an Alzheimer caregiver. According to the National Institutes of Health, an estimated 4.5 million Americans are afflicted with Alzheimer’s disease today. More than 70 percent of these patients live at home where they are cared for by friends and family.
Through its network of 81 chapters across the country, the Alzheimer’s Association provides support, information and assistance to the millions of Americans and their families whose lives are affected by this disease. As part of 2004’s National Alzheimer’s Disease Month, the Alzheimer’s Association urges families in need to contact the Association’s 24/7 Nationwide

Contact Center Helpline (1-800-272-3900) and to consider registering those loved ones who have exhibited wandering behaviors with the Association’s Safe Return program.
“Alzheimer’s has a devastating effect not only on the person diagnosed with the disease, but also on the friends and family who care for them. The Alzheimer’s Association is reaching out to those 4.5 million Americans and their families,” said Pam Smith of the Alzheimer’s Association of Vermont and New Hampshire. “We are here to offer hope, support and practical advice, whether you are trying to understand a recent diagnosis or you and your family have been dealing with the disease for some time.”
The Alzheimer’s Association Nationwide Contact Center serves caregivers, people with memory loss, health care professionals and the public in understanding memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. The Contact Center offers education on medications and other treatment options, information on how to provide quality care and find the best care from professionals, assistance in making legal, financial and living-arrangement decisions, and provides referrals to local community programs for additional support. The Center’s master’s level clinicians provide confidential care consultation, decision-making support, crisis assistance and education on issues families face every day.
The Alzheimer’s Association’s Safe Return Program can also help those families concerned about their loved ones wandering or becoming lost. Since the program began in 1993, almost 110,000 individuals have registered and the program has helped make possible the safe and timely return of more than 9,500 individuals to their loved ones. Safe Return is a national, government-funded program of the Alzheimer’s Association and is the only nationwide program of its kind.
For more information about available services, please contact the Alzheimer’s Association at (800)272-3900, or contact your local chapter at (800)536-8864 or (802)229-1022.

Foster Grandparent Program

Experience every day the love and wonder of children eager to tell you their special stories.
At local schools or daycares, Foster Grandparents become friends and mentors with children. Connect with kids by sharing experiences, supporting learning, and offering encouragement.
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For more information, call Patti Meyer at 802-651-5360.

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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.
December
19: Christmas Program, 10:30 a.m.
24: Candlelight Service, 6:00 p.m.
31: New Year’s Eve Service
Family fun night, prayer service

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Pastor: Reverend David Cray, S.S.E.
Pastoral Residence: 425-2637, email: dcsse@aol.com
Parish Office: 482-2290, email: StJude@wcvr.com
Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, 482-7254
Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, email: marietcookson@aol.com
Parish Bookkeeper: Kathy Malzac, 453-5393
Parish Council Chair: Roger Donegan, 482-2017
Finance Council Chair: Jane Clifford, 453-3810
Weekend Masses:
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church,
Hinesburg.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Church, Charlotte
Weekday Masses:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church
Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Church, Charlotte
Communion: If you or someone you know would like to
receive Holy Communion but are unable to make it to the
weekend masses, please call Parish Office, 482-2290.
Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment.
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six
months in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St.
Jude Church.
Coordinators for Religious Education: Kathy Malzac, 452-
5393; Marie Cookson, 434-4782
Religious Education: Mondays: 7:30 p.m. for Grade K-8;
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. for Grade K-8; Confirmation Class.
AA Meeting: Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mt.
Carmel Church, Charlotte
Food Shelf: Parishioners are asked to be generous in bringing
canned and dried food for the needy.
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule:
Children’s Mass: Friday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. at OLMC
in Charlotte.
Children’s Mass: Friday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m. at St Jude
in Hinesburg.
Midnight Mass: Friday, December 24 at 9:00 p.m. at St. Jude.
Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. at
OLMC.

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: December 21. Call 482-5319
for information, or drop in to a meeting.

Other News

VT Author Explores Biodiesel

As eyebrows rise across the country at the increasing
prices of oil, propane, and natural gas, Vermont author Greg
Pahl has an idea on how to grow a new energy economy. This
January, Pahl introduces *Biodiesel*, a vital examination of the
political, economic, and environmental possibilities of
homegrown fuel.

