

# The Hinesburg Record

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## Hinesburg Winter Carnival 2005

This year's Winter Carnival is scheduled for Friday, February 11 and Saturday, February 12. The festivities begin with an International Potluck Dinner on Friday night at St. Jude's Parish Hall. There will be a bonfire and hot chocolate after the meal.

Saturday's events take place at Hinesburg Community School. The morning starts with a three-on-three basketball tournament and the day concludes with a Dinner Cabaret Theatre. Come join in the fun. There is something for everyone to enjoy!

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, February 11 St. Jude Parish Hall

5:30 p.m. International Pot-Luck Dinner at St. Jude Parish. All are Welcome! Bring a dish to share; eat for free! Bonfire and hot chocolate after dinner.

### Saturday, February 12 Hinesburg Community School

9:00 a.m. to noon	3 on 3 B-ball tournament (show up and play!!)
9:00 to 10:30 a.m.	Ice Hockey
10:00 a.m. to noon	Dog Sled Rides
10:00 a.m. to noon	Playdough Extravaganza and Face Painting (in the cafeteria)
10:00 a.m. to noon	Snowman building contest (bring your own accessories)
10:00 a.m. to noon	Snow shoes available for free use (compliments of Sleepy Hollow)
10:30 a.m. to noon	Open Skate
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Army National Guard information and vehicles on display
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Iroquois Snow Beavers with snowmobiles on display
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Snow golf
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Broomball (on the ice rink)
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Book Reading and Signing by Ginny Joyner. Ginny is the illustrator of the children's book <i>M is for Maple Syrup</i> . The book will be available for purchase.
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	X-Country skiing along Lewis Creek guided by Colin McNaull
6:30 pm	Dinner Cabaret Theater—In memory of Ted White. Tickets on sale at the Hinesburg Recreation Office. Proceeds to benefit Hinesburg Food Shelf.

### Also look for these events during the day:

- 4-H Club bake sale & refreshments at the warming hut by the ice rink
- Iroquois Snow Beavers selling hotdogs and drinks by rear entrance to School
- Face painting in Cafeteria

## NRG Facility Wins State's Highest Architectural Award



The new NRG Systems' building has been recognized for its sophistication in breaking out "from the model of the typical metal industrial box." PHOTO BY JEFF CLARKE PHOTOGRAPHY

NRG Systems' new manufacturing facility has received the state's highest architectural award. William Maclay Architects and Planners, the architectural firm that designed NRG's facility, received the Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture from the Vermont Chapter of the American Institute of Architects' (AIA) at its annual meeting held in Burlington last week. NRG's 46,000 square foot building, one of four to be recognized for excellence in architecture, was selected from a field of 44 projects.

"It's such an honor for our building to be among the top projects in this state," said Jan Blittersdorf, president and CEO of NRG Systems, Inc. "Bill Maclay and his firm helped turn our dreams of building a healthy, functional and beautiful building into reality and it is wonderful to see his firm recognized for this."

According to AIA jury members who reviewed the projects, the NRG building "...breaks out from the model of the typical metal industrial box...so few industrial buildings reach this level of sophistication."

The \$8 million building, located in Hinesburg, is powered

primarily by renewable energy and uses just a third of the energy that conventional buildings use. Two-thirds of NRG's building electricity is supplied by a 67-kilowatt solar photovoltaic installation—the largest of its kind in Vermont. NRG is installing a 10-kilowatt wind turbine on the hillside behind its building to supplement the solar PV system. The building uses another renewable resource—wood pellets made from lumber milling waste—for its heating needs.

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

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

The architectural firm of William Maclay Architects and Planners specializes in environmental design and has received numerous awards for excellence in design and environmental innovation. The Waitsfield firm has served the New England area since 1981. The Vermont AIA, an organization of architectural design professionals, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of the built environment.

NRG Systems, owned by Charlotte residents David and Jan Blittersdorf, has grown steadily since its formation in 1982. The company has 43 employees and expects to more than double its sales within five years. For more information, visit [www.nrgsystems.com](http://www.nrgsystems.com).

## Ted's Sledding Hill Open to All

By Susan Mead

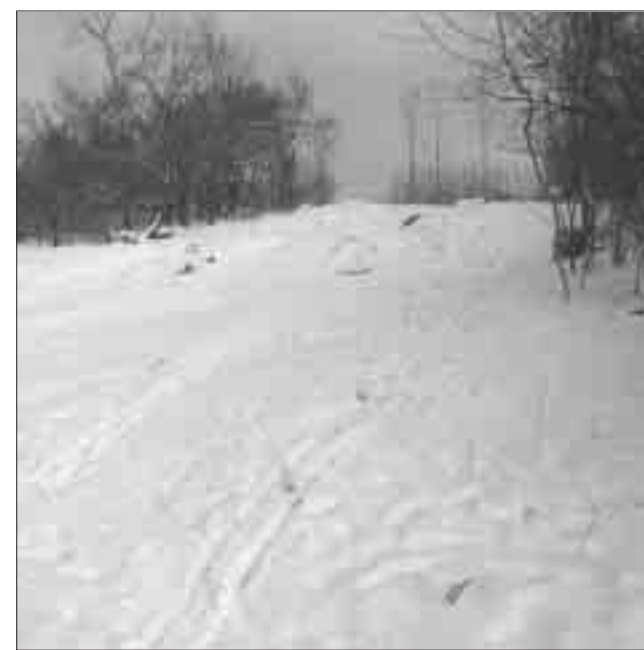
Come little kids and "big kids" alike! The Conservation Commission is very pleased to announce that "Ted's Sledding Hill" at Geprags Parks is now ready for action. Bring your sled, saucer or tube, and follow the signs from the parking lot to the top of the hill.

The sledding hill was installed at Geprags Park in honor of Ted White, a member of the Conservation Commission from 1995 to 2004, who passed away in November. Thank you, Ted, for your inspiration and leadership and for being "a big kid" at heart!

Many thanks to all the volunteers and members of the White family who contributed their time and effort in preparing the hill for safe sledding.



Work on Ted's Sledding Hill continued through mid-December as the brush pile and boulders were moved to clear the trail. PHOTO BY: JEANNE WILSON



Volunteers work hard to clear the sledding hill in honor of Ted White at Geprag's Park in late November PHOTO BY JEANNE WILSON.

## In Appreciation of Ted

It is with sadness and extreme appreciation that we share these thoughts. Ted White's passing has made the significance of community spirit rise to the top of what makes Hinesburg such a special place. Ted was the quintessential example of an engaged community member. His commitment to people as individuals and the idea of community as people connected with the land and each other was demonstrated in his enthusiastic support of the many diverse groups in town.

The Hinesburg Land Trust and the Hinesburg Artists Series as the beneficiaries of the numerous donations made in his memory are an example of his definition of community. Ted was clearly a person who thought, felt and acted with the conviction that Hinesburg was enriched when individuals were supported and encouraged to come together and share their creativity and knowledge. Whether as performing artists, conservationists, craftspeople, or parents, Ted believed that our collective and cooperative energy generates the community. His unique gift to make us each feel special as an individual gave many of us the push to reach for dreams of a community that is defined by our collective stewardship of the land and creativity as artists. The gifts in his memory will be used to support his belief that "recognizes that peace is the wholeness created by right relationships with oneself, other persons, other cultures, other life, Earth, and the larger whole of which all are a part" (quoted from the Earth Charter).

—The Hinesburg Land Trust Board

## Remembering Betty

Betty Mead McCullough died December 10, 2004 in Merced, California.

Betty was born in Burlington, Vermont on June 28, 1922 to Flora and Erle Mead of Hinesburg. She graduated from Hinesburg High School and the University of Vermont and taught in one-room schools in Hinesburg and Shelburne.

In 1947 Betty moved to California and taught school in Reedley, California. She met and married Donald McCullough. They moved to Dos Palos where they had an electric motor and parts business. Betty was predeceased by her husband, Donald; her son, Randy; her second husband, Red; sisters, Dorothy Hill and Eleanor Hart.

She is survived by her three sons, Storm, Rusty, and Gil; two daughters, Sherry and Penney; many grandchildren, nieces and nephews and her brother, Johnny, of Hinesburg.

—In loving memory by her family in Hinesburg  
Emma Mead

## Thanks from the Family of Ted White

Our family is so very grateful for the beautiful gifts of love and words of comfort we have received in remembrance of our dear Ted. The love and energy he gave to all things Hinesburg has been returned in overflowing measure from the very moment of his death and continuing with each greeting we all receive from you.

The remarkably quick and compassionate response from Hinesburg's Emergency Responders was so appreciated. It seemed only moments before their capable hands took over for me. They are a truly selfless and dedicated group of wonderful people. Hinesburg is blessed and we thank them.

A friend had, in part, this to say about Ted:

"He was a charming, ebullient and engaged man, so very much in this world. I know that God must rejoice to receive back to the source so beautiful a creation, but how I wish Ted was still here."

In our memories he still is.

With thanks,

—Johanna White

## Thank You

I wish to thank all of my family and friends for their prayers, visits, flowers, food and cards that they sent me during my recent illness.

The many telephone calls have been appreciated.

Special thanks to my family for all their help and support.

—Daisy B. Bissonette

## Howdy for Selectboard

Hinesburg is really fortunate that Howdy Russell has decided to run for selectboard in March. As most of you know, his family has lived and farmed in Hinesburg for generations. Howdy not only understands the current needs of our few



remaining farmers, he knows what has to be done to protect the vital rural character of our community; both for future farming and the future enjoyment of all residents. We are already witnessing some of our finest agricultural land being swallowed up haphazardly into subdivisions of 2 and 3 acre lots. Howdy understands that, while growth is inevitable, only controlled and well-planned growth will promote the longterm economics and healthy lifestyle of our community – while still providing a substantial return for those selling their land.

Hinesburg is at a critical time in its history. Take advantage of this important opportunity to protect our community by voting for Howdy.

—Bill Marks, resident and member of the Hinesburg Conservation Commission

## In Support of Howdy Russell for Selectboard

I am writing this letter just a few days after learning that Howdy Russell is running for the Hinesburg Selectboard. And I am very excited by his decision!

I have known Howdy since 1991 when I served on the Hinesburg School Board with his brother Steve. Howdy will bring a set of values and a vision to the position that few people can match, and I and many, many others share these values. Howdy was born in Hinesburg, growing up on a dairy farm and living here his whole life. He has seen the Town grow and change, and now living in the Village, he has direct experience with the issues of traffic, pedestrian safety, and how to best plan for growth in the core village center. He has a strong desire to maintain the character of Hinesburg and will work hard to shape a vision of our town rather than simply react to development.

Howdy also has work experience that will directly help with the responsibilities of serving on the Selectboard. He has worked in the non-profit sector, and as co-director for six years of a Vermont non-profit with an annual budget of \$1 million, he understands and is familiar with writing and overseeing budgets. His work experience with parents and their children also gives him the skills to work with and listen to the community—he is thoughtful, objective and compassionate.

He is also active in our community. He is on the Development Review Board (since spring 2002) and on the trails committee recently established by the Recreation Board. So whether you are concerned about development issues, budget oversight issues, personnel issues, police issues, the dirt versus paved roads issue, or any other town matter, Howdy will be a thoughtful and reasonable voice on them all. I hope you will join me in voting for Howdy Russell on March 1, as this is a great opportunity to elect one of the most highly qualified persons in our community.

—Carl Bohlen

## Howdy Russell Knows Hinesburg, Village

My wife, Deborah, and I were delighted to learn that our neighbor, Howard ("Howdy") Russell, is going to be a candidate for election to the Selectboard in March. We strongly support his candidacy, and we urge our fellow Hinesburg voters to elect him to the Board.

We have known Howdy and his family for the full sixteen years that we have lived in the town, and we have grown to respect him for his good judgment, his commitment to the welfare of the town, his record of public service, and his strong devotion to the public good. Coming from a family with deep historical and residential roots in the community, Howdy has worked throughout his life—most recently as a member of the Development Review Board—to help make Hinesburg a quality community for all.

There are two principal reasons why Howdy will be an excellent Selectboard member. First, he will bring his long and distinguished record of public service, his commitment to the community good, and his reputation for fair-mindedness to his service on the Board. Second, as a life-long resident of the village, Howdy will be keenly aware of the important needs of the village

at a time when it is increasingly subject to significant pressures from traffic and development. If Hinesburg is to have a safe and walk-able village district, it clearly needs more village residents represented on the Selectboard (we currently have only one).

Hinesburg is blessed with a large number of publicly-minded men and women who have either been elected to or volunteered for service on town boards and committees. Howdy Russell is one of those talented citizens. We strongly support his election to the Select Board.

—George and Deborah Dameron

## Support Howdy

I am very pleased to learn that Howard "Howdy" Russell has decided to run for a seat on our Hinesburg Selectboard. I have known Howdy since the mid 1970's, and know that we share many of the same deeply held personal and community values.

Howdy grew up in Hinesburg village on his family's dairy farm, right in the center of town, graduating from CVU and later UVM. The generosity of the Russell family in welcoming old friends and new neighbors alike to hike in their sugarbush and visit their sugarhouse, exemplify the sense of welcoming community that I know Howdy wants for all of Hinesburg.

Howdy will bring to the Hinesburg Selectboard those qualities which I came to appreciate while serving on several boards of directors with him: an ability to listen carefully and respectfully to all people and to all points of view, a willingness to consider carefully the options before him, and finally an ability to help the entire group find the best solutions available. Time and again, Howdy has been the voice in a group that helped move everyone forward, working together.

Howdy has contributed to building Hinesburg's community by serving on the Hinesburg Community Resource Center board and most recently by serving on the Hinesburg Development Review Board.

Help preserve the best of Hinesburg's sense of community, while planning carefully for Hinesburg's future. I hope that you will give Howdy your careful consideration and your support.

—Bill Lippert, Hinesburg State Representative

## What is CVU Teaching Students?

CVU students received a civics lesson at the December 13 meeting of the CVU School Board.

Apparently some time ago, the School Board had reached a consensus that the Crusader mascot was no longer politically correct. The stage was all set for a slam-dunk vote, although this was not what was described in the pre-meeting edition of the Free Press.

The students were polled in the spring regarding their view of the Crusader mascot. Roughly 50% said they wanted the Crusader, 10% said they did not, and 40% did not express an opinion. Remember that the students, not the school board or other adults in the community, use the Crusader as their symbol.

There were those in the audience who had religious objections to the Crusader. This small minority of the population chose to focus on the negative connotations of the term, based on the Crusades of some 900 years ago. Interestingly, there was not one Muslim, the primary targets of the Christian Crusades, who spoke on the issue!

Almost everyone thinks of a "Crusader" as a "person on a mission". One student in the audience described how the term "Crusader" has evolved over the years in this manner.

Personally, I don't like the Crusader as a mascot. That's my opinion and I don't intend to impose it upon the student body. What I like a lot less than the Crusader mascot are the undermining of democracy, a poor process of decision-making, the diversion of focus from substantive educational issues, the manipulation of the students, and the lessons that these events have created for them.

We need to study the CVU Board's decision-making process to determine how such a small minority can circumvent the wishes of the majority at CVU. How did this happen? Who approached the board? Which board members were promoting this change?

If you don't believe that the majority wanted to keep the "Crusader" mascot, just review the "Letters to the Editor" in the Free Press a few days after the school board meeting. They were overwhelmingly against the change. The message to the school board can be summarized in a phrase from one of the letters – "Get a Life!" How many other issues at CVU are controlled by a small vocal minority?

And what have the students learned? First, their opinions are not respected. Second, political correctness trumps majority rule. Third, the will of the majority can be undermined by a small minority, as long as the minority can manipulate the

process effectively. And fourth, to hold fast to the maxim: "Never Trust *Anyone Over 30.*"

—Charles Kogge

## Nordic Team Silent Auction

It sure felt like the holidays. Great energy, smiles and the spirit of giving. It was the annual Nordic team silent auction and fundraiser held at CVUHS the week before Thanksgiving. Donated items from fine art to fabulous specialty foods were collected by Nordic team members for the community, CVUHS students and their parents to bid on during the two day silent auction. Terrific early holiday shopping was accomplished while munching on goodies provided by the team bake sale -and all the while greeting and catching up with friends!

This year the CVUHS Nordic team has nearly 75 veteran and new Nordic racers training for the team. The annual silent auction raises funds to defray the cost of waxing equipment, supplies and uniforms so that all who wish may participate. Once again many, many wonderful local businesses and parents came forward in the spirit of building community and supporting healthy youth.

Some of the many generous donors to the silent auction from the Hinesburg community included: Ann Hawker and Chris Weatherhead, Estey Hardware, Koval's Coffee, Jean Masseur, Trillium Café, Kurt Kling and Danny Thomas. Other wonderful donors worked countless hours organizing for the auction behind the scene and making it fun for the rest of us to enjoy. To all of you -thank you!

—Bethany Myrick

*(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](mailto:therecord@gmavt.net), or deliver to the Record Drop Box on Charlotte Road.)*

## News from The Hinesburg Record

By Sandy Lathem

The Annual Meeting of The Hinesburg Record, Inc. was held Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. at June Giroux's house, 327 Charlotte Road. Board members and officers were elected as follows:

Sandy Lathem	President	Term ends 2006
Kevin Lewis	Vice President	Term ends 2005
Bruce Hilliker	Secretary	Term ends 2006
Mary Jo Brace	Treasurer	Term ends 2005

## Welcome Jane Sheldon

The Hinesburg Record welcomes Jane Sheldon as a new volunteer. Jane has offered to do copyediting work for the paper in the months ahead. Jane is a new resident in Hinesburg, and we appreciate her willingness to get involved in our community. Thank you, Jane, and welcome to Hinesburg.

## Welcome Lea Cassidy

The Record also welcomes Lea Cassidy as our new web site manager. Originally from Vergennes, Lea has lived in Hinesburg for about a year. Thank you, Lea, for contributing your web skills to our community newspaper.

## 2005 Publication Dates

The Record has changed its news deadline day for 2005. In 2005, both news and advertising deadlines will fall on Mondays. **Therefore, the deadline for news and advertising in the February 26, 2005 issue is Monday, February 7.** A list of publication dates is listed monthly in our masthead and on our website at <http://www.hinesburg-record.org>. Please mark your calendars now!

