

# The Hinesburg Record

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## New Vision for Technical Education Based on Stakeholders' Views

By Rosalyn Graham

The opinions and expertise of a wide range of stakeholders are being gathered by the Regional Planning Committee charged with preparing a report for the State Board of Education on future directions for technical education in Vermont. Education Commissioner Richard Cate gave the assignment to a committee made up of school administrators, teachers, principals, members of the former Regional Technical Academy board and representatives of local school boards following the defeat of the proposal for a regional technical school to serve technical students in Chittenden County as well as Grand Isle and part of Franklin County.

The committee has been meeting twice a month since July, hearing opinions of stakeholders including Chambers of Commerce, the Workforce Investment Boards, technical students from regional schools, legislators and guidance directors. At the regular meeting of the Board of Champlain Valley Union High School, the CVU Board reviewed the vision and principles that have been hammered out by the committee as a basis for their report to the state board in December.

The most dramatic change in the vision statement, a modification of the tenets of the Regional Technical Academy board, is that it refers to a "regional career technical education program" and does not include any reference to the program being located in any specific site, a strategy that leaves the door open for technical education to be offered in all schools, or with what is described in the principles document as "seamless transitions among K-12 sites."

CSSU Superintendent Brian O'Regan, who chairs the planning committee for technical education, said the committee had not found a lot of people disagreeing as they discussed the importance of technical education as part of the secondary education options for students. (Continued on page 4.)



Students representing all the technical programs in Chittenden County sat down at the end of October with the members of the Regional Planning Committee to talk about technical education in the Champlain Valley Region as it is now, and as it might become. The meeting was one of a series designed to give the committee a strong basis for improving technical education by meeting with experts and stakeholders. Committee member Mike Bissonette of Hinesburg, was one of the Regional Planning Committee members who met with the students to hear their opinions. PHOTO BY ROSALYN GRAHAM

## Stay on the Run with Winter Fun

It's that busy time of year, filled with special events by family, school, church, and organizations. Included are theatrical, musical, and outdoor offerings.

### Hinesburg Artist Series Christmas Concert December 11

The Hinesburg Artist Series Christmas Concert will be Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church.

The concert will feature the South County Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick. The program will include selections from "Messiah," "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Christmas Canticles" and other seasonal favorites.

The concert is free, but donations are appreciated. Come and enjoy the wonderful holiday music—and please bring an item for the food shelf.

### VT Stage Presents *Winter Tales*

The Vermont Stage Company (VSC) will present *Winter Tales* on December 10 and 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Flynn Space. It was conceived and is directed by Mark Nash. It will be hosted by William Lange. You'll feel right at home in their cozy café, surrounded by candlelight and friends as you listen to stories, songs, and poetry celebrating the holiday season and Vermont winter in all its glory.

Featuring original tales by Chris Bohjalian and Philip Baruth, as well as classics by Robert Frost and others. Master Storyteller William Lange is joined by a host of favorites to bring light to the dark days of December with this very special event created especially for VSC. There is a \$5 discount for students and AARP members.

### The Flynn Presents.....

The Flynn Theater has plans for many presentations during the holidays. Tickets are available in person at the FlynnTix Regional Box Office window at 153 Main Street in Burlington, by calling 802-86FLYNN (802-863-5966), on-line at [www.flynncenter.org](http://www.flynncenter.org).

Performances include:

- *A Christmas Carol*: Sunday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. Flynn Center Main Stage, \$34, \$30, and \$22, with \$4 off the top two ticket prices for students and children.
- *Sister's Christmas Catechism: "The Mystery of the Magi's Gold"*: Friday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m. Main Stage, \$38, \$31, \$24 (student and child discount).

### Celebrate a Colonial Christmas

Ethan Allen Homestead announces its annual holiday program, "A Winter's Eve." This open house celebrates the social season in colonial Vermont and features candlelight tours of Ethan Allen's historic house, costumed interpreters, and hot mulled cider around a roaring fire. Children can enjoy simple games and crafts in the re-created 19<sup>th</sup> century tavern. If nature provides the appropriate backdrop, bring your snowshoes for a moonlight trek across the meadows.

The event is Sunday, December 11 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. For more information, call 865-4556.