Says Bill McKibben: “Pahl is a visionary, but a visionary
with his feet firmly planted in the soil. May his vision flower,
and soon!”

Greg Pahl, a full-time freelance journalist and author of
Natural Home Heating, has been covering energy and the
environment for over twenty years.

He has carefully researched the history of biofuels and
stands well-prepared to assess their future. In Biodiesel, he
looks critically at the fuel-producing potential of a variety of
feedstocks, including exotic palm oil, local canola oil, used
cooking oil, and algae. Pahl shows how biodiesel production
could provide for more than 20% of our diesel fuel needs, and
carefully outlines ways we can dramatically reduce our
dependence on foreign oil.

For more information on Biodiesel including press release,
cover image, and sample chapters, please visit our electronic
press kit at <http://www.chelseagreen.com/media/biodiesel>.

Addison County Career Fair Coming Soon

Save the Date! The Fifth Annual Career/Job Fair is just
around the corner and we are moving back to Middlebury
College’s Nelson Arena. On Tuesday, February 1, 2005 we
anticipate holding our biggest and best fair ever. This year a
new job fair component will be added to the event.

The Addison County Business Education Partnership, a
division of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, once
again hosts this year’s event. A variety of local businesses,
colleges, representatives from the military, service
organizations, trade associations and Hannaford Career Center
programs will have booths at the fair.

Students from at least ten area schools, including Essex
County in New York, will be invited to attend. The Career Fair
is open to the general public and we encourage anyone
interested to stop by and participate.

We anticipate a growth in the number of businesses
exhibiting this year with the inclusion of the Job Fair segment
of the program. Also, since we are not conflicting with school
vacations this year, we are anticipating 600+ students in
attendance as well as adults seeking job opportunities.

The fair committee is planning to host several workshops
that will be held throughout the day. One of the workshops will
be geared toward the student population, another will be
directed towards adults attending the event and another will be
an A.R.T. performance by the students of the Patricia A
Hannaford Career Center showing the right and wrong way to
go about getting a job. The A.R.T. performances at prior years’
Career Fairs have been presented to a standing room only
crowd.

Anyone interested in having a booth at the fair or in
attending, should contact Patricia King of the Addison County
Business Education Partnership located at the Addison County
Chamber of Commerce, 2 Court Street, Middlebury, VT 05753
or you can call her at 802-388-7951.

Craft School Gears up for Opportunities


Autumn brings two new hires to the Shelburne Craft
School (SCS).

Samantha Sellers joined SCS in September and has
already made a positive impact with managing the school’s
daily operations. Ms. Sellers is the Assistant to SCS’ Director,
Judy Raven. A Saint Michael’s College alumna, Ms. Sellers
spent the last few years working in the non-profit world, most
notably for the Vermont Chapter of the American Diabetes
Association and the National Cancer Association. Ms. Sellers
is an experienced quilter and seamstress with a strong affinity
for working with fabric to create art. Ms. Sellers recently
bought a home in Winooski.

The school has also taken on a new Development
Coordinator, Monica Taylor. Ms. Taylor has ten years
experience in marketing within the for-profit world. Some of
the businesses where she has honed her skills include various
educational publishing companies, a semiconductor
manufacturing company, several restaurants, and most
recently, a medical software company.

In working towards realizing SCS’ exciting development
campaign for 2005, Ms. Taylor will work closely with the
Director, the Board, and staff to continue to discover ways in
which the school may build relationships with the community
and make art available to all. Ms. Taylor lives in South
Burlington with husband and daughter.


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A Dean's Apology— and New Advice

By Joe Bellavance,
Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid,
Nichols College (Dudley, MA)

To many people the college admissions process is overwhelming. In my capacity as the Dean I have always tried to emphasize the process as a series of simple, logical steps. Just follow a simple "to do" checklist and you'll be fine. Or so I thought until my own son started his college search. Now, having completed my first official search as a father, I must confess how ignorant I was and apologize to the thousands of parents I've spoken with during the last fifteen years.