## For More Information

If you would like to learn more about The Record, please contact Sandy Lathem, 482-2714 ([slathem@gmavt.net](mailto:slathem@gmavt.net)) or June Giroux, 482-2350 ([junegiroux@aol.com](mailto:junegiroux@aol.com)).



## Hinesburg Restructures Town Employees

By Stewart Pierson

In January, 2004, a personnel issue arose amidst the Town staff. Normally such an issue would have been handled in the routine work of the Selectboard. The nature of this particular issue had a momentum of its own greater than the bi-weekly meeting routine of the Selectboard. An early attempt at mediation failed. It became clear that the town organization needed to be overhauled.



Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson

Hinesburg is growing rapidly and the work of the Town personnel is trying to keep pace with the growth. Every department has expanded and the amount of work and decision-making required becomes more complicated every year. The natural predictable need for restructuring arises from this fact of life in Chittenden County.

Moreover, the Selectboard was unanimous in its respect and appreciation for performance of the existing staff. At no point in last summer's conflict was simply changing personalities considered. As a resident of Hinesburg commented, "Our town's most valuable asset is its personnel; not its equipment. We need to invest in the people." Consequently, the restructuring effort's focus has been to enhance the performance, the service to the community and the work environment for its employees by determining how the pieces fit together so that decisions can be speedily and thoughtfully made, personnel conflicts quickly resolved and citizens cheerfully served.

Dominic Cloud from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns was retained. His field is municipal management consulting and personnel administration. He met many times with each individual department head, the entire staff and the Selectboard.

The results include:

- Elimination of the Department of Public Works
- Creating the position of Director of Buildings and Facilities which would include municipal buildings, parks, sidewalks, recreation and water & wastewater
- Creating a free standing Highway Department
- Elevating the position of Town Administrator to one of chief administrative officer. Until now, the Town Administrator has served the Selectboard while the other departments all reported to the Selectboard. Now the Town Administrator will oversee all the town departments. Directors of each one will report to the Town Administrator.

The one department which will have a different relationship with the Town Administrator is the Clerk/Treasurer who is an elected official and is accountable to the voters.

"How does it feel to have this new responsibility?" I asked Jeanne Wilson, Town Administrator.

"I feel cautiously optimistic. This was a necessary change, in order for the municipal employees to provide efficient and effective services to the residents of our community. The Selectboard has a challenge to see its position with individual departments differently. But they are committed to seeing this process through. Once completed, the new organizational structure should help us address the increased need for services as Hinesburg continues to grow into the future."

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**Deadlines for Next Issue**  
**Advertisements:**  
 February 7  
**News Items:**  
 February 7  
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 February 26, 2005

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Email submissions to: [therecord@gmavt.net](mailto:therecord@gmavt.net). 2005 Deadlines can be picked up at 327 Charlotte Road. Material not received by deadline will be considered for the following issue.

### Deadlines for 2005

Advertisement	News	Publication Date
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

### Advertising Deadlines

The deadline for submitting advertising for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record is Monday, February 7, 2005.

For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-3404 or email: [hrrsales@gmavt.net](mailto:hrrsales@gmavt.net).

### News and Calendar Deadlines

We encourage you to submit news and calendar items as soon as possible. The deadline for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record is Monday, February 7, 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](mailto:therecord@gmavt.net). You may also use the drop box at the Giroux home at 327 Charlotte Road.

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### Volunteers

The Hinesburg Record volunteers coordinating publication of this issue included:

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## Vacancies and Expiring Terms of Appointment

### Hinesburg Conservation Commission, Development Review Board Alternate and Recreation Commission

There are currently vacancies on the following Boards and Commissions: Hinesburg Development Review Board (Alternate Member), Hinesburg Recreation Commission and 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](mailto:hinesburgtown@gmavt.net), or write to: Hinesburg Selectboard, Attn: Jeanne Wilson, PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

## Public Meeting Notice:

### Silver Street Scoping Study

There will be a public meeting on Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 pm at the Hinesburg Town Hall to gather local input and feedback on the conceptual plans prepared as part of the Silver Street Scoping Study.

A scoping study is the first step in developing plans for reconstruction and improvements. For the past year, the engineering firm of VHB, Inc. has been gathering data and working on recommended alternatives for improvements to Silver Street. This project is funded in part through the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization. At this meeting, the plans, alternatives and recommendations will be reviewed and public input gathered. For more information regarding this meeting or the study, contact Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at 482-2096 or [hinesburgtown@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgtown@gmavt.net).

## Hinesburg Trail Committee Formed

One of Hinesburg's unsung attributes is its informal network of trails. Whether these are through the Town Forest or to a scenic overlook or through the fields and deep woods of one of our schools, they are all made possible by generous landowners and supported by interested hikers. They speak to the rural nature of Hinesburg and set it apart from more suburban communities closer to Burlington.

Property owners permitting such access are not only making a generous statement to the community but may find the value of their property enhanced by the presence of a trail.

A group of citizens (listed below), including a representative from Charlotte, has come together to share ideas on ways to work with landowners which will improve access and use of trails on public land.

The Town of Charlotte has recently completed an inventory of its trails and sketched them on a simple map. The Vermont Mountainbikers Association, represented by Hans Jenny, attended the first meeting. At this time, they are adding a trail in the Town Forest and creating a map of existing and

proposed non-motorized trails for the convenience of local users. Their website is [www.fotwheel.org](http://www.fotwheel.org).

The Committee membership includes Frank Twarog (chair), Hans Jenny, Stewart Pierson, Peter Erb, Kim Hazelrigg, Ann Thomas, Howdy Russell, Missy Ross, Andrea Morgante and Brooke Scatchard.

## Howard Russell To Run for Selectboard

Howard Russell has announced his intention to run for a three-year seat on the Hinesburg Selectboard. Russell indicated that he chose to run because he was concerned with the pace and pattern of development in Hinesburg. "I strongly support concentrating development, as much as possible, in and around the village area and working to keep Hinesburg's rural character. I believe that the qualities that draw many people to live here, and others of us to stay here, is that sense of community and easy access to open space. I want to help hold onto that."



Howard (Howdy) Russell

While acknowledging that growth is certainly inevitable, Russell stressed that "how and where we grow makes all the difference. You can have growth and still protect valuable agricultural and open space resources."

Other issues noted by Russell that have motivated him to enter this race are: 1) a commitment to a safe and cohesive village center with a comprehensive network of sidewalks and trails and resolution of traffic flow issues; 2) support for the emerging town plan and a commitment to assuring that Hinesburg's zoning and subdivision regulations are in alignment with this plan; 3) support for the Selectboard taking a more pro-active position in regards to town infrastructure (sidewalks, roads, police, fire, library); 4) support for small and home-based businesses that take advantage of local resources and talents; and 5) support for the creation of an interconnected series of trails connecting various pieces of town owned land and tying into trails on privately owned property where landowners are willing.

Howard Russell grew up in Hinesburg on a dairy farm in the center of the village. His family continues to maintain this land and produces maple syrup each spring which they sell out of the farmhouse. He owns and lives in the family farmhouse which has been in his family since the mid-1800's. He works at the Addison County Parent/Child Center where he is a caregiver/parent educator in a therapeutic childcare program.

Anyone with questions, concerns or interest is welcome to call him at his home at 482-4242.

# HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

By Steward Pierson

## Police Chief Chris Morrell and "Doc" Receive American Police Hall of Fame Life Saving Award

At the January 3 Selectboard meeting, Officer Rob Barrows of the Shelburne Police Department, Hinesburg Police Chief Chris Morrell and Police Service dog "Doc" were acknowledged for receiving the American Police Hall of Fame Life Saving Award.

In May of 2004, the Shelburne Police Department was alerted to a woman who had consumed a large quantity of drugs and wandered into a wooded area at night. They called Chief Morrell because they were aware of the tracking expertise of "Doc."

The Shelburne Police were skillful in keeping well-wishing searchers out of the area so that "Doc" would not have contaminating scents competing with that of the missing woman. "Doc" found her, unconscious and well hidden in a swampy area. Rescue personnel were then able to transport her for the critical medical treatment which saved her life. This cooperative effort between police departments is common and mutually beneficial.

## Increased Staff Hours for DRB Support

During the fall, the Town contracted the services of consultant Mike Munson to review and assess the permitting and review processes utilized by the Development Review Board. One observation made in the report was that additional staff hours are needed to deal with the growing number of applications reviewed by the DRB. The most effective way to increase the staff hours appears to be an increase in the hours of Town Planner Alex Weinhagen from part-time to full-time. Alex met with the Selectboard at the January 3 meeting to discuss the option of increased hours and what additional responsibilities there might be.

## Appointment to the Conservation Commission

Todd Bailey was approved as the newest member of the Conservation Commission. Although a recent arrival to the town of Hinesburg, Todd's degree from Johnson State in Environmental Science and Natural Resources make him a natural candidate. A recent citizen of Burlington, he served on that city's conservation board. He is also a monitor for the Green Mountain Club. Todd is employed by the Howard Center. He and his wife live in Lyman Meadows.

## Green Community Technology

Melissa Levy of Yellow Wood Associates gave a presentation at the November 29 meeting on the Green Community Technology program. Under a federal grant, Yellow Wood Associates is developing a program to assist municipalities with decision making for sustainable infrastructure. Yellow Wood recently completed a project with the Town of Richmond. Wastewater treatment, stormwater reduction and alternative fuel for town vehicles are some examples of what was assessed in Richmond. A process for addressing these areas was then created.

The Selectboard recommended that Melissa meet with staff to discuss and create a list of potential projects. This task was completed and the Selectboard reviewed the recommendations at the January 3 meeting. The Selectboard

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decided not to proceed with the program at this time, but may consider utilizing Yellow Wood Associate's services in the future.

## Telecommunications Facility

The Selectboard has continued discussions with Nextel Partners regarding the possibility of installing a telecommunication building and pole at the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Lagoon Road. The project will need to be reviewed by the DRB as a subdivision, and Nextel Partners has submitted an application for DRB review.

## Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Project

This grant-funded project is for the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Mechanicsville Road and a multi-use recreational path on the north side of CVU Road, connecting the village area to the library via CVU High School. The Selectboard continues to be committed to this project. Stormwater runoff, wetland impacts and landowner cooperation are three issues which need to be resolved.

## Enhancement Grant

A State Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$79,000 for sidewalk construction along the west side of Route 116 in the village and Town Hall landscaping has been awarded.

## Animal Control Officer

The position of Animal Control Officer has been filled by the selection of Earl Dionne who presently serves in that capacity for the Town of Huntington. He has attended national training courses and carried out dog rescue missions. While in Huntington he helped rewrite two ordinances for animals. Based on census figures, he suspects that Hinesburg has many unregistered dogs.

## Budget Highlights

- Highway Department – Projects for the coming fiscal year include: preparing Pond Brook Road for paving in 2006; repaving sections of Silver Street, Richmond Road and North Road; culvert replacements on North Road, Pond Road and Lincoln Hill Road; reconstruction of sections of O'Neil Road, Turkey Lane and Hayden Hill East. In addition, the Selectboard plans to contract for improvements to roadside shoulders and to begin a program to add fog lines to paved roads.
- Community Police – Increased by 10% for site work and garage planning funds and contribution to the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI).
- Fire Department – The Fire Department is requesting funding in the amount of \$145,000 for the purchase of a new tanker truck. The Selectboard agreed to place this request on the warning as a bond vote item.
- Elections – Budget reduced because of non-presidential year.
- Delinquent Tax Collector – Level-funded, with the exception of cost of living adjustment.
- Town Administrator – Increased by 30% due to enlargement of job responsibilities and shifting of salary from Water and Wastewater Fund to General Fund.
- Planning and Zoning – Increased to allow for increased staff time..
- Group Health Insurance – Increased by 17% due to rate increases and additional staff coverage.
- Property and Liability Insurance Coverage – Increased by 18% due to a rise in Workers' Compensation coverage costs.

## Other Business

- Warrants for bills payable and minutes approved.
- Review of proposed Town Plan ongoing.
- Changes to the Grand List approved as recommended by the Board of Listers.
- Trial Balances for General Fund and Water and Wastewater Fund accepted.
- Animal Control agreement with Humane Society approved.
- Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard mitigation plan was tabled pending recommendations from Rocky Martin.
- Salary increase for Town Administrator approved effective January 1, 2005.
- Robert Dimke and Karen Cornish appointed as Town Auditors.
- Jeanne Wilson reappointed as E-911 Coordinator



## Be Proactive, Plan Ahead

By Peter Erb, Zoning Administrator

It's the New Year and my goal is to take advantage of this opportunity and consistently have something in the Record. There are several items of "business" that I would like to mention. The first is that permits are required for any structure in Hinesburg that is over 100 square feet in area, and that regardless of the size all setbacks must be met. It is very easy to give me a call before construction is started so that you are sure there will be no violation.

The second thing that you should be aware of is that I am frequently requested to issue statements that there are no zoning violations on a property, and during the process of preparing

these statements I sometimes uncover violations. In almost all of the cases it is possible to issue a retroactive permit to bring the situation into conformance; however it takes time and can delay transfers and refinancing. If you think you have a situation that may not be in compliance with the regulations, I would suggest that you give me a call so that it can be checked on and resolved at a more leisurely pace.

Later this month we will be getting improved aerial photographs and analysis software and it will greatly improve our ability to review new developments and provide information to residents about their land. Once it is up and running you are welcome to contact us if you would like to learn more about your property—for example, where the wetlands are, are there deer yards, do you own soils that have agricultural significance, or just want to see what the neighborhood looks like from the air.

As the town develops, I encourage everyone to become educated about the land, its potential uses, and the pressures on it and GET involved with the planning process. Every place in town is someone else's "backyard" and piecemeal efforts to achieve good development are inefficient, frequently unsuccessful, often unfair, and always too late. Sorry for the harangue but it is frustrating to witness the amount of energy that people directly impacted by a proposed development invest and realize that this energy would be much better spent, and could benefit the town as a whole, if we got proactive and invested our energy, collectively, into the upcoming rewrite of the development regulations. If you want more information, visit the Town web site at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) or give us a call at 482-3619.



Submitted by Hinesburg Community Police

## Woman Charged in Animal Cruelty

Officer Barbara Brisson has charged Melissa Loftus, 38, of Brushton, New York with Animal Cruelty. It is alleged that on November 19th, Loftus allowed her four year old child to abuse a kitten and place it in a microwave oven.

The kitten survived the abuse and is presently living with another family after receiving medical attention. The court has ordered Loftus not to keep any animals.

## Burlington Man Cited in Workplace Assault

Hinesburg Community Police Officer Lisa Primo has cited Thiemo Diallo, 22, of Burlington with Simple Assault. The charge is the result of Diallo's striking a fellow employee in the face in the break room at Saputo Foods on December 9th.

The Hinesburg Fire Department responded to the scene and treated the employee. He later received further treatment at the hospital for a broken nose.

## Car Lost After Accident

On the evening of December 10th, Hinesburg Community Police and Fire Department went to the Mobil Short Stop in response to a call confirming two crash victims there.

On arrival Chief Chris Morrell found that a Good Samaritan had transported two women from a crash to the store. Erin Christian, 20, of Fairhaven reported that her car had slid off the road on a curve. She suffered minor injuries in the crash and was treated by Hinesburg Fire Department before being subsequently transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michael's ambulance.

A passenger in the car, Caitlan Moore, 19, reported no injuries.

Neither woman was able to accurately describe where the crash occurred, nor name the road they had been on when it occurred. The Good Samaritan had left the store. A search by fire and police personnel finally located the car off the road at Pond Road and Pond Brook Road. It was removed by Giroux's Body Shop.

## Rollover Injures Jericho Woman

A one car crash on Richmond Road on December 13th sent a Jericho woman to Fletcher Allen Health Care. Chief Chris Morrell reported that Susan Wallace, 25, was southbound on Richmond Road when she lost control of her car on the slush covered pavement. The car went off the road into a ditch on the east side of the highway and overturned.

A passenger in the car, Melissa Heisholt, was not injured. Both women were able to extricate themselves from the vehicle. Hinesburg Fire Department responded to the scene and checked both women before they were transported to the hospital by Richmond Ambulance.

Morrell attributed the cause of the accident to speed too fast for road conditions.

## Truck Downs Pole

A Ferrisburg man was taken to Fletcher Allen Hospital after his truck sheared off a power pole on Charlotte Road just west of Route 116. Michael Huestis, 61, lost control of his dump



truck and struck the pole demolishing his dump truck.

Officer Mike Wharton reported that he was treated at the scene by the Hinesburg Fire Department and then transported by St. Michael's ambulance to Fletcher Allen Health Care.

The crash occurred on December 27th shortly after 4:00 p.m. Utility crews had to work throughout the following day to repair services.

## Hinesburg Man Lodged Following Kidnapping Call

The last police call of 2004 was an interesting one for Hinesburg Community Police. A woman on Silver Street flagged down a passing motorist and told him her baby had been kidnapped and was being held hostage. The cell phone call was routed through State Police Communications and on to Shelburne Dispatch, who dispatch Hinesburg officers.

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Officers Steve Gutierrez and Michael Wharton arrived at the scene and found the woman had retrieved her baby, and both were in the back seat of the motorist's car. They were shortly joined by Troopers from the Williston State Police barracks.

Further investigation showed that there had been a party and brawl at the home of Terry Hart on Silver Street. Officer Gutierrez recognized Hart as being on field supervision with the Vermont Department of Corrections.

He called their field supervision unit and corrections officers responded to the scene and Hart was taken into custody and turned over to them and lodged at jail.

## Numbers Led to Citation

There are places it is advisable to avoid after you have been celebrating on New Years Eve. Your local police station is one.

On New Years Day morning, Officer Steve Gutierrez stopped his routine paperwork to administer an Alcosensor test to Reginald Thompson, 37, of Hinesburg. Thompson was required to report daily as part of court ordered conditions of release.

When the instrument Gutierrez was using showed the presence of alcohol, Thompson was cited back into court to answer the charge of violating his conditions.

## And if You're Wanted....

Another category of citizen who should not stop in at the local police station is a fugitive. On December 24th, Officer Steve Gutierrez towed a vehicle from Oak Hill Road in Williston while assisting Williston Police. At the time he was unable to locate the operator, which was not surprising in view of the fact that the District Court in Burlington had issued a warrant for him for contempt of court.