### Toy Collection for Vermont Kids

The sharing season is once again upon us—and the U.S. Marine Corps League of Vermont, in partnership with News Channel 5, is conducting its annual Christmas toy collection for local Vermont kids.

The Donald Cook Detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps League is responsible for toys for kids of Vermont. Their primary concern at Christmas time is "Vermont Kids."

The hundreds of bright red barrels with white snowflakes are filled and emptied many times until Christmas. Checks received are converted into toys and gifts to fill the void in age groups, mainly teenagers, who seem to get missed in the barrel collections.

Donors are assured that their donations and toys remain in Vermont and are used for kids. Anyone wishing to make a contribution is asked to make out a check to "Toys for Kids of Vermont" and mail it to: Marine Corps League, P. O. Box 4092, Burlington, VT 05406-4092.

### Shops on the Alley at Frog Hollow

The Frog Hollow Alley in Middlebury is booming again. With fascinating shops and galleries, and a newly re-designed observation deck with breath-taking views of Otter Creek Falls, it's the perfect place to kick off the holiday season.

First on the alley is BeJewelled, a fun and funky mix of retro clothing, antiques and collectibles. Across the alley is Middlebury's renowned crafts gallery, the Frog Hollow Vermont State Craft Center, with an astonishing collection of prints, pottery, weaving, and furniture created by Vermont artisans.

Walk a little further down the alley and you'll find In the Alley Books and Music, which offers just that—new and used books on every subject, and recordings covering a world of music, from Celtic to jazz. Next is the Middlebury Gallery, a brand new gallery specializing in original works and prints by Michael Fratrach and Medena Gabbard, whose works have a strong Vermont country flavor.

At the end of the alley is the Great Falls Fine Art Center. The gallery is owned and operated by local artists, who proudly display their work in an exciting new space. It also houses a coffee shop and performance space.

Just up the steps, the Town Hall Theater offices have been transformed for the second year into a cozy gallery for the holidays, displaying a collection of "small art" by local artists. These small canvases are charming and affordable—perfect for gift-giving. Twenty-two artists will be on display through December 23, including Sean Callahan, Jane and Marshall Eddy, Kate Gridley, and George Todd.

Just beyond the alley are three other shops. The Gilded Cage is a brand new art and antiques store, located on Park Street in the former art supply shop. In the same building is Otter Creek Custom Framing, specializing in prints and exquisite framing.

Next door is the Otter Creek Craft Gallery, which features a unique selection of Crystal Pottery, created in Cornwall, Vermont.

So if you're looking for that unusual, beautiful, one-of-a-kind gift, Frog Hollow Alley is a good place to go.





## New Village Steering Committee Welcomes Your Views

Hinesburg now has an active and energetic Village Steering Committee, established by the Selectboard on October 3 in accordance with provisions set forth in the new Town Plan.

Our mission is three-fold: to generate plans and ideas that will enhance the quality of life in the village, to advise our elected town officials, staff, and boards on the basis of those ideas, and to provide a constructive and creative voice for our village residents and businesses. Our new Village Steering Committee exists to help preserve what we love best about our village and to assist our governing bodies to meet present and future challenges in creative ways. The principal staff person with whom we will work is our Town Director of Planning and Zoning, Alex Weinhausen.

The Selectboard has appointed seven Hinesburg residents for terms of two years (initially four of us have two-year terms and three will serve for one year). The members of our Committee are Tracy Applin, Brian Busier, Donna Constantineau, George Dameron (Chair), Rolf Kielman (Secretary), Karla Munson, and Dona Walker. At our first meeting on October 26, we reviewed current and future village projects, discussed the need to preserve our rural character, affirmed the need for traffic calming measures and pedestrian "connectivity" within the village, and exchanged ideas about possible scenarios for the future (including a village green and ways to attract new businesses to the village core).

At the end of our first meeting we decided to focus first on transportation issues, with particular attention to sidewalks.

At our second meeting on November 8 we established a priority list of locations for new sidewalks to insure "connectivity" and pedestrian safety throughout the village. Our Town Administrator (Jeanne K. Wilson) and Director of Planning and Zoning will convey that priority list to the Selectboard, Planning Commission, and DRB to assist those bodies as they plan for village projects.

We welcome you to our open (and public) meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor meeting room of Town Hall. As Chair of the VSC, I invite any suggestions or comments or recommendations that you might have. You can contact me at home (482-3269), work (654-2318), or through email (gdameron@smcvt.edu). We will arrange to have our minutes posted regularly at the Town web site. We will also report regularly on our activities in the Hinesburg Record.