A few years ago, when he was a high school sophomore, my son brought home a "less than stellar" report card. Clearly, he wasn't working up to his potential. As a concerned parent, I tried to emphasize the importance of good grades. After all, who wants to see average grades narrow their child's college opportunities? Imagine my shock when he said, "Dad, don't worry about it; they don't look at your quarter grades, just your final grades!"

I looked at this seemingly bright young man and asked myself, "Does he really think he knows more about the college admissions process than I do?" So I did what most parents do in this situation—I panicked. It was at this very moment I realized two things: 1) I was no longer "the Dean;" I was "Dad," and 2) this process is not logical, it's more like bull riding!

You see—the goal of every bull rider is to ride his/her bull. As parents, our job is very similar. We are sometimes required to "ride" our child during the admissions process. The problem is neither the bull nor the child want to be ridden. This inevitably creates the drama and suspense that makes bull riding so exciting to observe. The only difference is parenting a child through the admission process lasts much longer than eight seconds.

So what to do? Determined to make this a logical process, I decided to weigh my options. My first option: I could grab this bull by the horns, throw him to the ground and explain how the system works. I found this option very appealing from an emotional standpoint. But logically it didn't make sense. The bull was bigger and wasn't in the mood to be told what to do.

I decided to seek an alternate plan. We were adversaries, but maybe I could somehow convince the bull it was in his best interest to be ridden. But to do so I needed to determine the bull's strengths and weaknesses. I decided to rationalize with him, understand him, and hopefully discover a peaceful way to "ride" him.

To determine the bull's intelligence, I asked him a series of questions. Through clenched teeth I began with a simple: "Who do you think 'they' are?" This was followed by: "Do you understand that I work in admissions and I am 'they'?" My bull looked me straight in the eye and declared he knew what he was talking about and I didn't need to worry. I was an overreacting father. OK, I had just discovered my bull's weakness—he was an idiot!

As I staggered to my feet after being "thrown" that fateful day, I asked myself, "What could I possibly say to any parent who is struggling with this process? What would a rodeo coach tell someone who has been flung thirty feet through the air and slammed to the ground?" Because, at that very moment, I realized one thing: I really didn't like bull riding! In fact I wanted to turn in my chaps and quit. My new advice to parents would be: "Quit now before somebody gets hurt!"

But after mulling this thought over for a while I knew it wasn't the right advice. So I dusted myself off and continued to ride. I was thrown on numerous occasions, but with experience came knowledge. I learned the process takes many twists and turns. What appeared to be a very uncooperative teenager was actually a scared young man unsure of how to handle the changes that were occurring.

I discovered young men, like most bulls, aren't good at communicating their feelings. A bull won't tell you it's scared, but you'll know by its behavior. They are instinctive animals and when frightened they'll kick wildly at everything around them. The bull shouldn't be blamed for throwing its rider; it's just acting on instinct. Instead it's better to recognize the root of the behavior may be the result of fear.

As the intelligent part of this team, I realized I was responsible for initiating communication. Of course initiating conversations about feelings isn't typically a strength most fathers have either; especially when that father is the Dean of Admissions and holds a warped view that life is a series of logical processes. But after getting tossed a few times I was willing to try anything. So I started a conversation by sharing my own fears about the changes that were occurring and what it meant for our relationship. This inspired him to share some of his anxiety as well.

As it turned out we were both feeling scared about what this process symbolized. It represented changes that were coming. We both realized life was going to be different and we were struggling with what that meant. We were worried about how our relationship would change, how the family dynamics would be different, and what our roles would be when he was away at college. After sharing our fears and acknowledging changes were coming, suddenly the process seemed easier. We were able to focus on the positive aspects of this change and look forward to him attending college. All of this from a single meaningful conversation with my son. Go figure!

To think it only took fifteen years (and one son) to change my perception of my work. And just in time too, because number two graduates from high school this year and my body is still aching from the first bull ride.