Shortly after that, the operator, Jesse Mayville, 22, of Hinesburg walked into the Hinesburg Community Police station inquiring about his missing car. Gutierrez advised Mayville where his car was and then provided him with a ride to the Chittenden Community Correctional Center for lodging.

## Huntington Woman Crashes on Richmond Road

On New Years Day, Elisabeth Ovitt, 16, of Huntington lost control of her car on Richmond Road and struck a wooden post. The impact was strong enough to deploy her airbags.

Officer Steve Gutierrez reported she suffered only minor injuries in the crash.

## Police Survey Comments

Community Police report a large number of very favorable comments on the Election Day survey. Officers were pleased that many residents were appreciative of the work they do and were understanding that the department's resources are limited.

Citizens used the opportunity to make suggestions and ask questions. In response to the question on increased staffing, one resident asked what the number of officers per 1,000 populations was in other areas of Vermont.

Fortunately Lt. Todd Shepherd of the South Burlington Police had just finished a survey for their department and was able to provide the answer right off the top of his head. Nationally, there are slightly more than three officers per thousand population. In Vermont, an essentially rural state, the number drops to about two per thousand. Hinesburg's population is somewhere between 4,500 and 5,000, or roughly half the population of Montpelier. Hinesburg has three full time and several part time officers.

One resident felt the department spent too much time dealing with animal complaints. The officers of the department agree with this observation. The Select Board was able to hire an animal control officer who starts work in mid January. He will handle all animal complaints in the town and the police department will only respond if there is an in-progress-incident that affects public safety. His name is Earl Dionne and his pager number is 350-3281.

Some people wanted specific areas patrolled and more traffic tickets written. But, others commented there should be less emphasis on traffic tickets.

One person felt that the police should not run radar in other towns. Many people are unaware that any traffic enforcement done by Hinesburg officers in other towns is paid for with federal highway safety money. In return when other police departments are working in Hinesburg, they too are paid with highway safety money. Fine money for speeding tickets written in Hinesburg is returned to the Town. The end result is a very visible deterrent to speeders in Hinesburg and thousands of

dollars of revenue from speeding fines. Contrary to the way it appears, this program helps local taxpayers financially.

Some people wanted the police to make the traffic go away. The police appreciate residents' confidence, but the truth is, the solution lies in engineering and construction. At some point residents will have to decide whether they want a friendly walking village with commuter traffic bypassing the village center, or if they wish to continue to make improvements to allow traffic to flow through the village center. To date no one, anywhere, has been able to create a system that allows large amounts of motor vehicle traffic to flow on the same surface being used by pedestrians and make it pedestrian friendly.

One person felt the K-9 program was a waste of money. Again, most people do not know that the dogs were obtained with either donated funds or grant money, not Hinesburg taxpayer funds. The food is donated by Pet Smart as part of their corporate program of supporting police service dog teams and search and rescue teams nationwide. The veterinary expenses and equipment costs have been borne by the individual handlers. The only cost to the town of Hinesburg has been some of the time officers spend training or answering K-9 calls.

A bonus from these K-9 calls is the funding from seized assets that occurs when Hinesburg dogs find drugs and drug money.

It is true that other departments borrow our K-9 teams, but it is also true that these same departments supply Hinesburg with teams of detectives, accident reconstructionists, commercial vehicle enforcement units, backup officers and handle calls late at night in Hinesburg when Hinesburg officers are not on duty and the State Police do not have anyone available to respond. To be effective police have to work cooperatively and the special skills Hinesburg officers bring to this effort are the K-9 teams.

Lastly, in analyzing the costs versus benefits of the police service dogs it is necessary to count the people alive today in Vermont who would have perished had they not been quickly found by a Hinesburg Police Service Dog team.

The members of the Hinesburg Community Police thank the voter who took time on Election Day to not only complete the questionnaire, but to also add suggestions, ask questions and provide encouragement.



Happy New Year! As we begin another year, the members of the Fire Department would like to pass on some important safety reminders and a couple of important announcements.

## Smoke Detectors

Please be sure you have recently changed the batteries in your smoke detectors and test them once a month. If you have a fireplace or wood stove, be sure you have had your chimneys checked and cleaned.

## Help Us Help You

So that we may find your home in an emergency, please be sure your driveway is marked with your house number. In the event of snow or ice, please make sure your driveway is cleared so we may safely arrive at your home. If there is a fire hydrant near your home, please take a moment to clear snow which may have piled around it. This will help us quickly locate and access the hydrant.

## Emergency Phone Box

An emergency telephone has recently been installed at the Fire Station. The phone is located next to the bay door. The instructions are inside the phone box. This phone rings directly to our dispatch center in Shelburne. When calling in an emergency, whether from your home or car, please be explicit with nature of the emergency and location.

## Open House – April 17

Save the date! We are planning an Open House for April 17. Watch for more details in the upcoming months. The HFD members are discussing several activities and displays. If there is a demonstration you would like to see, please feel free to contact any member with your suggestion.

We hope everyone has a safe winter!



By Jennifer McQuin

As I write this article, the sun is actually shining and Felice the cat is nestled in the "outbox" on my desk sunbathing. Ah, the life of a cat! I hope that everyone has settled into 2005 and can enjoy some of the winter activities. Although it has not been a banner year for snow so far, there is plenty of time left.

Rocky Martin, our community rink specialist has requested skaters stay off the ice when it looks too soft, but at night if he is flooding or decides that it's best for skaters to stay off the ice, he will turn out the small light. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Smuggler's Notch Skiing

Special downhill lift tickets for Sunday, February 6th are still available at the Recreation Office for Smuggler's Notch. Hinesburg residents can ski at a DEEP DISCOUNT rate of \$9 all day for youths (seven-18) and \$15 for adults. Complete equipment rentals and lessons are also \$9 a day for youths and \$15 for adults. Stop by the Recreation Office to fill out a registration form, itemize how many on the back of the form, include a check made payable to HRD, and drop both off in the white wooden box. The deadline for purchasing these lift tickets is Thursday, February 3 at 2:00 p.m. Call 482-4691 with any questions.

## Winter Carnival

Winter Carnival is just around the corner and scheduled for the second weekend of February. Friday evening, February 11 kicks off the weekend with an International potluck and bonfire at St. Jude's Church. Don't miss out on lots of fun events scheduled for Saturday, February 12, such as dog sled rides, three-on-three basketball, snow golf, a snowman building contest, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, broomball, snowmobile rides, hockey, skating, and face painting. Bring the entire family and enjoy this terrific Hinesburg winter tradition!

The Dinner Theater will begin at 6:30 pm on Saturday evening in the Hinesburg Community School Gym. A ticket is required for admission to the show. By the time this article reaches publication, tickets will have gone on sale. Contact the Recreation Office to see if there are any available or to check the waiting list. All proceeds of the Dinner Theater will go to the Hinesburg Artist Series and the Hinesburg Food Shelf. This year's performance is dedicated in memory of Ted White.

There are several programs and enrichment classes that begin in February and March.

## Jazzercise

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

WHEN: Mondays and Wednesdays for six-week session (12 classes) running February 14 through March 21. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Town Hall

FEE: \$55 made payable to HRD.

## Tai Chi

This on-going class offers a special form of exercise that strengthens your body while calming your mind. Tai Chi helps improve balance, coordination, and muscle tone. Mike Prehoda is a wonderful instructor who is able to guide students from beginner to advanced levels. You can join anytime, but classes run for a six-week session.

WHEN: Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Town Hall

FEE: \$40 made payable to HRD.

## Adult First Aid and CPR

Conducted by a Red Cross Instructor at Town Hall, this course is emergency first aid on eight year olds through adults.

The class is a total of six hours long for certification. This is an excellent and worthwhile skill to gain or refresh. Remember, this could be the most important class you could ever take!

WHEN: Saturday, March 5

WHERE: Town Hall

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (bring a lunch)

FEE: \$45 includes materials. Please make checks payable to American Red Cross.

## Financial Planning Workshop

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

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

WHERE: Community Room at the Carpenter Carse Library

FEE: \$15 made payable to Damon Kinzie but please register at the Recreation Office.

## People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE)

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

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

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall, February 15 through March 24.

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

## Cooking with Michelle Fisher

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

WHO: Third through fifth graders, with a maximum of eight participants

WHEN: Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

WHERE: Living Arts Room, HCS

FEE: \$45

## Sewing Can Be Your Bag

Martha Sacco will instruct this cool class where a classic art form will have a funky flair! She will instruct a small group of fifth through eighth graders to make a purse/tote bag that is uniquely your own.

WHO: Fifth through eighth graders

WHERE: Living Arts Room

WHEN: February 14 through 17, Monday through Thursday

TIME: 2:45 to 4:00 p.m.

FEE: \$35, includes materials

## Valentine Workshop

Alice Trageser will guide a group of youngsters into making creative Valentine's Day cards. This one-day workshop should be lots of fun and yield a heartfelt, handmade Valentine from your little sweetie.

WHO: First, second, and third graders

WHERE: The Art Room

WHEN: February 9, 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

FEE: \$10

## Creating with Clay

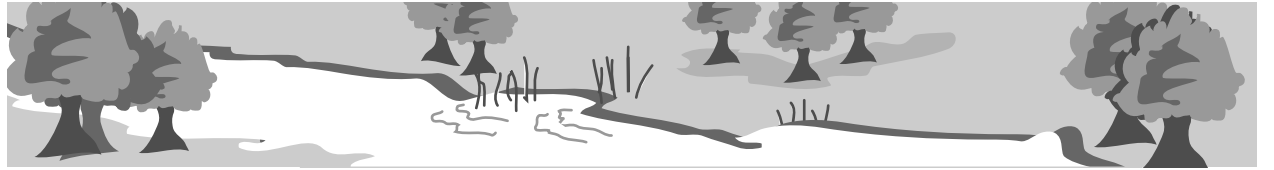
Learn new clay techniques and improve upon those you know. You will have fun making a variety of things, from creatures to containers. What a fun way to spend an afternoon.

WHO: Second through fourth graders who love art

WHERE: The Art Room

WHEN: March 30, April 6, 13 and 27

# CONSERVATION



## Cabin Fever?

By Susan Mead

Are you looking for new and interesting indoor activities this winter? How about trying some new approaches to cleaning! OK, maybe no matter how you look at it, cleaning isn't new or interesting, but how you clean can have an impact on your indoor and outdoor environment throughout the year.

To learn more, take the Hinesburg Healthy Home Quiz below and look for the answers in the new Conservation Commission brochure enclosed with this issue of the Record.

## True or False...

1. These days most household cleaning products are not harmful to people.
2. Running my dishwasher only when I have a full load saves energy and is less polluting.
3. Using non-toxic, non-polluting cleaners costs more and makes it harder to clean.
4. There are healthy, non-toxic ways to get rid of household insects.
5. Fluorescent lights are more energy efficient and can be thrown away with your regular trash.

## Learn from the Local Landscape

"Stories of the Season," the first program in the Winter/Spring PLACE (Place-based Landscape Analysis and Community Education) series taking place in Shelburne, recently enticed community members to take a break from winter to celebrate phenology—the study of nature's events as they unfold through the seasons—with field naturalist Matt Kolan. A hearty crowd joined Matt on Wednesday, January 26 at the Town Hall in Shelburne for a dynamic presentation that highlighted, through stories and photographs, the many wondrous natural occurrences that mark the annual passage of time, from the migration of salamanders to the first flashes of fireflies.

Matt Kolan is an experienced field naturalist, tracker and educator who has led many tracking and natural history workshops throughout New England. He is currently completing his Masters Degree at the University of Vermont in the Field Naturalist Program.

The PLACE Program is a collaborative program of Shelburne Farms and the University of Vermont with local partners that supports communities in exploring and understanding the natural and cultural history of the local landscape. This series of programs is co-sponsored by the LaPlatte River Partnership and the Hinesburg Conservation Commission and is FREE AND OPEN TO ALL.

You can get involved by participating in one or all of the four field excursions to observe natural phenomena and develop your skills to analyze the landscape in your community. The programs are free; space is limited and registration is required. To register and for more information, call 985-8686.

"Tracking Stories in the Snow," Saturday, February 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Strap on your snowshoes and learn to read the winter life of mammals recorded in their tracks.

"Spring Amphibian Migration." The date, sometime in late March/early April will be determined by the weather conditions. On a rainy, warm evening, amphibians will make their way to their breeding grounds. Be on call to don your rubber boots and raincoats and help them cross the roads safely.

"Spring Ephemerals Wildflower Walk," Saturday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Explore the diversity and beauty of early spring flowers through a variety of forest communities within the LaPlatte River watershed.

"Spring Bird Migration Field Walk," Saturday, May 14,

7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Celebrate the chorus of birds returning to their breeding grounds on an early morning bird walk in search of the sights and sounds of feathered friends.

Shelburne Farms is a 1,400-acre working farm, National Historic Landmark and nonprofit environmental education center whose mission is to cultivate a conservation ethic by teaching and demonstrating the stewardship of natural and agricultural resources.

## VT Retailer to Recycle Old Electronics

Millions of new electronic gadgets will be given during the holiday season and consumers will need to get rid of their old electronic waste. eWaste is a major and growing source of toxins in the environment. Small Dog Electronics, an authorized Apple reseller online and in Waitsfield, has an eWaste Take Back program for consumers to responsibly recycle their old electronics.

As a public service, Small Dog Electronics is offering to take back old electronics at their Route 100 Waitsfield showroom for \$0.25 per pound, their cost to recycle electronics properly. That's about \$5-10 for most computers.

Unlike other retailers, Small Dog Electronics' recycling program is not limited to their own customers or to the products they sell. Consumers and businesses can recycle items including televisions, computers and peripherals, cell phones, digital cameras, digital music players, monitors, and printers. Customers can drop off eWaste at the showroom during business hours, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, closed Sunday.

"We want consumers to be able to responsibly recycle their electronics. We've done the legwork to ensure that the discarded electronics we handle don't clog landfills, harm people's health or leach toxins into our earth, water, and air," said Don Mayer, CEO and founder of Small Dog Electronics. "The amount of discarded electronics is growing rapidly as consumers move onto new technology at a fast clip. Our eWaste Take Back program is just one of the actions we're taking to help curtail this widespread problem."

eWaste is the fastest growing stream of trash in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Small Dog Electronics started its eWaste Take Back program earlier this year to provide consumers with the option of responsibly recycling electronics in a way that does not harm people or the environment. Small Dog Electronics has chosen to work with a recycling contractor, ElectroniCycle in Massachusetts, which meets strict environmental guidelines for handling the toxins in electronics and does not ship electronics to developing countries, the destination of much US eWaste.

In addition to recycling electronic waste, Small Dog Electronics is working with Vermont lawmakers and businesses to call on the federal government, the technology industry and consumers to take responsibility for their respective part in the eWaste cycle. Small Dog Electronics is also educating its customers about the hazards of eWaste and what can be done to mitigate this fast growing problem. Consumers are largely unaware that electronics contain toxins that can be hazardous to human health and the environment if they are not handled properly.

The European Union and states such as California have legislation to regulate the disposal of old electronics. There are currently no U.S. regulations that govern the handling of eWaste.

Small Dog Electronics, <http://www.smalldog.com>, is an e-commerce company based in Waitsfield that sells new and refurbished Apple computers, software and peripherals. Small Dog Electronics is the leading Apple Computer reseller in New England with more than \$20 million in sales, and is known for its social and workplace policies.

## Vermont's Wildlife Gets a Check-Up

By Marty Illick

An unprecedented evaluation of Vermont wildlife is underway. Lewis Creek Association, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and biologists, ecologists, sportsmen, and conservationists representing more than 60 agencies and organizations have teamed up to give Vermont's wildlife a check-up.

From black bear to golden-winged warbler, silver redhorse to blue-spotted salamander, experts are gauging the health of wildlife populations and developing prescriptions for healthy wildlife futures.

Next fall, when the work is complete, Vermont will have its first Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS). "The CWCS will be a strategic vision for conserving the state's wildlife, one that all conservation-minded agencies and organizations can get behind," according to Jon Kart, CWCS Coordinator for the VT Fish & Wildlife Department. Lewis Creek Association will be informed by this plan in its ongoing wildlife and natural areas conservation and restoration work.

Development of the CWCS is driven by the federal State Wildlife Grants program (SWG). Preventing wildlife from becoming endangered is SWG's goal. Vermont has received more than \$2.5 million from SWG since the program's inception in 2001. "In these tight budget times, the State Wildlife Grants program allows us to reach out and better conserve and manage more wildlife than ever before," said Wayne Laroche, Commissioner of the Fish & Wildlife Department.

Vermont is home to 42 species of reptiles and amphibians, 58 mammals, 94 fish, 235 birds, more than 2,000 plants and many, many more insects, mollusks and other invertebrates. Assessing the status of each of these species is a huge task requiring an effort of unmatched cooperation.

Step one in developing the CWCS was identifying Vermont's Species of Greatest Conservation Need. These species were selected based on criteria such as species rarity, vulnerability to habitat fragmentation or loss, and threat by exotic plants or animals. Then teams assessed habitat quality and identified significant threats to the species. Now conservation strategies are being developed for species and their habitats.

A review draft of the CWCS and public comment period will be available during the spring of 2005. Wildlife enthusiasts, landowners, businesses and the general public are encouraged to track and take part in CWCS development. More information can be found on the Vermont CWCS website: [www.vtfishandwildlife/swg\\_home.cfm](http://www.vtfishandwildlife/swg_home.cfm).

# LEGISLATIVE

U P D A T E



## Under the Golden Dome

### 2005 Legislative Session Begins with Spirit of Cooperation

By Representative Bill Lippert

The 2005 legislative session got underway on Wednesday, January 5, with the historic election of Gaye Symington, D-Jericho, as the 101st Speaker of the House. Symington, who has served for the past four years as our Democratic House Minority Leader, is only the second woman ever elected to serve as Speaker of the House.

The House chamber was filled with excitement as all 150 newly elected House members were sworn in, and as Symington was first nominated by John Tracy, a Democrat, and seconded by Mark Young, a Republican from Orwell. It was over fifty years ago, and two years before Gaye Symington was born, that Chittenden County Republican Consuelo Bailey, became the first woman elected Speaker of the Vermont House.