Every major survey of public opinion in our town indicates that we Hinesburg citizens love and cherish our village. Increased traffic and development pressures, however, present us with new challenges as well as new opportunities. Working together we can meet those challenges and make our village a model New England community.

— George Dameron, Chair  
Village Steering Committee

## Thank You to Fire Department

We would like to extend a very big thank you to the Hinesburg Fire Department for taking the extra time to go door-to-door checking on everyone during the power outage. Even though we were considerably comfortable, it was nice to know there was help out there if we needed it. I guess this is one of the perks of living in a nice community like Hinesburg all of these years. Thank you.

— Richard and Marlene Duell

## Thank You from Law Enforcement

I am your newest police officer in Hinesburg, my one year anniversary working in our community coming up this December. In the relatively short time that I have been here I have encountered and gotten to know many of you already. If I haven't, please feel free to come up to say hello and introduce yourself to me when you see me around town.

The one thing I wanted to do was say, "Thank you". Thank you to all the people, be they firemen and rescue members, fellow law enforcement officers and personnel, or any of the many citizens of Hinesburg and neighboring communities, who do what they can to assist myself and other law enforcement officers to make our jobs easier.

On a personal note, I wanted to extend that "Thank you" even further to the many people in this community who have made me feel extremely welcome and have told me how much they appreciate the job that we do in town. I also appreciate the many waves and smiles that I get as I am driving by in the patrol car. People like that just make our job in law enforcement much more enjoyable. Thank you once again, and have a safe and enjoyable holidays and winter.

— Officer Michael Wharton, Hinesburg Community Police

## Work with Those of Us Who Work to Help You

On a recent Sunday morning, at around 1:00 a.m., a call went out for a motor vehicle crash. Hinesburg Fire and First Response, as well as St. Michael's Rescue, were dispatched to the call. When they arrived, they found a vehicle that had rolled over with massive damage to it, but there was no one in the car.

A search was conducted from Route 116 to Richmond Road. Did the occupant have a severe head injury, or any other life threatening injuries?

The registration on the vehicle showed the owner's address as being just a short distance from the accident site. Searchers went to the house and were told by the parents of the owner that the person they were looking for was not at home and they had not heard from him since he left for work that afternoon. The parents came to the crash site and looked at the car, then went home. A police search dog was called in to track but was unable to find the occupant. The search was called off after two hours, to resume at daylight. When daylight came, a few people went and looked around the area again, but still could not find the occupant.

The fire chief received a phone call at 9:30 a.m. and was told that the occupant had actually walked home and was hiding in his house the whole time the search was being conducted. Additionally, he was told that the parents knew he was there all along.

Hinesburg Fire Department and First Response are volunteers. They help people in need of assistance anytime, day or night. They feel a great sense of pride in bringing the community of Hinesburg and surrounding areas exceptional care. This search had almost 20 people out looking for this person. I feel as though the whole family involved disrespected them. All the volunteers wanted to do was ascertain that the individual was all right and not seriously injured. There was a big sigh of relief from all of the people that had been there and searched for him, but also a sense of anger as well.

Many hours of sleep were lost that night. Hundreds of dollars spent searching, all because a kid messed up and his parents covered for him.

— Phillip Stolz

## CVU Nordic Ski Team Lives to Ski Another Day

Thanks so much for all of your support for the CVU Nordic Ski Team during our recent silent auction on November 21 and 22, at which we raised over \$4000!

About sixty CVU students participate in x-country skiing, and the silent auction is critical in enabling the team to buy needed supplies to support the efforts of these students. We appreciate the community members who purchased items during the silent auction, and the community members who donated goods and services to be auctioned off during the event. In particular, a special thanks to CVU High School, Green River Chocolates, Good Times Café, Beecher Hill Yoga, and Jean Carlson.

Without the support of our communities, we would not be able to have such a large and successful CVU Nordic Ski Team. A heartfelt thanks!

— Eileen Burgin and the CVU Nordic Ski Team Members

*(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.)