The Hinesburg Record

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For Additional Information,
call Jeanne Kundell Wilson at 482-2096**

Monday, December 6, 2004

Public Works

Highway Department - 7:15 PM
Wastewater Treatment - 7:45 PM
Water Supply - 8:00 PM

Public Safety

Police Department - 8:15 PM
Animal Control
E-9-1-1
Fire Department - 8:30 PM
Fire Warden

Monday, January 3, 2005

Overview - 7:15 PM

Review of Capital Budget
Review of Special Articles
Expenditures
Revenues
Growth in Grand List
Municipal Tax Rate Projection

Monday, December 20, 2004

Land Use - 7:15 PM

Listers
Planning Commission
Development Review Board

Fixed Costs

Debt Service
County Tax
Retirement
Group Health Insurance
Unemployment Compensation
Liability Insurance
Recycling, Landfill Closure

Monday, January 17, 2005

Overview - 7:15 PM

Finalize Warning & Articles
Finalize Capital Budget
Finalize Expenditure Summary
Finalize Revenue Summary
Finalize Growth in Grand List
Finalize Tax Rate Projection



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Raven Presentation and Silent Auction to benefit the Jericho Underhill Land Trust

Winter is coming. Are you interested in a Bash Badge at Smuggler's Notch? A day pass for two at Catamount Family Center? Four half-hour figure skating lessons with Grayce Lombard of the Vermont Skating Club?

Do you prefer the lake to the mountains? Would you like a chartered cruise for four on the sloop Friend Ship next summer? Prefer the air? What about a ride in a hot air balloon courtesy of Above Reality, Inc.? These and other great items will be available at the Jericho Underhill Land Trust's Silent Auction on December 4 at Underhill Town Hall with all proceeds going toward the purchase of Casey's Hill in Underhill.

If the auction isn't enough to grab your attention, there will be a slide show on ravens from internationally renowned author/naturalist/artist/professor Bernd Heinrich. Author of *Winter World*, *The Geese at Beaver Bog*, *The Mind of the Raven* and *Ravens in Winter*, Dr. Heinrich has devoted years to studying these fascinating birds. As one reviewer noted, although "Heinrich is analytically objective in his research, the quintessential scientist... his experiments can be as improvisational as jazz." Among the more interesting findings in his long-term studies are that ravens "crave potato chips, fear ostrich eggs,... enjoy puckishly pulling the tails of hawks, as well as engaging in such games as hanging by one foot, shredding a beer can, stuffing tennis balls into tubes, 'king of the bathtub,' and drop-the-rock-on-the-dog."

While watching Dr. Heinrich's slide show and listening to his fascinating studies of these intelligent birds, you should also keep an eye on our silent auction table. Want to take a walk in the woods? Nationally recognized naturalist and habitat specialist Sue Morse has donated a "Critters for Christmas" walk. Think you'd like to eat and walk at the same time? Long-time Backpacker Magazine writer/editor Michele Morris is offering a catered hike. Want to get away for the weekend? We're offering a weekend at a beautiful camp at Lake Seymour. Wondering what to do with your pets while you're away? We've got a weekend of pet care for your dog and/or horse while you're relaxing at camp. Combine that with a coupon for pet grooming from The Grooming Place.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of Casey's Hill, a recreational jewel in the shadow of Mount Mansfield, which has been the premier sliding location in eastern Chittenden County for generations. The hill is so beloved that the residents of Underhill have already voted to appropriate \$20,000 toward the purchase price. And since Casey's is a sliding hill, we've got a Mad River Rocket sled to auction off. We've also got artwork from local artists like Dianne Shullenberger and Kara

Jameson, stained glass from Casey McMains, pottery from Mimi Mathieu, a George Scatchard lamp, jewelry from Bill Butler, cooking lessons and a gift basket from It's Arthur's Fault, a chiropractic evaluation and adjustment from Mary Kintner, two hours of harp playing by Evergreen Erb for that romantic dinner you've been planning, clothing and gear from ISIS, Rossignol and Ski Rack and much, much more.

So come to Underhill Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 4. Check out our website at jult.org for more information or contact Livy Strong at (802) 899-2693 or livy@jult.org.

Vermont Youth Orchestra LIVE at Carnegie Hall CD on Sale Now

The Vermont Youth Orchestra, recorded LIVE at Carnegie Hall in New York on September 14, is now available for purchase!

This recording is made possible thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Radio Vermont Group. In August 2004, they broadcast a live fundraising "Radio-Thon" from the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College. Over a ten-hour time span, the Radio-Thon garnered over \$30,000 in proceeds that directly supported both the VYO trip to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall, and this memorable, broadcast-quality recording.