Noting that she had been given "a gavel, not a crown," Symington immediately signaled her intention to establish a tone of cooperation in the House, amidst the strong majority won in the November elections by Democrats and Progressives. Democrats now hold 83 seats, Republicans 60, Progressives 6, with one Independent member.

"Our power is rooted in the trust of the people," said Symington. "Our work in the House requires that we reach outside ourselves, always looking to our common values. I am honored and grateful to be elected. Power comes from working together."

On Friday, January 7, Speaker Symington announced her eagerly anticipated appointments for House committee leadership posts and committee membership. Consistent with her vow of political cooperation, two of Symington's committee chairs are Republicans, one is a Progressive, and the remainder are Democrats.

After serving ten years as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, and as Vice Chair for two years from 1999-2000 (when we created civil unions), I was excited and pleased to be named Chair of the Judiciary Committee by

Speaker Symington. This is particularly satisfying for me, as I had previously been removed from all House leadership positions for the past four years, as a part of the political backlash to the creation of civil unions. It is good to be back in leadership in the House.

In the ten years that I have served as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, we have tackled significant issues including the re-writing of Vermont's adoption laws, a major overhaul of drunken driving laws, acknowledgement of victim's rights in Vermont criminal law, creation of civil unions for same-sex couples, as well as many other issues. Although there does not appear to be any single major issue looming before this year's committee, I am certain that we will once again be engaged in substantive and significant deliberations on behalf of Vermonters. I look forward to bringing my talents and commitment to fairness and justice to bear on this responsibility.

2005 is also the year in which all of the justices of the entire Vermont Supreme Court, as well as an additional ten superior and district court judges, will come up for review by a joint House and Senate Judicial Retention Committee. All Vermont judges and justices are reviewed every six years by this joint legislative committee.

Public hearings are held, as well as individual interviews with each candidate. After hearing reports and recommendations from the Judicial Retention Committee, and having the opportunity for debate, there is an unusual secret ballot vote by the joint assembly of the House and Senate. In order to continue serving as a judge or justice for another six year term, each judge or justice must win a majority of the joint assembly's votes.

I am honored and pleased that Speaker Symington has indicated her intention of appointing me as one of the four House members responsible for the Judicial Retention hearings and deliberations.

As a result of these two appointments, as Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, and as a member, and possible Chair, of the Judicial Retention Committee, my legislative time will be busier than ever. But, as they say, be careful what you ask for, you just might get it! I welcome the challenge and the responsibilities.

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## Looking at Government from a Whole New Perspective

By State Representative Scott A. Orr

As I write this column, we are just finishing our second week of the Legislative session. Beginning with the Opening Day on January 5, I am gaining a perspective on the Statehouse which is new to me, and very unlike that which I've had as a longtime observer.

I went down to Montpelier the night before the session began for a dinner the House Democratic Caucus was having. The mood was certainly one of excitement for us all, whether a brand-new freshman, like myself, or a seasoned veteran of many Legislatures' past. But, along with these emotions, there was also a sense of seriousness very present amongst our group, the realization that we were about to come into this Legislature as the majority party. Along with our counterparts in the Senate, we were going to be looked to by the entire state to solve Vermont's problems. Of course, we ultimately need to work with the Governor to find these solutions, but the majorities in the House and Senate are large enough that this is where the stage will certainly be set. Considering the fact that over 50 of the 83 Democrats in the House have been elected since 2002, this is largely a party which has not known what it is to be in the majority before—so it isn't just the freshmen who are learning a new role.

Opening Day brought large crowds to the Statehouse. Members, especially new folks, bring their families and friends, many others come to watch the ceremony, and the press corps is there to cover the entire event. The whole building was just buzzing! I was surprised how many people I saw whom I knew that morning. Some were people I hadn't seen in years, school or college friends who were now working in the government or for groups doing business with the government. Others were friends or family of other legislators whom I'd not previously drawn the connection between. It reminded me what a small world Vermont really is still, and very special in that way too. I found an empty seat in the House chamber, the Secretary of State called the House to order, and the proceedings began with the role call of new and returning members.

The first order of business was the election of the new Speaker of the House. Gaye Symington, the Democratic Leader from the past session, was the only announced candidate. Rumors of a last-minute entry were quickly put to rest as Representative Symington's nomination was seconded by veteran Republican member Mark Young of Orwell. Then, in a display of gracious bi-partisanship, Rick Hube, the new Republican leader, made a motion that nominations be closed and that Gaye Symington be unanimously elected Speaker. Immediately following passage of this motion by an enthusiastic voice vote, all those in the House chamber rose in applause as Hube crossed the floor to embrace the new Speaker, only the second woman in Vermont's history to hold the office, and the first since 1954.

There was something very special about watching this for those of us who know Gaye Symington, for she is not someone who is very comfortable with the idea of power, but she is very aware of that which is possible when a small group comes together to work for the good of many, in this case for all Vermonters. Just the evening before, she had been telling our caucus how over that weekend she had struggled with her spreadsheets of House members' names for committee assignments. She found that she was only able to come up with

149 of the 150 members. After checking, and re-checking lists, and puzzling about who she was leaving out, it finally dawned on her that she, herself, was the 150th, and the Speaker doesn't sit on regular committees. While this story brought laughter from the caucus members, I also took from it an example of a certain selflessness that is characteristic of the new Speaker, which is a quality that should serve us all well in the House over these next two years.

The following day we took our first vote in the House, on a resolution to restructure the committee system, creating the new Health Finance Committee, which passed on a voice vote. That afternoon was the inauguration of the Governor, and swearing in of Lieutenant Governor and other constitutional officers, followed by the Governor's State of the State Address. After these two days, made up mostly of ceremony, members of the House and Senate were anxious for the announcement of committee assignments, which came on the third day.

I was placed on the Agriculture Committee. Often, in recent years, the "Ag." Committee has been seen as a place its members are relegated to rather than assigned. This year's committee, however, is quite different than any seen in the House in modern times. With a nearly even balance of five Republicans, five Democrats, and the first-ever Progressive member to chair any committee, a signal was sent that collaboration between all parties will be expected. Several other committees reflect such balance as well.

Speaker Symington called me that weekend to discuss how she would like to see this committee explore new opportunities for the agricultural community which go beyond the traditional, "thinking outside the box," as our committee Chair often says. As I write this, the committee has just finished our first few days hearing from key figures in the agricultural community, including the secretary of the agency, whom we heard from in a joint meeting with our senate counterparts. After hearing a presentation from the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Coalition for a Creative Economy, the Speaker has asked me to work, along with Representative Bill Botzow of Bennington, to come up with a bill that will utilize some of the findings of this coalition's recent report to the Legislature.

Right now is the orientation period, especially for us new folks, but with each of the next few weeks, we'll begin to get deeper into the real work we've all come to Montpelier to do. By the time I write again, we'll have heard the Governor's budget address, and then it will be up to the House and Senate to move forward. I'll also begin work with colleagues as one of two freshmen members of our caucus steering committee, and as we get further into the session, I've been asked to be with the group that helps the leadership monitor the Rules of the House during floor debates.

After being an observer of the Legislature for nearly 20 years, I am just now beginning to adjust to watching things from my new perspective. In seat #34 in the House, I still have difficulty grasping the reality that some of those longtime lawmakers, such as 32 year veteran and former Speaker Michael Obuchowski, whom I used to watch while doing my CVU senior internship 18 years ago, now count me among their colleagues. Being at the Statehouse always has been something of a thrill for me, but just the other day as I walked along the front steps and glanced up at the great granite columns, I felt a shiver go through me that was not brought on by the cold winter wind, but rather from the sense of history around me. Other members tell me this is a feeling that stays with you during all your time of service to the state.

I do hope we will see many of you at the Statehouse during this session. The restoration of this beautiful, historic building is now complete, and is really very impressive. For a view of the restoration work, visit the Friends of the Statehouse website: [www.vtstatehouse.org](http://www.vtstatehouse.org).

Please let me know if you are coming to Montpelier and can stop in to see us. You can reach me at home at 425-2257, or leave a message with the Sergeant at Arms at the Statehouse by calling (800)322-5616. If you have a question, I recommend using my e-mail address: [repscortorr@yahoo.com](mailto:repscortorr@yahoo.com), which allows me to respond at whatever odd hour I happen to receive your message, and is the quickest way to hear back from me.



## VT Businesses for Social Responsibility to Present at February HBPA Meeting

Spencer Putnam, the Executive Director of Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, will give a presentation at the February meeting of the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm at Papa Nick's Restaurant. All members of Hinesburg's business and professional community are welcome to attend. For more information or to make a reservation, contact HBPA Treasurer Jeanne Wilson at 482-3767 or 482-2096.

## Trillium Café, Green River Chocolates Transform Old Post Office

By Stewart Pierson

Old Post offices never die but their reincarnations stretch our imaginations. This useful old quiet, odor free, taste free space now bustles with the aromas of cooking food and brewing coffee, sounds of chatting clients, a few dish rattles, and the promise of tastes impossible to describe.



Photo Caption: Tammy Long, Beth Sengle, and Alan Sirotkin of the Trillium Café and Green River Chocolates

Allan Sirotkin and Beth Sengle have formed a business which includes The Trillium Café and Green River Chocolates. The Café features locally roasted Brown and Jenkins coffee, fresh baked goods, soups and more.

Green River Chocolates produces 26 different chocolates and chocolates sauce made from maple syrup. The Trillium opened in November and immediately was very busy.

"We seem to be a real gathering spot for many in the Hinesburg Community, which includes CVU and NRG. Lunch is our biggest meal but there are espresso and scone fans that have found us also." Local artist's work adorns the track lit walls. Jean Carlson Masseur's photographs are the first featured works. "We are definitely having fun doing work we enjoy and hopefully are filling a need in the Community." Sengle and Sirotkin enjoy the help and support of both family and friends as they undertake this exciting new venture.

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## New Faces at NRG Systems



Michael Goglia

NRG Systems, Inc. announces the addition of three new members to its team.

Michael Goglia, of Shelburne, joined the team as a towers production technician. Before joining NRG, Goglia worked as a sales associate and instructor at Classic Outfitters. Goglia received his bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Michael's College.

Kathy Magnus, of Waterbury, joined the team as an executive assistant. Magnus came to NRG from Suss Microtec, Inc., where she was employed as an executive assistant. Magnus received her bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Michael's College.



Kathy Magnus

Matthew Douglass, of Essex Junction, joined the team as an electronics technician. Douglass worked previously for Hayward Tyler, Inc., where he repaired and built motors and pumps. Douglass received his associate's degree in electrical engineering from Vermont Technical College.



Matthew Douglass

NRG Systems, located in Hinesburg, was founded in 1982 by David Blittersdorf. Jan Blittersdorf is company CEO and president. NRG wind energy assessment systems can be found in more than 100 countries, serving electric utilities, wind farm developers, research institutions, government agencies, universities and homeowners. For more information on NRG Systems, Inc., visit [www.nrgsystems.com](http://www.nrgsystems.com).

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## Trustee Meetings

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

## Book Discussion Groups

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group which meets monthly. The February 3 selection is *The Kite Runner* by Hosseini Khaled. The March 3 discussion book will

be *The Master Butcher's Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. Please phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on the location of the meeting.

## Storytime News

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

### Pajama Bedtime Stories

Children aged three to six are invited to come to the library in their pajamas and to bring a favorite stuffed animal on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. We will read stories about bears, view a 10 minute video and have a bedtime snack. Pre-registration is requested.

## Recent Acquisitions

### Adult Fiction

Crichton, Michael, *State of Fear*

Cussler, Clive, *Black Wind*

Demille, Nelson, *Night Fall*

Fowler, Connie May, *The Problem with Murmur Lee*

Kellerman, Jonathan, *Twisted*

Koontz, Dean, *Life Expectancy*

Patterson, James, *London Bridges*

Perlman, Elliot, *Seven Types of Ambiguity*

Proulx, Annie, *Bad Dirt*

Robinson, Marilynne, *Gilead*

Shanghvi, Siddharth Dhanvant, *The Last Song of Dusk*

Smith, Martin Cruz, *Wolves Eat Dogs*

### Adult Nonfiction

Carlson, Lisa, *I Died Laughing: funeral education with a light touch*

Chernow, Ron, *Alexander Hamilton*

Dylan, Bob, *Chronicles I*

Gaddis, John L., *Surprise, Security & the American Experience*

Hall, Donald, *The Contemporary Essay*

Langholz, Edna, *Over 50 and Still Cooking: recipes for good health and long life*

O'Nan, Stewart & Stephen King, *Faithful: two diehard Boston Red Sox fans...*

Ozment, Steven E., *Mighty Fortress: a new history of the German people*

Reichl, Ruth, *The Gourmet Cookbook: more than 1000 recipes*

Reid, T. R., *The United States of Europe*

Twain, Mark, *Helpful Hints for Good Living*

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

## Upcoming Events

Friday, February 11, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Happy Hearts Party. Join us at the library and share... There will be plenty of happiness to go around! Children aged six to 11 are invited to listen to wonderful stories and poems of love, friendship and caring. Perhaps the hearts will land in our favor as we play toss-the-hearts and other simply delightful games. The evening will close with sweet treats for all and take-home party favors. Please register; space limited.

Tuesday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m. The Bear Facts, presented by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Peek into the life of Vermont's largest predator and discover why the Black Bear is considered an umbrella species. We will delve into the details of human/bear interactions. Pre-registration requested.

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

## The Giving Tree

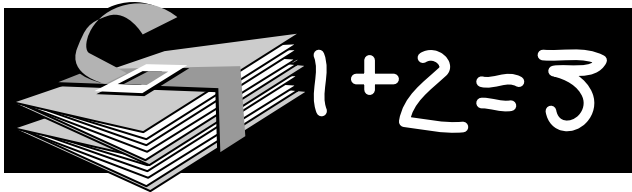
In December we revived the Giving Tree tradition at the library. The tree is peopled with little snowmen, each tagged with a number. Visitors to the library who want to donate a book to the collection may choose from authors/titles on a list that match numbers on the snowmen. Patrons may choose to purchase an item themselves or to pay the library \$15.00 per book.

We appreciate the responses to our "wish list." Donors will see their names on special book plates added to each book, unless anonymity is preferred. At winter's end we will post a list of Giving Tree donors.

## Postage Help Delivered

We very much appreciate those who continue to help with ILL postage expenses by dropping a coin or two in the library's new inter-library loan ILL Postage Jar. This has helped with ongoing return postage costs.....Also a big thank you to the Hikel-Breck family for sending the library a generous check to ease our postage woes!

# HINESBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Compiled by Denise Giroux

## HCS Calendar

### February

5: Krispy Kreme Donut pick-up, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, HCS

8: School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wainer Learning Center

21-25: No School, Winter Break

28: School Resumes

### March

19: Annual School Budget Meeting, HCS gym

## General School News

by Donna Hale, Principal

### Donation Thank You

We want to publicly thank the firm of Smith-Alvarez-Sienkiewicz Architects for their donation of \$1000 to the school.

Teachers and staff have generated a 'wish list' of things that would benefit our program. Program Council, the school's leadership team, will determine the process for selecting which item/idea gets funded.

Thank you, again, to Smith-Alvarez-Sienkiewicz Architects for your generosity!

### Principal Search

The School Board is interviewing four candidates for the principalship of HCS. It's anticipated that the Board will narrow the field and then require the finalists to participate in community and staff forums. The Board anticipates making a decision by February 8. We will keep you posted about the status of the search.

### New Faces

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Jill Birkhimer will be the long-term substitute filling in for Ms. Spaulding from January until June.

Ms. Birkhimer has been a middle level teacher in California for a number of years. She has experience working with at-risk students and has had many valuable experiences teaching overseas. We are happy to welcome her to Hinesburg.

There is a transition period so that Ms. Birkhimer will be in the classroom with Ms. Spaulding before she begins her leave in January.

### Mentoring Program

When you were growing up, was there someone who encouraged you and showed you the ropes? Are you looking for a rewarding, time-limited way to "pass it on" and give something back to a child in our community? If so, please consider becoming a mentor to a fifth through eighth grade student at the Hinesburg Community School.

Ginny Roberts has just been hired by Connecting Youth to start a Mentoring Program at HCS. This program has been highly successful at Williston Central School and is a great way to connect middle school students with caring adults in the community. Adult "mentors" spend an hour each week with their student or

"mentees," participating in one-on-one activities together on school grounds, including games, art projects, and sports.

Mentor comes from the Greek word for "steadfast and enduring." Through the simple act of meeting each week, mentoring helps young people to develop their abilities, their self-confidence, and their connection to school.

Mentors receive ongoing training and support throughout the school year.

For more information contact Ginny Roberts at 482-2106 or groberts@gmavt.net.

## When the Tragedy Struck

By Erin Palmer,  
Jenny Lyman, and Allison Richard

When the tsunami tragedy struck, the Synergy Team from HCS felt like they needed to do something to help. After a little bit of thinking, we realized that the idea to do a bottle drive was the answer. We have been working hard to get the word out.

The way you can help us is by bringing your bottles to Jiffy Mart (what used to be Ballards) located in Hinesburg (near the red light). Be sure to tell the person who takes your bottles that this is for the Synergy Team's bottle drive. We are accepting all donations. The deadline for the bottle drive is Saturday, February 5. We appreciate your time!! Thank You!!

## Hinesburg Reading Celebration

By Christine Varney, Library Media Specialist

The 2005 Hinesburg Reading Celebration will be held during the month of February at HCS. We will be doing many activities to encourage children, families, and community members to share the joys of reading.

Through our participation in the Reading is Fundamental program, the Hinesburg PTO, the Carpenter Carse Library, and HCS have joined hands to celebrate reading and writing. All students will select a third free RIF book and we will be doing many fun reading and writing activities throughout the month. We hope students, families, and community members will read together and help students keep track of the time they spend reading for fun at home and at school. We will end the celebration with the drawing of the names of the 2005 Hinesburg RIF Readers.

## The Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser is Here!

If you love the wonderful taste of Boston's Famous Krispy Kreme doughnuts and you haven't ordered them yet.....have no fear! Come to the Hinesburg Community School on Saturday, February 5 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and buy a couple dozen. They are on sale for \$6 a dozen and all proceeds help the PTO at HCS.