By Missy Ross

## Happy Tax Day

Tax day has come and gone in a whirlwind of activity for our office. It is one time of the year when we see many people who we haven't seen for awhile, and that is an aspect of tax collection that I actually enjoy. As usual, people were very pleasant under less-than-happy circumstances, as no one enjoys paying taxes. I want to extend my thanks to all of the taxpayers of Hinesburg who come in with smiles on their faces and a kind word to say to Cheryl and me.

The percentage of the total taxes due which are paid on time remains relatively constant from one year to the next. There are always a dozen or so people who simply forget and come in a day or two late with a chagrined expression on their faces. Many other people have let us know ahead of time that they will be unable to pay the tax bill in its entirety by the due date and will need to make payments. We reassure them that this is nothing to worry about and that many people experience similar situations. We encourage them to pay whatever amount that they can by November 15, and that the remainder will no longer be subject to a penalty of 8 percent. Hinesburg voted to abolish the 8 percent penalty at town meeting in 2004. Delinquent taxes are now subject to one percent interest per month for the first three months and one and a half percent per month thereafter. Abolishing the penalty has had no impact on the number or amount of delinquencies. People continue to pay in a timely manner and we are no longer compelled to punish those who are unable to pay.

## March 2006 Elections

There were no elections in Vermont this November, unless a community was having a special election for a particular local issue. Town meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2006 with voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7. Items to be voted on at the polls include the election of town officers and other warned articles such as the Champlain Valley Union High School budget.

There are several town offices that an interested person could run for in March. They range from Cemetery Trustee to Selectboard, Auditor to Library Trustee. In order to run for office, you must pick up a petition at the Town Clerk's office and gather the signatures of 30 or more registered voters. This will insure that your name will appear on the ballot in March. Petitions are due on January 30, 2006. For a list of available offices and terms, please call or stop by the Clerk's office. Get into the civic spirit and become an officer for the community.

If you are interested in getting an article into the warning for Town Meeting, you must create a petition clearly stating the intent of the article and gather the signatures of 5 percent or more of the registered voters in Hinesburg. Our checklist currently numbers 3092. Therefore, you would need about 155 voter signatures. It is always a good idea to gather more than the minimum number of signatures as some of the signers may not be on the Hinesburg checklist. The last day for submitting petitions for articles to be included on the warning is January 26.

The last day to register to vote for town meeting is February 27, 2006. You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours. Please bring your Vermont driver's license, as we will need your driver's license number. You can register to vote if you do not currently have a Vermont driver's license by supplying the last four digits of your social security number. You will also need some other proof of residency.

## Dog Licenses Due

Dog licenses will be available after January 1, 2006. You can come in to register your dog(s) anytime after that date and before April 1. You need to have a current rabies certificate in order to register your pets. See you then!





## \*NOTICE\*

## VACANCY – CONSERVATION COMMISSION

There are currently two vacancies on the Hinesburg Conservation Commission.

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

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

### Schedule for Meetings in Preparation of FY 2006-2007

#### Monday, December 19, 2005

##### Land Use - 7:15 PM

Listers  
Planning Commission  
Development Review Board

##### Highway Department - 7:45 PM

#### Monday, January 2, 2006

##### Public Safety - 7:15 PM

Police Department  
Animal Control  
E-9-1-1  
Fire Department  
Fire Warden

##### Fixed Costs

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

#### Monday, January 16, 2006

##### Overview - 7:15 PM

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

#### Monday, January 30, 2006

##### Overview - 7:15 PM

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

All Meetings are in the  
Town Hall Ground Level Conference Room

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

## Winter Highway Maintenance

By Jeanne Wilson, Town Administrator

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

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

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

- Do not allow children to play on or build forts or tunnels in road-side snow banks. Snow plows cannot change their speed or direction quickly enough to prevent injury to children playing in the snow banks.
- According to Vermont State Statute (23 VSA § 1102) vehicles left in the public right-of-way that interfere with snowplowing operations may be towed without warning.
- Keep your distance from plowing and sanding equipment. When following a plow truck, keep a distance of 200 to 300 feet between your car and the truck. Be especially cautious at night and on hills.
- Avoid passing plow equipment. You never know what is in front of the plow and the plow driver may not see you in his mirror or beside his truck.
- If you meet a plow truck on a narrow road, slow down and pull over to the right slightly (i.e., not into the ditch!).
- Secure your mailbox properly. If your mailbox is downed by the snow from a passing plow, please try a more secure placement of your mailbox. If a Town plow makes contact with your mailbox (there will most likely be a dent in the mailbox), please call the Town Garage at 482-2635 and the crew will repair your mailbox as soon as they have cleaned up from the snow emergency.
- It is illegal to plow snow onto a Town road. The snow can turn to ice and become a safety hazard for all motorists and difficult to plow.
- To avoid snow damage, all fences should be at least seven feet off the traveled portion of the Town road.
- Postpone unnecessary travel during times of poor driving conditions.
- Drive carefully this winter and give a friendly wave when you see the big maroon Town of Hinesburg trucks (weather permitting, of course!).