The CD consists of the VYO performing works by David Gunn, Thomas Read, Ernest Stires, Troy Peters, David Ludwig and Trey Anastasio. It also includes the encore piece "Flock of Words" sung by Trey Anastasio, VYO alumna Hannah Gephart, and accompanied by current VYO member and pianist Cathryn Gaylord.

Get your copy of the Vermont Youth Orchestra's "Live From New York" CD today. The cost to purchase the CD is \$15 (plus \$2 shipping). Order by contacting the VYOA office at 802-655-5030 or info@vyo.org.

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Saturday, December 4:

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Monday, December 6:

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

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

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

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

Hinesburg Community School PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m., Wainer Learning Center

Tuesday, December 7:

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

Wednesday, December 8:

Hanukkah

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

Thursday, December 9:

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

Monday, December 13:

CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 105, CVU.

Tuesday, December 14:

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 15:

Planning Commission meeting scheduled for today at 7:30 p.m. has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on January 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office.

Thursday, December 16:

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.

Monday, December 20:

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

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

Tuesday, December 21:

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

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

Wednesday December 22:

First day of Winter

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

Thursday, December 23:

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

Friday, December 24:

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 25:

Christmas Day

Monday, December 27:

CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 105, CVU.

Tuesday, December 28:

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

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

Friday, December 31:

New Year's Eve

Saturday, January 1:

New Year's Day

Monday, January 3:

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, January 4:

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

Wednesday, January 5:

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

Thursday, January 6:

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

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



Key To Abbreviations Used in Calendar

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

Monday, January 10:

CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 105, CVU.

News Deadline for January 29 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Advertising deadline for January 29 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Tuesday, January 11:

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 12:

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

Thursday, January 13:

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

Monday, January 17:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

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

Tuesday, January 18:

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

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

Wednesday, January 19:

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

Thursday, January 20:

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.

Monday January 24:

CVU School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 105, CVU.

Tuesday, January 25:

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.

Wednesday, January 26:

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

Thursday, January 27:

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

Saturday, January 29:

January 29 edition of The Hinesburg Record published.

Tuesday, February 1:

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

Wednesday, February 2:

Groundhog Day

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

Thursday, February 3:

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

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

Monday, February 7:

News Deadline for February 26 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Advertising deadline for February 26 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

Saturday, February 26:

February 26 edition of The Hinesburg Record published.

Regularly Scheduled Calendar Items

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2281. E-mail:

hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net. Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer.

Town Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., other hours by

appointment; Town Hall, 482-2096. E-mail:

hinesburgtown@gmavt.net. Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Administrator.

Town Planner Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619. E-mail:

hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. Alex Weinhausen Planner.

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday evenings by

appointment. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail,

hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net. Peter Erb, Administrator.

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

Hinesburg Recreation Director's Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Leave a message anytime. 482-4691. Town Hall, P. O. Box 13.

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association: For information about the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and Hinesburg businesses, check out the HBPA website at

www.hinesburgbusiness.com. HBPA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Papa Nick's

Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Eric Larson, 482-6373 for information or to make a reservation.

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Hinesburg: Beecher Hill Road at the Town Garage; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to

3:30 p.m.; 482-4840. Williston: At the end of Redmond Road; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays,

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5:00 p.m., 872-8111. CSWD website: www.cswd.net.

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays,

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Office Hours: Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You may leave

a message for Roberta Soll at 482-2878. Stephanie Murray (453-3038) is in the contact for Friends of

Families.

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

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to

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p.m., Saturdays, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Mail is dispatched from Hinesburg at 6:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and

5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, Saturdays 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Seniors Dinner: Fridays, 12:00 noon, Osborne Parish House, United Church. For reservations or transportation, call

482-2998 or leave a message at CVAA office, 865-0360.

Web Pages:

HCS: www.hcsvt.org. Learn about Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and

team web pages, calendar information etc.

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

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

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

Hinesburg Record: www.hinesburg-record.org. Contains contact information for advertising and news, publication

deadlines, submissions guidelines, town and church calendar.