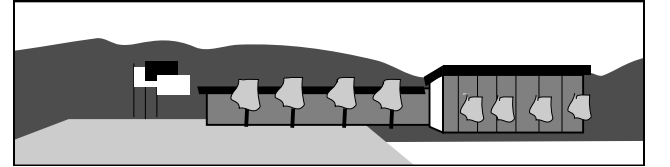
If you already ordered doughnuts from a HCS student, we thank you very much. You can either pick up your doughnuts at the school or have the student deliver them to you. Work it out with the student you bought them from.

Thank you for supporting the efforts of the PTO and all of the HCS community!

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### February:

- 1: CVU Summer Camp Sign-up Begins
- 2: Junior Parent College Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- 3: Friends of CVU Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 7: Registration deadline March SAT
- 8: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, 6:00 p.m.
- 9: Junior Parent College Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- 10-12: District Choral Festival
- 12: ACT Test Date
- 14: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106
- 14-18: Spirit Week
- 16: Career Fair, 11:30-1:30 p.m.
- 16: Junior Parent College Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- 18: Trike Race, 2:00 p.m.
- 21-25: No School
- 28: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106
- 28: Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

## Contest Encourages Speaking Out

By Rosalyn Graham

Three young women from Champlain Valley Union High School competed in the annual public speaking competition sponsored by the Charlotte Shelburne Rotary Club. Kelly



Photo by Rosalyn Graham

Byrne of Charlotte, center, a junior at CVU, took first place in the competition, speaking on the Four-Way Test that guides Rotary Clubs, and applying those tests to her own participation in the CVU Diversity movement. Kelly will represent Charlotte Shelburne in the next round of competition in Lyndon in late January. Also competing were Libby Parent of Hinesburg, left, who applied the Four Way Test to her activities in the Future Business Leaders of Vermont, and Ariella Pasackow of Shelburne, right, whose speech was on the theme "Celebrate Rotary." Libby is a senior at CVU and Ariella is a sophomore.

## Hinesburg Students Receive National Recognition

By Tom Giroux

Three Hinesburg residents have received national recognition for their soccer talent and recent accomplishments. *Kaitlin Francis* and *Todd Shepardson* earned the distinction of being named the best soccer players in Vermont due to their selection to the 2004 NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) /adidas High School All America Soccer Teams. *Bradford Parker*, the Champlain Valley Union High School Women's Varsity Coach, has also been named Region One Coach of the Year.

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Brownbridge, Mariah DiPasquale, Trevor Emmons, Colleen Fairchild, Adam Greene, Zeke Haskins, Natasha Irish, Kaity Kenyon, Ian Lampman, Peter Neu, Charles Ring and Hilary Whitney. We meet every other Friday and discuss things that we can do to make students (specifically focused on teens) stay off of drugs. We've come up with many activities, such as games, outings, dances and lessons to other students that will make people more aware of drug usage. We plan on presenting information to students in a fun, but educational way.

Vince Gray, the Peer Prevention Educator from Connecting Youth (CY) will be helping us to come up with ideas and put things into action. On November 23, 2004, the L.E.A.D. group did some team building activities, facilitated by Vince Gray, and then headed out to Champlain Lanes for an afternoon of bowling and fun. We held our first dance on January 14, 2005. It was called the "What's Your Anti-Drug?" dance. Students signed a banner in the morning stating what their anti-drug was. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade halls were decorated with anti-drug posters. The night of the dance, the anti-drug banner decorated the hall along with drug facts and trivia. During the dance, L.E.A.D. group members asked trivia questions and students won great prizes donated by CY. Hopefully students learned some new facts while having a fun and drug-free time.

The L.E.A.D. group is mainly focused on YOU, so if you have any ideas how we can spread drug awareness in a fun and educational way—let us know. We are also looking for someone that can help with outings and other activities. If you are interested in supporting this motivated group of students, please contact Ilana Brett at 482-2106, Extension 148.

## The Eighth Grade Plans Boston Trip

Ben Soll

Every year the Hinesburg Community School 8<sup>th</sup> graders go on a two day trip to Boston in May which is truly one of the highlights of the year. This year the trip consists of a one night hotel stay at the Fairfield Inn, a Duck Tour through Boston, a comedy play "Shear Madness", a visit to the Boston Museum of Science, breakfast at the Hard Rock Café, a visit to the Basketball Hall of Fame, a visit to the Seuss Gardens in Springfield, Massachusetts, a stroll through Quincy Market, and an Imax movie. More activities are possible but are not yet set and depend on how much money can be raised through various fundraising activities.

For these plans the estimated cost is \$12,000 which includes transportation, the cost of the hotel, admissions to all the events and meals. Students and Parents should all know what this means... Fund Raising! Fun for you isn't it? This year there have been four main fundraising events each attracting a different group. The Hinesburg Community School held their annual magazine drive for the middle school in September, followed by the Tupper-ware sale in October, a holiday wreath sale in December, and a middle school dance-a-thon in November.



Eighth graders Matt Mainer and Tess Keller help with the wreath sales

As you can see although there is a lot of money to make each fund raiser is unique. The magazine drive attracts many people possibly renewing or subscribing to new magazines, and is our most profitable fundraiser of the year. The Tupper-ware sale is always an attraction for people in need of it. The wreath sale gave many good deals for holiday spirit. Last but not least the Dance-a-thon is just plain old fun.

All of these fundraisers along with a fifty dollar fee from each student provide the needed \$12,000 for the trip. So far a little over \$5,000 has been raised. It is estimated that we will need to raise around \$4,000 more to go on the trip we have planned. One fundraiser that is coming up soon is the carnation and chocolate sale for Valentines Day. If you would like to give some chocolates or a carnation to someone at the school to help the eighth grade out, just call the school and place an order. We would really appreciate your support.

## Girls Basketball

A decline in interest or a misunderstood message?

Katie Emmerson

In past years the Hinesburg school basketball teams, open to students in grades six through eight, has so many people try out that sixth graders were often out because they were still eligible to play for the rec. league. But, this year only eighteen girls went out for the school team and only five girls went out for the rec. team. The school team had spots for twenty-seven players, so, naturally everyone made the team and many of them were sixth graders. At the beginning of the season the 'A' and 'B' teams were evenly split with nine players each. In the past more players were on the 'B' team because the 'A' team was more competitive.

This shocking decline in players is believed to have had many sources. Some girls thought that if they tried out for the school team and didn't make it they couldn't try out for the rec. team. However the rec season doesn't

start until the school tryouts are over, so the girls that didn't make the school team could still play. This message was not widely known and is partially responsible for the problem. Others didn't



Katie Langshore goes in for a basket against Shelburne

try out because they didn't know who the coaches would be this year. The coaches are Mrs. Bissonnette and Mr. Darling who also teaches seventh and eighth students at HCS. A few girls missed tryouts because they had other things going on. They are involved in other clubs and groups like Futsal which also has regular practices and games. Lastly, some girls didn't go out because they didn't think they were good enough and that they would be



Eighth grader Becca Pasquet dribbles around a Shelburne defender

out so why bother trying out.

The shortage of players is being eased because the girls who signed up for rec. basketball have joined the team because they couldn't find a coach. Also girls who missed the tryouts because of other obligations are being allowed to join late. It seems that there are plenty of girls who want to play basketball but the information around the requirements and the tryouts was not well understood. Hopefully the problem is fixed now and the girls will have a great season and a lot of fun.

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Each year the NSCAA selects All America teams at the youth, high school and college levels. Parker, Francis and Shepardson attended an All-American luncheon in Baltimore on January 15 to receive their awards. This luncheon is held as part of the 58th annual NSCAA convention, which is the world's largest gathering of soccer coaches.



2004 NSCAA All Americans: Kaitlin Francis, Todd Shepardson. PHOTO BY DAWN FRANCIS.

Francis and Shepardson are listed among 152 All-Americans nationwide on the NSCAA's website (www.nscAA.com). Because of Vermont's population size, the state only has one player from each gender. Both Francis and Shepardson were recognized as All-New England and Burlington Free Press All-State players. They will be appearing in the Twin State soccer match against the best players in New Hampshire scheduled in the summer of 2005.

CVUHS Women's Soccer Coach Brad Parker described Francis as the most deserving player in the State because of her phenomenal ball skills and thorough understanding of the game. She creates and makes things happen both defensively and offensively. Francis scored ten goals and excelled at playmaking with 14 assists.

Todd Shepardson is among the nation's elite because of his excellent technical skills and knowledge of the game. He simply makes players around him better according to CVUHS Men's Soccer Coach Dan Shepardson. Shepardson scored 44 goals and 33 assists during his CVU Varsity career.

CVUHS Varsity Women's coach Bradford Parker was named the Region 1 Coach of the Year by the NSCAA and is a top finalist for National Coach of the Year. He will also be honored at the Baltimore convention. This is the third time Parker has been recognized for his coaching abilities at the national level, having received the Region 1 Coach of the year in 1997 and the National Coach of the year from NFICA in 1998. Parker has coached for 18 years at the varsity level. His CVUHS team has been the top seed in the state Division 1 finals for 12 years in a row. Parker's teams have won eight state titles and made 11 state final appearances. This year's team was ranked 16th in the nation as a tribute to their consistent winning record.

## All State Girls

CVUHS and Hinesburg were well represented at the All-State soccer banquet held in December at Barre Auditorium. The Girl's All State team listed six players from CVU- *Kaitlin Francis, Libby Parent, Kelly Macnee, Emily Milbank, Katie Stetler and Kelly Sisco*. Francis, Parent, Stetler are all Hinesburg residents and Emily Milbank is the granddaughter of long time Hinesburg resident, Howard Riggs.



2004 CVUHS All State Players (Seniors Only). *Libby Parent, Katie Stetler, Kelly Sisco, Kelly Macnee, Kaitlin Francis.* (Missing: *Emily Milbank, Sophomore*). PHOTO BY DAWN FRANCIS.

In an article appearing in the December edition of *The Hinesburg Record*, some Hinesburg players on the 2004 State Championship team were omitted. The following photo from the end of the season soccer banquet includes all nine players from Hinesburg on the 2004 CVUHS Women's Soccer Team.




Hinesburg Girls on CVUHS 2004 Team (l-r top): *Abbi Newton, Eva Pelligrino-Young, Meg Patrick, Zelig Dunn-Morrison, Page Leenstra, Kaitlin Francis.* (l-r bottom): *Libby Parent, Katie Stetler, Lily Kielman.* PHOTO BY DAWN FRANCIS.

## All State Boys

The Boy's All State roster included *Todd Shepardson, Jefferson Parker, Rem Kielman, Nick Mead* (all from Hinesburg) and Ethan and Gardner Morrow. The All-State player selection process and Awards Banquet are sponsored by the Vermont Soccer Coaches' Association. All of the Hinesburg players began their soccer careers with the Hinesburg Recreation Department and Iroquois Soccer Club.

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## School Board News

By Rosalyn Graham

### School Board Positions

Two of the members of the board of Champlain Valley Union High School whose terms end in March 2005 have announced they will not seek reelection. Elizabeth Bassett of Charlotte and Tom Clavelle of Shelburne told the other members of the CVU board of their decisions at the Monday, December 13 meeting. Sarita Austin of Williston said she will run for election to a new three year term and *Gianetta Bertin*, who was appointed to the board in November by the Hinesburg Selectboard to fill the unexpired term of Sandy Lathem who retired from the board at the end of the summer, will stand for election in March.

Jeff Parker of Shelburne urged his fellow board members, and those who are retiring, to be proactive in finding candidates to run for seats on the school board. He suggested holding a forum for potential candidates and interested members of the public to make them aware of the responsibilities and opportunities board membership entails.

Joan Lenes of Shelburne said, "We have a lot of important work to do and we need to do a good job of training people." Tom Clavelle said he was optimistic about finding good candidates with the improvements made to the building and a general air of satisfaction with the school in the communities.

The deadline for candidates to file petitions to run in the March Town Meeting elections is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 31.

### The Crusader is Dead

Supporters of the crusader mascot that has represented Champlain Valley Union High School for 40 years, and those who find the mascot offensive and demeaning, were present in force at the meeting of the CVU board on Monday, December 13, ready to counsel the board on their best actions in the debate over the future of the symbol.

The members of the board, who have discussed the possibility of changing the mascot at many meetings since the concern about its appropriateness was brought to their attention in the spring, listened to students, parents, alumni, teachers and politicians speak out in a public hearing designed to encourage a broad expression of opinion.

They heard supporters including student Caitlin LaBarge who said that the word crusader had changed in its meaning through the centuries, and that for CVU students it meant someone who would attempt to achieve something worthwhile. Doug Aiken of Williston said that the board should not act to change the symbol if their motivation was political correctness. He illustrated his point by saying that when Rice Memorial changed their sports teams' name from Little Indians, he had talked to Indians who said they were not offended by the name, and in fact took pride in it. Mike Quaid of Williston said that the Crusaders had freed Europe from the Muslims who had overrun much of Africa and southern Europe and laid the foundation for modern Judeo-Christian civilization.

They heard many more critics of the mascot. Dr. Paul Jarris of Shelburne said he had been taken aback when he first realized that the CVU mascot was a crusader, a symbol that is "inherently oppressive." Representative Bill Lippert of Hinesburg said CVU should be "a fully welcoming community where everyone can be proud of their heritage without symbols that make some people uncomfortable." He said that changing the mascot was "an opportunity to accomplish something affirmative."

Mort Wasserman of Charlotte said that a mascot is a symbol intended to bring a community together. "This symbol is divisive," he said. Katie Antos Ketcham, a CVU teacher who leads the group of 50 students who meet regularly to address issues of inclusiveness, fostering diversity and creating a climate where students feel valued, said, "Words can hurt, and the crusader word hurts."

Teacher Bill Mares said that each year for the past seven years he has asked his sophomore history class the question: "Should CVU change its mascot?" He said they have collected documents on both sides of the question, and he supposed that although support for the crusader as mascot has declined, a straw poll at this time would still find a majority of students in favor of the crusader. However, he said, "We live in a world where we are the subjects of a holy war, and while we may see the crusader symbol as innocent, I think it's a mascot whose time is past."

They also heard Charles Kogge of Hinesburg say that the decision should not be made by the board, but by the students. "It's their mascot," he said. "They are the ones who wear the uniforms and play on the teams."

After almost an hour of sometimes heated airing of opinions, Chairman Mike Bissonette asked the board to vote on the proposal that would replace the crusader mascot with a new mascot in time for the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. All the members of the board, with the exception of Board Vice-Chair Jeff Parker of Shelburne, voted to replace the crusader mascot. The Board members did not voice their reasons for voting as they did, and it was only during a later discussion in the meeting that new board member Gianetta Bertin of Hinesburg expressed her concern about the process. "The public deserves to know why we vote when we vote, not just hear us say aye or nay."

The plan for selecting a new mascot will include appointing a committee of two students, two faculty, two staff and representatives from the Friends of CVU who will set up a process for selecting options for a new mascot and for gathering input from the community. The final decision on the new mascot will be made by the School Board based on the recommendation of the CVU administration and Student Council.

### Parents Question Coaching

With the first race of the varsity ski season only four days away, parents of students on the CVU Ski Team, and some Ski Team members, came to the Monday, December 13 meeting of the CVU Board of Directors to demand prompt action in finding qualified technical coaches for the team.

Parent Lee Minkler of Charlotte said safety was a prime concern in the parents' minds as they saw their young athletes taking part in a demanding and potentially dangerous sport without what they considered the level of coaching necessary to prevent accidents. He explained that the head coach should be a good leader and organizer, but a technical coach is the coach who is on the hill, setting gates, tuning equipment and designing courses.

Minkler said that having a highly qualified team of coaches was more important for the ski team than for some other sports, because the ski team includes members with such a wide range of experience and ability. He said that some team members have been to academies that specialize in ski training, and others are beginners.

The parents in the audience said they had been making calls to find possible technical coaches for the team, and had found some possible candidates. Principal Val Gardner said she and Athletic Director Kevin Reill have advertised, canvassed ski areas, and had hired Mike Minerly and expected to have a second technical coach in place by the first race on Friday.

Minkler was critical of the attention the question had been getting from the administration, citing meetings held with Principal Gardner, Reill and CSSU Superintendent Brian O'Regan. "When parents are beating the bushes to find coaches when the season has already begun, this has gone beyond an administrative issue," he said.

The board did not agree to the parents' request that they designate a board member to ensure that the search for coaching expertise proceed quickly, pointing out that hiring coaches, like any other staff, is the responsibility of administration. However Director Tom Clavelle said, "We can clearly send a message to the administration that they need to find a solution to this problem."

Superintendent O'Regan said, "We will do everything possible to get the right people on board with the unique skill set that is required."

### Budget Trimming Continues

At their budget planning meeting on Monday, January 3, the board of directors of Champlain Valley Union High School set their sights on a budget that would have less than an 11%

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increase over the budget of 2004-2005 and they asked Principal Val Gardner to recommend cuts that would accomplish that goal and give them a budget to approve at their January 10 meeting.

At the beginning of the annual budget process on December 6, the administration's budget proposal was for \$16,654,474, an increase of 13.95% over the current year. In response to the board's concern that the increase was too large to be accepted by the taxpayers, in two subsequent meetings Gardner pared away more than \$300,000, some of it in the cost of benefits after firm figures were received for health insurance, and much of it by using money in the reserve fund to pay for new computers instead of including them in the general budget. At Monday's meeting the board debated her third version: a \$16,331,678 budget and an 11.75% increase. Many board members expressed concern that putting the computers on the ballot in March as a separate item would make them the target of taxpayer displeasure, likely to be defeated, a serious setback to a long term plan for technology upgrading for the school.

The main obstacle facing the budget builders this year is that there are two very large immovable objects in the budget for 2005-2006. First, there are negotiated salaries and benefits, up \$489,930, accounting for 4.74%, and second, debt service, the principal and interest on the \$18 million bond for the current construction project approved in March 2004 which accounts for slightly over 5% of the increase.

Betty Winget of Shelburne who was participating in the meeting as a 'budget buddy' pointed out that the public needs to understand that they had already approved most of the increase when they voted for the bond to renovate and expand the school. This is the first year that principal and interest are included in the debt service, the year when the total amount of the debt service will be the highest.