## Winter Parking Ban

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

## Public Meeting

### Discussion of Highway Projects

### Pond Brook Road Paving

### Four-Way Stop on Buck Hill Road West & Lavigne Hill Road

The Hinesburg Selectboard invites residents to share their thoughts and ideas regarding two highway projects at a public meeting on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 8:30 p.m. in the Ground Level Conference Room of the Hinesburg Town Hall.

The two projects to be discussed at this meeting are as follows:

1. Whether to pave the remaining approximately .8 mile gravel section of Pond Brook Road. The Selectboard has received numerous requests, including a petition from residents, to pave the remaining road section. Before paving could be considered it was necessary to replace the large culvert east of Wood Run. This culvert replacement occurred during (Continued on the next page.)

# The Hinesburg Record

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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 2006

Advertisement	News	Publication Date
January 9	January 9	January 28
February 6	February 6	February 25
March 13	March 13	April 1
April 10	April 10	April 29
May 8	May 8	May 27
June 5	June 5	June 24
August 7	August 7	August 26
September 11	September 11	September 30
October 9	October 9	October 28
November 13	November 13	December 9

### Advertising Deadlines

The deadline for submitting advertising for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, January 9, 2006.

For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-2540 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, January 9, 2006.

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 and Calendar Info

Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 if you have questions. You may call 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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the past year. Input from this meeting will be used as the Selectboard prepares the Fiscal Year 2006 – 2007 budget to present to voters at Town Meeting.

2. Whether to create a four-way stop at the intersection of Lavigne Hill Road and Buck Hill Road West. Recent development on both roads has resulted in increase traffic flow through the intersection, and subsequent safety concerns.

For further information about the meeting, please contact Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at 482-2096. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but wish to provide written comment, you may do so by sending them to hinesburgtown@gmavt.net or to the Hinesburg Selectboard at PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

### \*PUBLIC NOTICE\*

Please take notice that at a regular meeting of the Hinesburg Selectboard on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, at the Hinesburg Town Hall, the Traffic Ordinance was amended by Resolution of the Hinesburg Selectboard in the following form:

#### Article 10.13.01 Speed Limits

By order of the Board of Selectmen, the maximum speed limits on streets and highways within the Town of Hinesburg shall be 35 mph, except as follows:

Shelburne Falls Road (TR#1) – 45 mph

Richmond Road (TR#2) – 35 mph and 25 mph on curves

Charlotte Road (TR#3) – 45 mph

Silver Street (TR#4) – 40 mph

Hollow Road (TR#5) – 45 mph

**CVU Road (TR#7) – 35 mph and 25 mph in school zone when school zone flashers are in operation (Amended Item)**

North Road (TR#9) – 40 mph

Partridge Hill Road (TR#14) – 25 mph

Place Road (TR#15) – 30 mph

Piette Road (TR#16) – 30 mph

Texas Hill Road (TR#17) – 30 mph

Hayden Hill Road (TR#19) – 30 mph

Buck Hill Road (TR#20) – 30 mph

Lavigne Hill Road (TR#21) – 30 mph

Beecher Hill Road (TR#22) – 30 mph

Burritt Road (TR#24) – 30 mph

Lincoln Hill Road (TR#33) – 30 mph

Economu Road (TR#34) – 25 mph

Commerce Street (TR#43) – 30 mph

The ordinance amendment shall become effective on February 3, 2006, unless a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance amendment shall be signed by not less than five percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Hinesburg, and shall be presented to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk of the Town of Hinesburg on or before January 19, 2006, in which case the ordinance amendment shall become effective only if approved by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters of the Town of Hinesburg voting on the question at an annual or special meeting duly warned for that purpose, pursuant to Chapter 59 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Have an ad?  
482-2540 or hrsales@gmavt.net

## New Vison

(Continued from the front page.)