Jeanne Jensen of Williston voiced the concern of many board members at the difficulty of agreeing on an acceptable budget without knowing the tax implications. Chief Operations Officer for the Supervisory Union, Bob Mason, explained that without final budget figures from all the schools in the district, and firm figures from the state of the Common Level of Appraisal that is applied to the tax rate for each town to equalize the burden of education throughout the state, it would be premature to speculate on what the cost of K-12 education would be in each of the five towns of Chittenden South. He said that the Governor's recommendation that the state education tax rate be lowered again this year could also have an impact on the costs.

Chairman Michael Bissonette polled the board and the budget buddies who attend budget meetings to broaden the participation in the discussion. While some expressed support for a budget in which there is little room for cuts that will not harm important programs, and were ready to campaign vigorously to 'sell' the budget in their towns, others pointed to the high taxes that are already causing concern. Budget buddy Betty Winget of Shelburne said she thought that using some of the \$600,000 in reserve funds that have accumulated in the past few years to help with the purchase of technology was a good idea, while Director Gianetta Bertin of Hinesburg said the level of spending on technology was a matter for debate all over the country, a question that voters might struggle with. Charlotte's Dottie Waller agreed, saying, "Spending \$239,000 for technology would probably hit a nerve."

Elizabeth Bassett of Charlotte recommended putting "all our eggs in one basket," including technology in the total budget and working hard to explain the budget to the public and gain their support.

Principal Gardner, facing her assignment to cut enough from the budget to get below the 11% increase mark, asked that the board not constrain her planning by insisting that technology be the target for cuts, but rather "put everything on the table and let me bring back a proposal to you." She said, "What you have in front of you now is what the administration thinks we need to maintain programs and increase technology." She pointed out that 1% is \$140,000 which she called "a cut" and that 2% is \$280,000. "That's a deep cut," she said. "Those kind of cuts will affect quality."

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## Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast! (Hint: It's CLIFFORD!)

By Deirdre Gladstone and Jen Bradford

*Before I talk about anything else, I must correct a mistake from my last article. When I spoke about former alum Barry Russell (now of Lantman's) I gave him a new last name. I was, indeed, talking of Barry Russell and offer my apologies to Barry and his family.*

**Question:** What's big and red, decorated with festive hearts, surrounded by red hot deals, and smothered in strawberries and cream?

**Answer:** Clifford the Big Red Dog at the Hinesburg Nursery School's annual Valentine's Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction! As if the great food, fun crafts, and cool bargains weren't enough, this year everyone's favorite literary pooch will be there to visit with kids big and small.

Parents are now busy organizing the seventh annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction to be held at the Hinesburg Community School cafeteria on Sunday, February 13, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

We will serve a delicious breakfast of waffles with strawberries and Vermont maple syrup, along with bacon, bagels, fruit, coffee, juice. The silent auction is a fantastic way to scoop up some terrific deals on ski passes, gift certificates to stores and restaurants, museum passes, local products, homemade items and dozens of other items. The auction will begin at 8:30 a.m., with bids closing at 10:30 a.m.

The price for breakfast is \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children three-12 years old, and kids under two are free. The Family Discount price (two adults and two kids) is \$17.

Come out and see your friends and neighbors, have a good, hot breakfast, pick up some deals, and help support the Hinesburg Nursery School. With the Winter Carnival the day before, you are looking at a weekend of local entertainment and hanging out with your Hinesburg pals. No need to travel anywhere that weekend! Hope to see you there.

## Thank You, Masons

Just before the holiday break, the kids of HNS were invited to a party hosted by the Masons. The school is located in the basement of the Masonic Temple. The cookies and fancy punch were a treat unto themselves, but there was more to come. Heading upstairs, Santa's elf (also known as J.T. Henley) led the kids in carols and recited a favorite Shel Silverstein poem, which was most impressive and tongue-twisting.

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lap, talk about what they hoped to get for Christmas and walked away with a gift. Each kid got the moment recorded with a framed instamatic picture.

The parents and kids of the HNS appreciate the thought and effort of this annual Masonic tradition—thank you! A special thank you also to Sylvie Henley and Karen McCalla, who helped to organize the party. We know our son became a true Santa believer after that event, especially since he got what he asked for. Good thing his parents overheard him and weren't busy cleaning up the leftover cookies!

The first couple of days after the holiday break were filled with kids anxious to share holiday experiences and gifts received with teachers Yvonne and Natalie. It is not hard to convince these kids to head back to HNS—there's just too much fun waiting.

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# Organizations

## Hinesburg Lions Discuss 2004-2005 Programs

By Margery Sharp

At their last meeting of the year, the Hinesburg Lions met to recap their activities for 2004 and to firm up plans for 2005. As always, the club is looking for new members who want to serve the community. There is particular emphasis on work with those who have sight and hearing problems, as well as need for information about and/or screening for diabetes.

The club started the year last January with a Valentine Raffle, chaired by Barbara Leggett, which raised money to assist with the Easter Egg Hunt held annually for the children of Hinesburg on the Saturday before Easter. Lions President Vicki Matthews chaired the event held at the recreation area behind the town elementary school.

In late spring the club financed a scholarship offered to a graduating senior who resided in Hinesburg. This scholarship will be offered again this coming spring, and information and an application can be obtained through the CVU guidance department.

The members voted to continue financial support of the Hinesburg Food Shelf milk and food program and the Austine Summer Camp (in Brattleboro) for the Deaf through the purchase of tickets to the annual Vermont vs. New Hampshire Soccer Game. (These tickets are given to the friends and/or families of the senior men and women players from CVU who are chosen to play in the annual contest held in July.)

Other ongoing services include the collection of used eyeglasses and hearing aids which are recycled and sent on to third world countries where citizens who are unable to afford these devices receive them.

Last year part of the money earned through fundraisers was advanced to start the Hinesburg Farmer's Market which was set up on the grounds of the Community Church of Hinesburg. That money was returned to the club's treasury in full after all expenses were paid and an agreed-upon fee was turned over to the church for use of the church grounds. The amount realized from this first year of the market was \$1700.

Due to the popularity of the new market and the way in which the community welcomed it onto the roster of summer activities, the market will start its second year at the beginning of June and again run through September.

A sale of Christmas tree ornaments was held at Lantman's store which featured original handmade ornaments by Lion Tom Marinson. Revenues earned helped the Lions give monetary support to several families who otherwise would have faced a bleak holiday without extras for a meal and presents for their children.

Future plans may include a diabetes' screening which would be open to the community and held in a public building in Hinesburg.

The Lions will continue their sponsorship of the Scout Ventures Club, which is an arm of the Boy Scouts of America but is open to young adults of both sexes. The Ventures plan their own programs with an emphasis on outdoor activities (which even includes winter camping trips!). The Ventures also help the Lions with some of the club's community activities

including the Easter Egg Hunt and the Valentine Raffle.

## Lions' Valentine Raffle

The next fundraiser the Hinesburg Lions will hold is the annual Valentine Raffle. Through the good offices of several Hinesburg businesses and nearby ski areas, the prizes are many and varied and include such items as tickets to a UVM-New Hampshire Basketball Game, day passes to Bolton Valley and Cochran's ski areas, flowers, fruits, pies, soda and selected cheeses.

Prizes also include certificates for a restaurant meal, car wash, free gas, savings bonds, a pass to Sleepy Hollow Cross Country Ski Area, and more.

Tickets will be available from any member of the Lions, Papa Nick's Restaurant, and will be sold by Lions at Lantman's on Saturdays.

The drawing will be held prior to Valentine's Day (February 14) and all winners will be notified by telephone or mail.

## Memory Tree Listings

A new offering in December was sponsorship of a Memory Tree, which was lighted and set up by the Lions during the holidays. It gave the members of the community an opportunity to publicly remember and acknowledge those persons near and dear to each of them.

This first year these were the persons (and pets) remembered in the Hinesburg community (note: numbers in parentheses indicate lights purchased, if greater than one):

- Aeschlimann, Arthur
- Allard, Celina
- Amerman, Edward
- Amerman, Emily
- Bissonette, Duane
- Bissonette, Mary
- Bushey, Doris
- Collins, Mary-Louise
- Giroux, Bernard
- Giroux, Dan
- Good, Maryhelen
- Hansen, Randy
- Horton, Chet
- Huestis, Clifford (Chuck) (2)
- Huestis, Vance (2)
- Hutchins, Charlie (2)
- Hutchins, Earl (Bill) (2)
- Hutchins, Shirley (3)
- Johansson, Helga
- Jones, Scott
- LaBarron, Jeannette
- LaBarron, Newton
- LaClare, Arlene
- Peet, Alson
- Peet, Frederick, Jr.
- Peet, Frederick, Sr.
- Peet, Jennie
- Schroeder, Jane
- Severance, Yvonne
- Strong, Richard, Jr.
- Well, Mary
- White, Ted (2)
- Woods, Christie (2)
- No Last Names:
  - Anna, Chris Walter
  - Vermont Soldiers
  - Serving in Military
- CATS
  - Hutchins, Sam
  - Johansson, Clea
  - Severance, Pitty-Pat
- DOGS
  - Castle, QuickSilver (2)
  - Cleary, Nuez
  - Fortin, Sambo
  - Garvey-Benoit, Tippi
  - Hutchins, Belinda

Hutchins, Female  
Letourneau, Desi (2)  
Severance, Taffy

## Masons Host Firefighters, Nursery School Students

On Friday, November 5, Patriot Lodge members invited the Fire Department members and their spouses to a roast pork dinner to show our appreciation for their dedication and selfless service to the town of Hinesburg.

The evening started with the group assembling in the Lodge room to visit while people were arriving. Upon being called to the dining area, Brother Robert McLain, Chaplain for Patriot Lodge gave the blessing. The dinners, cooked by Brother J.T. Henley, were then served to 40 plus people. The dessert of pumpkin pie was served after which Fire Chief Al Barber was asked to introduce the members of his Department. Brother Robert Harrington, Master of the Lodge then introduced the members of Patriot Lodge. Brother Harrington then presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the members of Patriot Lodge to the Hinesburg Fire Department. This was designed by collaborative efforts of Brothers Rod Churchill, John and wife Diane Parenteau.

The highlight of the evening for the Masonic members was to get to know the people who volunteer and make our community a safe place to live in.

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### Did You Know Santa Was a Mason?

On Saturday, December 11, the Patriot Lodge members and LaPlatte Chapter, #64, Order of the Eastern Star jointly hosted a Christmas Party for the Hinesburg Nursery School at 1:30 p.m.

### Coming Up Next

Friday, February 4, Patriot Masonic Lodge #33 F. & A.M. will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m. with a regular meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

## Free Masons Cribbage Tournament

The Grand Lodge of Vermont is holding a Cribbage Tournament on February 12, 2005. There will be prizes for the winners and lunch provided. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. - ? Price is \$5.00.

This is the first leg of a statewide Cribbage Tournament. The second phase of the tournament is in Williston, and the finals are in Barre. All the money raised for this event supports the Freemasons Scholarship Fund. This scholarship program is for Vermont high school students. Last year the Vermont Freemasons presented 45 scholarships to Vermont students.

So cribbage players from Hinesburg and surrounding areas, let's see what you got, and help a Vermont student. Please reserve a spot!

For more information, please call Deac Devoid at 862-1646 or John Parenteau at 899-2892.

## Hinesburg Friends of Families

By Stephanie Murray

### Girl Scout Troop 483 Make Welcome Baby Bags

Girl Scout Troop #483 along with support of their troop leaders Jann Lyman and Denise Giroux went all out with a community service project! This Girl Scout troop designed baby onesies to go in each Welcome Baby Bag that is delivered



Girl Scout Troop 483. They made Welcome Baby Bag Onesies.

to all newborns in the Town of Hinesburg.

The Welcome Baby project is sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Families. In the bag are resources for new parents, information about the Town, and now a nice gift made special by a group of local Girl Scouts. Each onesie is carefully designed and stenciled.

We are so proud to see this collaboration, making everyone involved feeling proud! We (Hinesburg Friends of Families) look forward to many more projects done jointly with the Girl Scouts!

Thanks again for the hard work done by these young girls, your creativity is greatly appreciated.

## Upcoming Events at Lake Champlain Waldorf School

**Community Singing Workshop** with Village Harmony, Wednesday Feb 2, 7:00-9:30 pm, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne Campus. Village Harmony returns! Renowned musicians and choral directors will lead a workshop for adults and teens, featuring South African songs and dances, shape-note music, and songs from Bulgaria, Caucasus and Georgia. Participants need not read music. \$7.00 suggested donation. Directions: See end of this article.

**High School Coffee House**, Friday, Feb. 4, 7-9:30 pm. Lake Champlain Waldorf High School, Ferry Road, Charlotte. For 8th grade students and older. Enjoy an evening of eclectic music, poetry, drama and dance all supplied by you and other talented members and friends of our community. \$5.00 donation. Directions: See end of this article.

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**High School Preview**, Tuesday Feb. 8, 8:30-10:00 am, Lake Champlain Waldorf High School, Ferry Road, Charlotte. Experience Waldorf education just as our students do. Visit an academic class, followed by tea with faculty. Students are encouraged to attend. Free, RSVP. Directions: See end of this article.

**Observation Morning**, Thursday, Feb. 10 & Wed., March 9, 8:30-10:30 am, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne Campus. Observe grade school and preschool/kindergarten classes in session, experiencing Waldorf education for yourself. Q&A following tour. RSVP; FREE. Directions: See end of this article.

**Kindergarten Saturday Morning Story Time & Valentine Crafts**, Saturday, Feb. 12, 9:30-11:00 am, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne Campus. Come hear a magical seasonal story, create a valentine wonder for a loved one, and play in the kindergarten classrooms. For children three to six years old and their parents. Shelburne campus; limited space; RSVP required; FREE. Directions: See end of this article.

**Knitting & Felting Workshop**, Tuesday, March 1 & 15, 7-9 pm, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne Campus. Come to this two-part workshop to learn the art of felting knitwear. You will knit a purse or pencil pouch and then bring it back to felt & embellish two-weeks later. Taught by LCWS Handwork teacher Melendy Comey and felter Karen Nolin-Govett. Beginning knitting skills needed; yarn provided; bring size 11 needles. RSVP. \$4. Directions: Route 7 to Shelburne Village, west on Harbor Rd about a mile, right on Turtle Lane, go to end of dirt road. 985-2827, www.lcwaldorf.org Open House Tuesday March 8, 7:30-9:00 pm Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne Campus Come tour the school, look through examples of students' work and meet teachers who will answer your questions about Waldorf education. Free, RSVP.

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## Fresh Air Fund

### Make 2003 a Fresh Air Fund Year

The New Year gives families a wonderful opportunity to make resolutions about activities they can do together in the coming year. In 2005, help the children of New York City by volunteering to be a host family for The Fresh Air Fund. Volunteering as a family is a chance to spend time together and to introduce children to volunteerism and community service.

For information on hosting a Fresh Air child, please contact Karen Allen at 802-372-5324 or The Fresh Air Fund at (800) 367-0003, or visit The Fund's web site at [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

## Everything Equine & Horses 2005

Horse lovers will again be able to get a jump on the season at the second annual "Everything Equine" and regional "Horse 2005" shows April 23-24 at the Champlain Valley Exposition (CVE).

The events, presented in cooperation with the University of Vermont Extensions and Karen Clark of The Horse Works, offers horse enthusiasts a full range of demonstrations, training, seminars, products, and displays.

Vendor and exhibit space is also available. For details, call Tom Oddy at CVE, 878-5545; [toddy@cvfair.com](mailto:toddy@cvfair.com) or Susan Petrie at email [spetrie@cvfair.com](mailto:spetrie@cvfair.com).

## Youth Tobacco Access Prevention Among Best in U.S.

### State Falls Short on Clean Indoor Air, Tobacco Control Program Funding and Cigarette Excise Tax

Despite the high economic and human costs of smoking, Vermont has yet to pass comprehensive clean indoor air legislation to protect the health of all Vermonters, according to

the American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control: 2004 report.

The third annual American Lung Association report graded Vermont in the following areas:

- Tobacco Prevention and Control Spending, Grade: C
- Smoke-free Air, Grade: B
- Cigarette Taxes, Grade: C
- Youth Access, Grade: A

"This report recognizes the leadership and vision that Vermont lawmakers have shown in strong control on preventing youth access to tobacco products," said John Cronin, CEO and President of the American Lung Association of Vermont. "But tobacco takes its toll on society in different ways and we need to address these other risks to public health. It is time for our leaders to face our shortcomings and begin to save lives with laws that cover all the bases." Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in Vermont, causing nearly 1,000 deaths each year. Treating smoking-related illness costs the state \$182 million a year, \$56 million of which are Medicaid expenditures. \$172 million is spent on lost productivity due to smoking-related illnesses.

### Federal Government Receives Failing Marks

For the first time, the American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control report (which previously included only state-by-state report cards) rates the federal government's record on tobacco policy, and gives Congress and the White House failing grades for not enacting a comprehensive national tobacco control policy in 2004.

In the federal section of the report, the American Lung Association grades Congress and the White House on:

- Cigarette Taxes, Grade: F
- Regulation of Tobacco Products by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Grade: F
- Tobacco Cessation, Grade: F
- The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), an international tobacco control treaty, Grade: D

"Last year, the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives squandered an historic opportunity to pass meaningful regulation of tobacco products," said John L. Kirkwood, President and CEO of the American Lung Association.

The complete methodology and score calculations are included in the report and can be found online at [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org).

## Knights of Columbus Annual Game Supper

Saturday, January 29

The Essex Junction Knights of Columbus are holding their Annual Game Supper on Saturday, January 29, from 5:00-6:15 p.m. and 6:15-7:15 p.m. at the Holy Family Parish Hall, Route 2A, Essex Junction. Adult tickets are \$15.00; under 12 years are \$6.00. For tickets and reservations, call Barry Corbin at 878-8314.


  
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# Fourth of July 2005

By Doug Mead

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# Sports

## 19th Annual Camel's Hump Challenge Backcountry Ski Tour

The 19th annual Camel's Hump Challenge will be held on Sunday, February 13 in memory of Warren Beeken, who was the primary organizer of the event for nearly two decades, and to benefit the Alzheimer's Association of Vermont and New Hampshire. The event, which begins and ends at the Skiers' Association in Huntington, is a unique 25K backcountry ski tour encircling Camel's Hump.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Camel's Hump Skiers' Association and skiers depart at 8:30 a.m. Good conditioning, backcountry skills, suitable gear, ample food and fluids and extra clothing are required for the five to eight hour tour. Skiers raise funds for research as well as local caregiver support and educational programs.

The Camel's Hump Challenge is held in collaboration with the Camel's Hump Skiers' Association and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

For additional information or to pre-register, please call (802) 425-2207 or (802) 985-9457.

## 7th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot a Success

By Colin McNaull

The Hinesburg Land Trust's 7th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot held on Sunday, November 30 was a success despite the rain, wind, and the chilly temperature. All 27 participants enjoyed the exhilarating day. Three courageous walkers also braved the elements.

We were pleased that two Canadians from the Montreal-area participated in running the 4.25-mile course that passes some of the land conserved by the Hinesburg Land Trust. The event raised \$325 for the Hinesburg Land Trust.

Eli Howard, age 16, of Richmond, Vermont was the first person across the finish line with a time of 24:18. This was the second year in a row that he has won the race. Eli also runs for Mount Mansfield High School. Jessica Tuttle, age 27, of Burlington, won the woman's division with a time of 31:27.

Other winners in their age divisions were:

- Dann VanderVliet, 30-39, Richmond
- Marielle Aunave, 30-39, South Burlington
- Richie Berger, 40-49, Shelburne
- Caryn Etherington, 40-49, Middlebury
- Forrest Le Moine, 50+, Shelburne

Bell's Maple Syrup of Hinesburg and Koval's Coffee of Vermont in Hinesburg, provided prizes.

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# NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June Giroux

## Our Newest Residents

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

Elise Mary Ayer, a girl, was born November 30, 2004 to parents Marie Ayer Blaise and Thomas Ayer.

Candice and Gregg Brueck are parents of a girl, Amara Hayden Brueck, born December 17, 2004 at Fletcher Allen Hospital.

## Susan Dinitz Named Vermont Professor of the Year

Susan Dinitz, senior lecturer in English and director of the University of Vermont Writing Center, has been named Vermont Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council of Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The award recognizes outstanding professors for their dedication to teaching, commitment to students and innovative instructional methods.

Since 1980, Dinitz has been teaching and tutoring writing to UVM students. In recent years, Dinitz has combined the roles of teacher and mentor through her work with students in UVM's Student Support Services (TRIO) program and Project STAY. Whether from rural Vermont or urban China, these students excel in other areas, but share the difficulties of having low verbal scores and/or special needs as first-generation college students from families with limited incomes.

"I frequently go to Professor Dinitz not only with school problems but personal ones as well," said one student. "She makes me feel comfortable in being honest and open as well as asking for help when I need it." The same sentiments are echoed by Dinitz's students from freshman English to writing tutors to graduate teaching assistants.

"Sue is a one-woman-teacher-of-writing miracle on this campus," said Jane Knodell, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Not only is she an outstanding teacher of writing in her own right, she trains undergraduates to be peer tutors, helping other students strengthen their writing skills. As the director of the UVM Writing Center, she is incredibly active in bringing the resources of the center into all kinds of classrooms, helping students become confident, effective writers."

In the Writing Center, Dinitz teaches tutors to consider the "differences" each student brings to writing such as culture, learning style and disability. She also encourages tutors to be active in the writing community. With Dinitz's support, these tutors have published articles and delivered presentations at national and regional conferences.

"This award will always be special to me because I see it as acknowledging not only my own work but also the values of Dean Joan Smith, who nominated me," said Dinitz. "In an e-mail to UVM faculty, Joan's husband explained that she



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enjoyed engaging in the daily challenges of the life she was given, for through this process she experienced the 'wonder of honest and loving relationships.' That's how I feel about teaching. For me, the key to good teaching is in being both honest and loving in all of my interactions with students. That can be quite complicated and challenging. It requires me to be a learner as well as a teacher. And it's what keeps the experience of teaching fresh and fascinating year after year."

## Busier Graduates Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



Kyle Busier

Kyle Busier, son of Brian and Kathy Busier of Hinesburg, graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida on December 18.

Kyle received a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Studies with minors in Aviation Safety, Aviation Weather, Business Administration, and Flight.

Kyle also earned his pilot's certificate for private, commercial, multi-engine, and instrument ratings. He is also rated as a certified flight instructor and instrument flight instructor.

## Stoll Assumes New Position

Kellie Stoll has been hired as the new Mortgage Sales Coordinator for Chittenden Bank. In her new role, Kellie is responsible for providing support to the Residential Mortgage Sales Manager and the mortgage origination team statewide. She will maintain effective communication and interaction with Chittenden's loan officers, Mortgage Service Center personnel, branch staff and customers. In addition, she will



Kellie Stoll

assist in providing ongoing product knowledge training to Chittenden's loan officers and assistants to ensure that Chittenden's customers receive outstanding customer service.

Kellie began her career with Chittenden in 1991 as a bank sales and service representative. She joined the Mortgage Department working as a loan processor and eventually as supervisor of the loan processing and loan closing staffs. Over the years, Kellie has also worked in Chittenden's Business Banking and Private Banking Departments. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience back to Chittenden's Mortgage Department.

## Anne Slade Frey Scholarship

One complete scholarship for study of the arts in Mexico next summer is being offered by the Interamerican University Studies Institute, a non-profit organization in Eugene, Oregon. The scholarship, named in honor of the late Anne Slade Frey of Hanover, N.H., provides tuition, room and board with a Mexican family for four weeks, and a program of arts and language instruction with professional Mexican arts teachers. Artes en Mexico is open to students between the ages of 15 and 17 who will have completed two years of high school Spanish by June and have a demonstrated commitment to one or more of the arts. The Anne Slade Frey Scholarship is need-based, and

is reserved for students residing in New Hampshire and Vermont. Applications for the scholarship and program must be received by February 11, 2005. For more information, call IUSI at 800-345-4874 or visit their website at <http://www.iusi.org>.

Frey was active in the political and cultural life of the Upper Connecticut Valley, mentoring generations as a music and art teacher and setting a moral and social example for students and community members. She loved the arts of Mexico. In the early thirties she befriended Mexican painter José Clemente Orozco, creator of the impressive murals in Baker Library at Dartmouth College, and his family, a friendship that lasted for the rest of her lifetime.

IUSI also offers a program in Costa Rica that focuses on biology and includes Spanish immersion as well.

## Clancy Essay Included in Anthology

An essay written by John Clancy, Grade 6, has been selected for publication in an upcoming anthology entitled *What is Important to Me?* in response to a writing contest held at Christ the King School in Burlington. Clancy was one of sixteen students chosen to have their work published.

## Master Gardener Basic Course

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

This intensive, introductory course 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 p.m. at Vermont Interactive Television sites in Bennington, Brattleboro, Burlington, Johnson, Lyndon, Middlebury, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, Waterbury, White River Junction and Williston.

Tuition is \$240 plus an additional \$45 for the training handbook (required) and all class materials. For registration or information visit <http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener>. Email [master.gardener@uvm.edu](mailto:master.gardener@uvm.edu) or call 802-656-9562.

## Vermont Tech Academic Honor List

Lauren M. Bailey and Ralph A. Church have been named to Vermont Technical College Dean's List for fall semester. To be eligible for the list, students must be degree students carrying at least 12 credit hours and have not received a failing or incomplete grade in any subject during that semester. The list recognizes high academic achievement.

## Boivin Named to Dean's List

Maria Boivin of Hinesburg was named to the Dean's List for Fall 2004 semester at the College of St. Joseph in Rutland. Maria achieved a minimum 3.4 grade point average. Maria is the daughter of Thomas and Diane Boivin of Hinesburg and a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School.

## Nichols Joins Hamilton Track Team

Allison Nichols, daughter of Carole McCay of Hinesburg and Claude Nichols of Williston is a member of the Hamilton College women's indoor track team for the 2004-05 athletic season. Nichols, a junior, is majoring in biology.

## Red Cross Blood Donations

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

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

Donors from Hinesburg who have received their gallon pins from the American Red Cross Blood Services recently: *Raymond Bouchard* (7 gallons); *Brian Leary* (16 gallons); *Leonard Nalette* (23 gallons).

## Seniors Health News

### Dining with Diabetes Cooking School

If you have diabetes—or care for someone who does—you know that planning nutritious meals and finding tasty recipes that are suitable can be a challenge. Good news: UVM Extension in partnership with the Vermont Regional Diabetes Center at Fletcher Allen in Burlington and Northwestern Medical Center, will be offering a cooking school program called Dining with Diabetes.

Instructors include Diane Mincher, UVM Extension Nutrition and Food Specialist, the Vermont Regional Diabetes Center at Fletcher Allen in Burlington, Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator Krissy Bolton or Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian Certified Diabetes Educator at Northwestern and Debbie Robertson, RN and Certified Diabetes Educator.

This three-part nutrition series includes group learning and discussion, hands-on demonstrations, and tasting healthy foods. Session topics include: Desserts, Main Dishes, and Side Dishes. Dining with Diabetes teaches participants how to reduce sugar, salt, and fat in foods without giving up good taste. Lunch will be served.

Dining with Diabetes will meet at Country Park Apartments in South Burlington on January 27, February 3 and 10, three Thursday mornings from 11:00 to 12:30 or in St. Albans at the Conference Center at Northwestern Medical Center on February 2, 9, 16 from 11:00 to 12:30.

This Vermont Department of Aging and Disabilities grant-

funded program is free to people age 60 and over with diabetes and family members or caretakers. Otherwise, there is a \$10 fee for the three-session program. No products will be sold at the classes. Spaces are limited, so call 388-4969 or 1-800-956-1125 to enroll now. Everyone must pre-register in advance and plan to attend all three classes in Burlington or St. Albans.

Diabetes is a common, serious, and costly disease in Vermont. According to the Vermont Department of Health, an estimated 30,000 Vermonters have diabetes. However, approximately one-third of these cases have not yet been diagnosed. Some of the risk factors for diabetes are being over age 45; obesity; physical inactivity; or family history of diabetes.

Fortunately, improved diet and exercise habits can help to control diabetes and reduce associated complications such as blindness, kidney failure, and amputations. Careful control of blood sugar is the key.

Following a careful meal plan is the first step in controlling blood sugar. This is also the hardest step in diabetes control. Dining with Diabetes helps by teaching people with diabetes to reduce sugar, salt, and fat in foods without giving up good taste.

## Inns Raffle Supports HomeShare

To raise money for its Homesharing and Caregiving services for elders and person with disabilities, HomeShare Vermont (formerly Project Home) is selling raffle tickets to win a getaway for two at one of nineteen inns around Vermont. This is the twelfth year of this important fundraiser for HomeShare Vermont. Annually, HomeShare must raise one-third of its budget from individual donations.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and can be purchased by calling 863-5625 or sending an e-mail to [home@sover.net](mailto:home@sover.net). On Thursday, February 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., we will have a party in Burlington to draw the winning tickets. All ticket purchasers are invited to attend; please call our office for details. Refreshments will be served.

HomeShare Vermont has worked for over 20 years to help elders and persons with disabilities continue to live independently in their homes. In Homesharing, we match a senior with a person seeking an affordable place to live. The "Home Seeker" moves into the home and provides 10-15 hours of service a week in exchange for a place to live. The Caregiving Program matches people who need personal non-medical care in their homes with people who will provide that care on either an hourly basis, or full-time as a live-in caregiver.

HomeShare Vermont is a member agency of the United Way of Chittenden County.

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Heart of the Village Inn, Shelburne  
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Inn on the Common, Craftsbury  
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## February is National Age-Related Macular Degeneration Month

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In honor of AMD Awareness Month, taking place in February, EyeCare America encourages people to call its Seniors EyeCare Program. This year-round program offers eye exams and care to seniors who are without an ophthalmologist (a medical eye doctor). To see if you, a loved one or a friend, 65 and older, is eligible to receive a referral for an eye exam and care, call 1-800-222-EYES (3937). The EyeCare America help line operates 24 hours a day, every day, year-round.

Most people who get macular degeneration are over age 50, and it is part of their body's natural aging process. People with macular degeneration usually lose their central vision slowly over many years, as the retina gets thinner. Sometimes, they lose vision suddenly if abnormal blood vessels (arteries or veins) leak fluid under the retina.

EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program bridges the healthcare gap for the aging U.S. population. Through the program those who are eligible receive a dilated medical exam and up to one year of treatment at no out-of-pocket cost. EyeCare America is able to provide this no cost care through its network of volunteer ophthalmologists who waive patient co-payments and accept Medicare as payment in full for their services.

EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program is designed for people who:

- are US citizens or legal residents
- are age 65 and older
- have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years
- do not belong to an HMO or the VA.

For a Seniors EyeCare Program referral, those interested may call the toll-free help line 1.800.222.EYES (3937). The Seniors EyeCare Program help line operates all day, every day, year-round.

The Seniors EyeCare Program is co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. and Alcon.

More information can be found at [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org).

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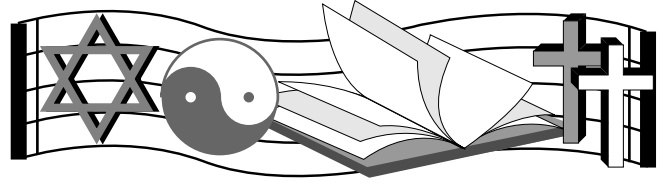
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# HINESBURG RELIGION



## United Church of Hinesburg

**Pastor:** Pastor Bill Neil  
**Church Phone:** 482-3352  
**Parsonage:** 482-2284  
**E-mail:** [billandfaithneil@gmavt.net](mailto:billandfaithneil@gmavt.net)  
**Communications Email:** [jenstill@adelphia.net](mailto:jenstill@adelphia.net)  
**Website:** [www.TroyConference.org/unitedchurchofhinesburg](http://www.TroyConference.org/unitedchurchofhinesburg)  
**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m.  
**The Purpose Driven Life:** Study Group, 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.  
**Choir Practice:** 9:15 a.m. Sunday mornings  
**Bible Zone Live!** Sunday experience for children following the children's sermon.  
**Food Shelf:** Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (use back entrance).  
**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.  
**Hinesburg Food Shelf:** Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; use back entrance of church.  
**WIC Clinic:** First Friday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Osborne Parish House  
**Senior Meal Site:** Fridays (except the first week of each month) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Osborne Parish House.  
**February:**  
**5:** Youth trip to Saranac Lake, NY for Ice Palace. Call Pastor Bill for information: 482-2284  
**6:** Holy Communion.  
**13:** Annual Meeting and Potluck after worship.  
**24:** 7:00 p.m. Wellness Study Group at Parsonage.

## Please Help

Fire destroyed a Hinesburg residence in late 2004. A new home is on the way! All sorts of household furnishings and/or donations are needed: beds, bedding, couch, table and chairs, bureaus, TV, etc! Contact Pastor Bill Neil at 482-3352 or Ms. Laurie Sweeney at 482-5519 to donate.

## Community Alliance Church

**Shepherding Pastor:** Scott Mansfield  
**Elders:** Michael Breer, Rolly Delfausse and David Russell  
**Communication Coordinator:** Danielle Bluteau  
**Phone:** 482-2132  
**Email:** [staff@hinesburgcma.org](mailto:staff@hinesburgcma.org)  
**Web:** [www.hinesburgcma.org](http://www.hinesburgcma.org)  
**Address:** 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVU High School)  
**Sunday Services:**  
 9:00 a.m., Gathering Place (classes for all ages); September – May  
 10:15 a.m., Worship (Nursery and Junior Church provided)  
**Weekday Ministries:**  
 Men's Ministry: Mondays 7:00 p.m.  
 Women's Group: Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.  
**Cell Groups:** Meet at various times and locations throughout the week.  
 For locations and more information on any of the ministries, please call the church.



## Lighthouse Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Reverend Ed Hart  
**Church Phone:** 482-2588  
**Home Phone:** 482-2588  
**E-mail:** [lighthousevt@netscape.net](mailto:lighthousevt@netscape.net)  
**Web Site:** [www.LBCvt.homestead.com](http://www.LBCvt.homestead.com)  
**Location:** Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road  
**Address:** P. O. Box 288  
**Regular Services:**  
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**Sunday Evening Service:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

## Saint Jude Catholic Church

**Pastor:** Reverend David Cray, S.S.E.  
**Pastoral Residence:** 425-2253, email: [dcasse@aol.com](mailto:dcasse@aol.com)  
**Parish Office:** 482-2290, email: [St.Jude@wcvr.com](mailto:St.Jude@wcvr.com)  
**Pastoral Assistant:** Gary Payea, 482-7254  
**Parish Secretary:** Marie Cookson, 434-4782, email: [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com)  
**Parish Bookkeeper:** Kathy Malzac, 453-5393  
**Parish Council Chair:** Roger Donegan, 482-2017  
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**Coordinators for Religious Education:** Kathy Malzac, 452-5393; Marie Cookson, 434-4782  
**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.  
**Religious Education:** Classes are held as scheduled. They follow the school calendar; if there is a now day, classes will be cancelled. If it is a vacation day, classes will not be held. Mondays: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for Grade K-8; Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 p.m. for Grade K-6.  
**Confirmation Class:** See bulletin.  
**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.



## Other News

### Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education Offers Seminar Series

The Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education is offering a series of parent seminars over the next few months. This is part of the Center's on-going services to support the needs of gifted children and their families.

The first meeting is on February 10 and is titled "Gifted: Not My Kid!" During this session, parents will focus on understanding the characteristics of their gifted children and how they are identified. Discussion will include becoming familiar with the intensities that these children display and how parents might respond to them. There will also be an overview of various testing strategies, what they are and which are most useful in any given situation.

The second session, "Navigating Your Gifted Child's Education," is scheduled for March 10. Gifted children are often short-changed in the school setting, so this discussion will help parents advocate for more challenging programs for their children both in and out of the school setting. Options to be addressed will include home schooling, mentoring, on-line resources, and more.

On April 14, the group will focus on a "Differentiation Primer for Parents." Differentiated instruction is one of the topics of professional development for teachers in today's schools. Various strategies of differentiation that parents should advocate for their gifted child will be highlighted. Included will be possibilities for acceleration, flexible grouping, compacting, and independent study.