“Our focus has been on equity and access,” he said. “Our mode has been information gathering and we’ve talked about where we’re at and what else we need.”

The original charge from the Commissioner was to have a specific recommendation for implementing a vision of technical education and a process for setting up the next generation of planning committee by November 30. “We were always conscious that that date would be a challenge,” O’Regan said. “We have meetings in December with school boards and representatives from the former RTA Board, the NEA and teachers from vocational center. We will have a final report to submit by the end of the year.” The report will go to the Commissioner, the House and Senate Education committees, the Institutions committee, the Buildings and General Services office, the Franklin-Grand Isle WIB and the Chittenden WIB.

# HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

September 19 – November 7, 2005

By Stewart Pierson

## Amended Zoning and Subdivision Regulations

Following a period of public comment, the Selectboard adopted the amended Zoning and Subdivision Regulations at the September 19 meeting.

## Village Steering Committee

As recommended in the Town Plan, the Selectboard established a Village Steering Committee to be a voice of advocacy for the needs of the village. The Selectboard created a scope of work for this new committee, and at the October 3 meeting appointed George Dameron, Brian Busier, Tracy Applin, Dona Walker, Rolf Kielman, Karla Munson and Donna Constantineau to serve as committee members.

## Municipal Planning Grant Endorsement

The Planning Commission is applying for a Municipal Planning Grant for funds to develop a capital plan and budget, as well as to develop formulas for impact fees. Once the capital plan is adopted by the residents, impact fees could be instituted to help defray the costs to the community for development. At the September 19 meeting the Selectboard endorsed the grant application.

## Policy for Transportation Construction and Improvements

At the request of the Development Review Board, the Selectboard clarified several issues associated with the Town of Hinesburg Policy for Transportation Construction and Improvements, which were adopted in 1999. This clarification will better enable the DRB to utilize the policy when reviewing applications for development.

## Improvements at the Buck Hill Road West / Lavigne Hill Road Intersection

At the September 19 meeting the Selectboard discussed improvements to the Buck Hill Road West and Lavigne Hill Road intersection. Improvements to upper Buck Hill Road West (the section east of the intersection) are required as part of a development. At the same time, the Town plans to improve drainage and realign the intersection. While the work on upper Buck Hill Road West is the responsibility of the developer, the intersection work is the Town’s responsibility. The Selectboard discussed the improvements and a time schedule for the work.

The vision statement and the principles that will support the pursuit of the vision were circulated to the boards of all the sending high schools which would be expected to participate in a regional technical program for their comments and approval during early November. The vision was for a state of the art regional career technical education program to prepare students for university level and other post-secondary studies and for careers, career development and career change in our technology-oriented workplace, offering an integrated academic/technical curriculum. The program would integrate academic and technical curriculum, would be designed to assist adults to upgrade job skills and keep pace with technological changes and certification requirements, and would include collaborative relations with employers and institutions of higher learning.

With the vision and principles circulated to the boards of the sending schools and approved, the questions that still need attention are facilities, finance and governance. “And leadership,” O’Regan said. “We need to decide who assumes the leadership role in advocating for technical education at the local, regional and state level.”

## Relocation of Skate Park

At the October 3 meeting, Recreation Commission Chairman Frank Twarog met with the Selectboard to discuss a new location for the skate park, currently located behind the Hinesburg Community School. Because the skate park shares a location with the ice rink, each fall the equipment must be moved and stored until spring. Besides being a difficult task, the annual relocation is taking its toll on the equipment.

The Recreation Commission is interested in finding a permanent location for the skate park. Discussed was the proposal to create a new skate park behind the police department and fire department parcels, on property recently acquired by the Town through the Creekside Development. This location would provide a permanent location, with good visibility, which is connected to the village area and sidewalk network. The Selectboard was supportive of this proposal, and asked the Recreation Commission to prepare cost estimates to be reviewed as part of the upcoming budget process.

## Alternative Approaches to Wastewater System Expansion

As part of a Green Communities Technology Grant, Yellow Wood Associates presented a draft report at the October 17 meeting on alternative approaches to increasing the capacity of the wastewater treatment system. The purpose of the Green Communities Technology program is to provide a bridge between rural communities and the newest and most environmentally friendly solutions to issues, such as Hinesburg’s interest in expanding the wastewater treatment capacity.