The final meeting on May 19 will address the topic of "Gifted: Who Me?" As adults we are often told that we are "too intense," or "out of sync." The answer to these issues and others will be discussed during this evening. Participants will talk about what means to be a gifted person in our society and share some coping strategies for assuming that role.

The series will be held on the above Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society building on Pearl Street in Burlington. Further information may be obtained by e-mailing Lucy Bogue at [lucybogue@yahoo.com](mailto:lucybogue@yahoo.com) or Carol Story at [cmsphd@pshift.com](mailto:cmsphd@pshift.com) or calling 658-9941.

### YMCA Seeks to Involve Teens in Non-profit Sector

Christian Craig, Teen Program Director, announced that the Greater Burlington YMCA is one of 45 YMCA's nationwide to receive an \$8,000 one-year Impact Plus grant. The grant, funded cooperatively by the Time Warner Foundation, the Corporation for National Community Service, and the YMCA of the USA provides seed money for a new community initiative: recruiting, training and advising teens to learn more about and ultimately serve on area non-profit Boards.

This grant represents the second half of a two-part grant ultimately awarded to only 45 YMCAs nationwide. Craig said that it is his hope this grant will generate interest among teens in non-profit governance, and encourage them to become more involved and have a greater voice in their community. The grant allows for continued collaboration between the GBYMCA, the Burlington Legacy Project, the Champlain Initiative, and Linking Learning to Life.

For more information about this grant or other teen programs go to [www.gbymca.impactplus.org](http://www.gbymca.impactplus.org) or contact Christian Craig at the Greater Burlington YMCA at 862-9622.



## Coffee Grounds Recycling Program at I-89 Welcome Centers Takes Off

The I-89 Williston Welcome Centers, operated by the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, are once again being commended for their efforts to encourage recycling at the facilities.

A new initiative to compost the coffee grounds from both facilities has taken off and is being met with support from the community. Both facilities, which can see well over a half-million visitors pass through annually, have begun collecting the coffee grounds from the numerous pots of coffee that are brewed every day for travelers. The grounds are stored in large, composting-grade containers and are available free to the public for use as compost.

"We are always eager to find ways to reduce our trash output and, given the amount of coffee that's provided at the centers, recycling the grounds seemed like a logical step," said Tim Shea, vice president of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce. "This is an especially appropriate program for our region, which is a hotbed for innovative and organic gardening practices. We're glad to be a resource for gardeners while at the same time, once again cutting down on the waste that the facilities produce."

A beverage bottle and can recycling program first tested at the Williston centers was put in place statewide. The Chamber hopes that a positive response from the new pilot recycling project will help the coffee grounds program follow in its steps. A successful initiative, the container recycling program logged 213 pounds of plastic, aluminum and glass soda and juice containers at the Welcome Centers between mid-February and late-April 2003.

The Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote and support the healthy environment and quality of life that makes the Lake Champlain Region of Vermont the ideal place to live, work, and do business.

against all circumstances that the season can generate. Trees do have some internal methods of protection. Most of the growing points in the tree are protected inside jackets called buds, and food reserves are carefully conserved for the coming needs of spring. Also water continues to move through the tree until it freezes. However, these protective stages may breed other problems. For example, creatures needing a meal may chew and nibble on the resting buds and twigs.

What can you do to help your valuable trees? A few things can help a tree be more efficient and effective in surviving the winter and thriving in spring. These small winter investments can pay off in a large way, yielding healthy and structurally sound trees.

The "Critical Six" things to do for your tree this winter are:

- Add a thin layer of composted organic mulch to blanket the soil surface. Mulch protects and conserves tree resources and recycles valuable materials.
- Properly wrap new trees that have not developed a corky bark and could easily be damaged. Mechanical injury from the environment, including chewing and rubbing by animals, must be prevented.
- Remove or correct clearly visible structural faults and deadwood. Try to make small pruning cuts that minimize the exposure of the central heartwood core on branches.
- Perform limited greenwood pruning of declining and poorly placed branches. Pruning should conserve as many living branches as possible, with only a few selective cuts.
- Fertilize with elements needed in small quantities. Essential elements added over a mulch layer will help provide a healthy soil environment for root growth.
- Water where soils and trees are cool but not frozen, and where there has been little precipitation. Winter droughts need treatment with waters the same as summer droughts. However, it is easy to over water in winter, so be careful.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research around the world. Headquartered in Champaign, Ill., ISA is dedicated to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist or visit [www.treesaregood.com](http://www.treesaregood.com)

## Helping Trees through the Chills of Winter

The tree-filled landscapes of winter can be mistakenly thought to be asleep. Wintering trees are not sleeping; they are simply still, counting the days until spring. Only then will it be apparent whether the tree has saved enough resources to respond to the new season of growth.

Winter is a difficult time for trees which must stand alone

## United Way Volunteer Center Listings

By Sue Alenick, United Way Volunteer

Is volunteering one of your New Year's resolutions? What follows is a small sample of more than 400 volunteer positions listed with the United Way Volunteer Center. For more information about other volunteer opportunities, visit our

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To learn more about these opportunities, call us at 860-1677 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Critical Need**—Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf has an urgent need for volunteers to help staff distribute emergency groceries. Volunteers complete paperwork for clients, communicate guidelines for distribution, and, if needed, help clients carry groceries to their cars. One day a week, about two to four hours, weekday daytimes. Refer to #389.

**Computer Instructor**—Winooski Memorial Library is looking for a volunteer to teach basic computer and internet use to senior citizens. Volunteer should have an understanding of PC's with Windows XP and Internet Explorer and be willing to teach skills to a class of 4-5 seniors at the library on Monday or Wednesday mornings, one to two hours. Refer to #1223.

## COMING EVENTS

Many local agencies are planning special events in February and need volunteers to help insure the success of their plans.

**Howard Center for Human Services**—Registration and staffing food stations for the Sunrise Spin at the Shelburne Athletic Club and Twin Oaks. February 5 from 5:30 to 11:00 a.m.

**Special Olympics Vermont**—Record scores, escort athletes, and assist at awards presentations at their Bowling Event at Twin City Lanes in Berlin. Flexible schedules on February 6 and 7 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Refer to #1208).

**Special Olympics Vermont**—Assist with crowd and traffic control, staging, souvenir sales, etc. during the annual Penguin Plunge. February 11 and 12, flexible hours.

**The American Red Cross**—Help organize and run a Valentine Teddy Bear Gram fundraiser. Volunteers could order bears, track inventory, create and attach name tags, assemble candy grams, post flyers, create a web page, collect orders, and work at Valentine's Day booth. Flexible hours through February 14.

**Women's Rape Crisis Center**—Sell beads and masks, help with crowd control, set up, clean up, etc. at the annual Mardi Gras parade in downtown Burlington. February 26 from mid-morning to afternoon.

The United Way Volunteer Center is funded through the generosity of donors to the United Way Community Campaign.

## CSSU, CSEA Ratify New Contract

Submitted by the

Office of the Superintendent of Schools,  
Brian C. O'Regan, Ed. D.

The Chittenden South Education Association and the school districts of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union (Charlotte, Champlain Valley Union High School, Hinesburg, Shelburne, and Williston) have ratified a new three year contract.

CSSU employs approximately 400 full and part time professionals (Teachers, Special Educators, School Nurses,

Guidance Counselors, and other licensed educators) represented by this agreement. The supervisory union has a population of 4,500 students pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

The agreement will replace the existing contract that expired June 30, 2004. The new agreement expires June 30, 2007.

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

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

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

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

## Vermont Ballet Theater School teams up with VYO in *Peter and the Wolf*

The Vermont Ballet Theater School and the Vermont Youth Orchestra share the stage in a special evening of live music, dance and a collaborative presentation of Prokofiev's classic *Peter and the Wolf* on Friday, February 11 at 7:00 pm at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington, Vermont.

The evening opens with a dance presentation of "From Classroom to Performance," with music by Knudage Riisager and choreography by Artistic Director Alexander Nagiba. This ballet introduces the audience to the hard work, discipline, and dedication that goes into becoming a ballet dancer. The thirty members of the VBTS will perform with soloist Devon Teuscher.

Following this selection, Music Director and Conductor Troy Peters leads the VYO in a performance of the "Prelude" from Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 28 by Max Bruch. The concerto features violin soloist and current VYO member

Yukio McDonough. A senior at the Gailer School in Shelburne, Yukio has played the violin for eight years and has been a member of the VYO for three years.

For the finale, the Vermont Youth Orchestra and the Vermont Ballet Theater School join forces with Narrator Peter Boynton to perform *Peter and the Wolf*. Peter Boynton has sung, danced, acted and directed in a twenty-year career that has put him on Broadway stages, in films and on television. Avid daytime television fans will remember him as the villainous "Tonio" on "As The World Turns." Locally, he has worked with both Lost Nation Theater Company and the Vermont Stage Company, and was instrumental in developing the performing arts program at Harwood Union High School. Currently, he is a member of the faculty at Burlington College, where he teaches acting and directing.

Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* has been one of the most popular works in the orchestral repertoire since 1936. Prokofiev cast instruments of the orchestra as "characters" in this charming children's tale.

Tickets are \$22 to \$14 for adults and \$18 to \$8 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available by calling the Flynn Regional Box Office at 802-86-Flynn. For more information, please contact the Vermont Ballet Theater School at (802)878-2941 or online at [www.vermontconservatoryofballet.com](http://www.vermontconservatoryofballet.com)

This performance is sponsored by Burlington Parks and Recreation.

## New, Exciting Classes at Shelburne Craft School

January is a tough time of year. We are all recovering from the holidays, still writing "2004" on our checks, and having trouble keeping our New Year's resolutions. Why beat yourself up over a few pounds? Nurture your inner-self and take an art class!

This is the start of an exciting year; the Shelburne Craft School is about to celebrate its 60th birthday and we have added ten exciting new classes to our winter/spring session for 2005. We will offer six new woodworking classes to begin in January, all of which are already full! There will be more to come in March and April.

In the Fine Arts category, new classes will debut this year with Catherine Hall's Two-dimensional Design and Susan Smereka's Experimental Painting for Teens for four weeks in February and March. Also, Robert Huntoon will instruct Oil Painting Essentials, and drawing classes will include Basics of Drawing and an unstructured class for model drawing. Model drawing will last six weeks, starting January 20, and again on March 10.

With the help of one of our new instructors, Pilar Netzel, the Craft School is developing a metalsmithing program and the classes have been well received. The success of last session's Jewelry Making: Beginner has paved the way for a repeat of the class and an addition of Jewelry Making: Intermediate to be offered in March. We will also offer two great workshops with Gretchen Begnoche; in February, Designing with Glass and in March, a Copper Foil Workshop.

The Shelburne Craft School is a nonprofit arts organization that serves residents of Chittenden County and beyond. For 60 years, it has been a focal point in the cultural life of the community, offering year-round classes and programs for all ages. The Craft School's Gallery on the Green displays fine art and traditional crafts including the work of artists from both Vermont and other regions of the United States. The Gallery on the Green, located at 54 Falls Road, Shelburne Village, is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information on these and all of our classes, please call (802)985-3648 or for the internet-active folks, visit [www.shelburnecraftschool.org](http://www.shelburnecraftschool.org).

### HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW

Tuesday February 8, 8:30-10:30am

Visit an academic class and have tea with faculty members. Students are encouraged to attend. Directions to Charlotte Campus: Route 7, turn west on Ferry Road, continue over railroad tracks, school on left.

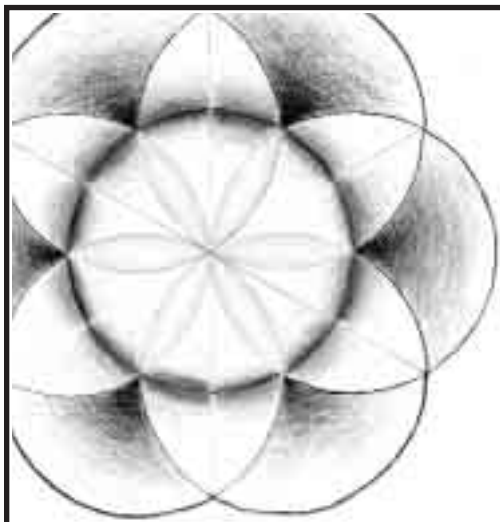
### MORNING TOUR: GRADE SCHOOL & PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

Thursday February 10, 8:30-11:45am

Observe preschool/kindergarten and grade school classes in session. Directions to Shelburne Campus: Route 7 to Shelburne Village, turn west on Harbor Road, turn right on Turtle Lane, go to end of dirt road.

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## Now here's an early sign of spring!

SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop in Shelburne is beginning the transition from winter to spring. They are offering 30 to 50 percent reductions on the already attractive prices of their winter apparel in the first stage of a progressive sale that will make room for spring clothing.

Store manager Judy Frazer has also requested that there not be any more donations of winter clothing effective immediately.

However, she is still welcoming donations of accessories such as handbags, women's scarves and nearly new shoes, home goods such as linens, dishware, pictures, pillows, lamps, bedding and small furniture, and jewelry.

Beginning on February 1, the Resale Shop will be accepting donations of Spring Clothing for infants, children, teens, women and men. A new policy, based on five months of experience, is that the shop will not accept men's suits, although sports jackets are still accepted.

A general guideline for donations is that items be clean and in excellent condition. "If you wouldn't buy it, please don't donate it," is the way Frazer sums it up.

The preferred hours for bringing in donations are Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Resale Shop is located in the historic Noonan House at 5404 Shelburne Rd., between Shelburne Town Hall and Shelburne Town Center.

SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop is a project of Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg Interfaith Projects, a partnership of ten faith communities in the three towns committed to earning money that can be used as grants to support projects that benefit the people of Shelburne, Charlotte and Hinesburg. The Resale Shop, which opened in August 2004, is designed to provide an opportunity for recycling of good quality clothing and home goods, to offer good quality clothing and home goods at affordable prices to shoppers, and to use the profits from the endeavor for the benefit of the communities.

## Cold Weather Won't Stop the Sun's Rays

During the winter months, many people are more concerned with protecting their skin from the effects of the wind and cold weather than from the sun. But protecting skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation (UV rays) is a must all year-round. UV rays cause skin cancer, the most common type of cancer in the United States—and they do not stop causing damage when the weather turns cold.

UV radiation is also reflected or scattered by different surfaces. Snow, for example, can reflect as much as 80 percent of UV radiation and UV levels increase significantly as altitude increases. Winter sports such as skiing can present UV exposure as intense as a day at the beach.

People taking winter cruises or tropical vacations should also use caution. Sand may reflect as much as 15 percent of UV rays and sea foam as much as 25 percent. While the sun may not climb as high during the winter months, UV levels are still strong during midday and the sun's intensity is highest near the equator.

Winter trips to tanning booths cause exposure to UV rays just as the sun does. In fact, a study by the National Cancer Institute found that using tanning booths more than once a month can increase the risk of getting skin cancer by 150 percent.

"Skin cancer, especially melanoma, can be deadly," says Lily Lai, M.D., skin cancer expert at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles. "Fortunately, skin cancers are preventable and highly curable if found and treated early."

Several risk factors increase the chance of skin cancer, but

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everyone is at risk of developing the disease. Some of these risk factors include: having fair skin that freckles easily; living in warm climates with increased sun exposure and/or high altitudes; occupational exposure, such as working outdoors; overall lifetime exposure to the sun; and having many moles.

Tips to protect your skin from harmful UV rays all year-round:

- Avoid exposure to midday sun, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., when UV rays are most dangerous.
- Use sunscreen with a sun protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher whenever you spend time outdoors. Remember to reapply sunscreen every one to one and one-half hours.
- Wear protective clothing such as hats and long-sleeved shirts that block the sun's rays.
- Protect young children from the sun's rays. The damaging effects of UV radiation can begin in childhood.
- Be careful when taking certain medications that may cause the skin to burn more easily. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to determine if your medication could be a problem.
- Avoid sun lamps and tanning booths.

"Having a tan, natural or artificial, is a sign that the skin has already been damaged," says Dr. Lai. "Since tanning booths expose you to ultraviolet rays just as the sun does, using a sunless tanning lotion is the best way to add color without damaging your skin."

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**Saturday, January 29:**

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**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 p.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*.

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, February 8:**

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

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

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

**Wednesday, February 9:**

Ash Wednesday

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

**Thursday, February 10:**

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

**Friday, February 11:**

Winter Carnival, International Potluck Dinner, St. Jude's Church Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share; eat for free. Bonfire and hot chocolate follows dinner.

**Saturday, February 12:**

Lincoln's Birthday

Hinesburg Winter Carnival, HCS. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Carnival Events (see article); 6:30 p.m. Dinner Cabaret Theater; proceeds benefit Hinesburg Food Shelf; in memory of Ted White.

**Monday, February 14:**

Valentine's Day

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

**Tuesday February 15:**

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

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

**Wednesday, February 16:**

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

# HINESBURG CALENDAR

## 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

**Thursday, February 17:**

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, February 21:**

President's Day

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

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

**Tuesday, February 22:**

Washington's Birthday

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

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

**Wednesday February 23:**

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

**Thursday, February 24:**

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

**Saturday, February 26:**

February 26 edition of *The Hinesburg Record* published.

**Monday, February 28:**

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

**Tuesday, March 1:**

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

**Wednesday, March 2:**

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

**Thursday, March 3:**

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

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

**Monday, March 14:**

News Deadline for April 2 issue of *The Hinesburg Record*.

Advertising deadline for April 2 issue of *The Hinesburg Record*.

**Saturday, April 2:**

April 2 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net). Alex Weinhagen Planner.

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

[hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net). Peter Erb, Administrator.

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

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

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

[www.hinesburgbusiness.com](http://www.hinesburgbusiness.com). HBPA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Eric Larson, 482-6373 for information or to make a reservation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Web Pages:** HCS: [www.hcsvt.org](http://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](http://www.cvuhs.org). Learn about CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, renovation project, and more.

CCL: [www.carpentercarse.org](http://www.carpentercarse.org). Learn about library hours, services, and online resources.

**Hinesburg Town:** [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org). Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

**Hinesburg Record:** [www.hinesburg-record.org](http://www.hinesburg-record.org). Contains contact information for advertising and news, publication deadlines, submissions guidelines, town and church calendar.

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