Ten recommendations were outlined, all of which would avoid expansion of the lagoon system. The most noteworthy is to redirect Saputo’s discharge, which is much cleaner than the municipal wastewater, due to pre-treatment and the lack of human waste, for such uses as irrigating a golf course. The report noted an unusually high storm water infiltration (sump pumps and roof run off) which is consuming needed allocation and should be prevented.

## Safe Routes to Schools Program

The recently announced federal transportation bill establishes a national Safe Routes to School program. The program is designed to enable and encourage children to walk and bike to school. As part of the bill, Vermont will receive \$1 million per year for the next five years for both educational programs and infrastructure improvements.

Hinesburg Community School was one of three schools in Chittenden County which participated in a pilot program for Safe Routes to School over the past year. During the spring and fall of this year, Wednesday mornings in Hinesburg were an exciting time both for children and commuters as a procession of elementary-aged children marched from the Post Office parking lot on Commerce Street to the Hinesburg Community School. Aside from easing traffic congestion at the school, children arrive in their classrooms energized and connected and ready to learn.

It is a great initiative, but in order to create a safe route to school for all children in the greater village area, long term improvements to the sidewalk network are badly needed.

## Wastewater Allocation for Hinesburg Hillside

With a request for wastewater capacity from Russell Barone and Bartlett Frisbie for the Hinesburg Hillside project on Mechanicsville Road, the Town’s wastewater allocation capacity for residential projects is exhausted for the current time.

The Selectboard will allocate additional capacity as it becomes available on a first come - first served basis. Further capacity will not be available until June 2006 when the annual capacity is recalculated based on actual outflow.

In the meantime, the developers will re-evaluate the Hinesburg Hillside project to see if the age-restricted portion of the project could be modified, through income sensitivity programs, to qualify as an institutional project instead of a residential project. This would allow the wastewater capacity for this project to be taken from the institutional sector instead of the residential. The institutional sector currently has more capacity availability.

## Drainage Issue on Hayden Hill Road

The Selectboard conducted a site visit to Hayden Hill Road on October 17 to review options for addressing a drainage issue west of Chickadee Lane. The Selectboard met with property owners, and a proposed scope of work is being developed.



## Routine Business

Warrants for bills payable approved  
Minutes of recent meetings approved

- A caterer's request to serve alcohol at a private party on Pine Shore Drive on September 30 approved
- Farmall Drive and Fredric Way approved as the private road names in the Creekside Development, and Fox Meadows approved as the private road name for a road off Turkey Lane
- Resignation of John Buckingham from the Planning Commission and Nancy Baker and Gregg Meyer from the Conservation Commission accepted
- Susan Mead and William Marks reappointed to the Conservation Commission
- Joseph Donegan appointed to the Planning Commission
- Dawn Dugan appointed to the Recreation Commission
- Buried Utility Permits for Steve and Linda Smith on Gilman Road and for Richard Morin on Baldwin Road approved
- Revisions to the Road Cut Permit for the Munson property on Buck Hill Road West approved
- Agreement to contract the services of Bailey Appraisal Associates for the re-appraisal of commercial properties for a fee not to exceed \$9,500 approved
- Grant agreement for Community Partners Program (Court Diversion) approved
- At the request of the 32° Masonic Learning Center, October declared as "Help a Child Overcome Dyslexia Month"
- At the request of the Board of Listers, approved a change to the lodged Grand List
- Revised Employee Personnel Policy adopted
- Annual employee performance appraisal for Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson completed
- Consultant contract for the Village Streetscape Improvements project awarded to ESPC
- A plan to install school zone flashers and increase the speed limit on CVU Road from 25 mph to 35 mph discussed.

## Planning News

By Alex Weinhagen,  
Director of Planning & Zoning

### Village Growth Project Kick-off

The Planning Commission's Village Growth project got off to a terrific start in November thanks to a successful half-day design charette in which we gathered approximately 30 land use professionals (architects, planners, developers, etc.) to help generate new and creative ideas.

A charette is an intensive workshop of sorts where a group brainstorms and sketches ideas on a focused topic. The challenge given in our charette was to come up with conceptual layouts for future growth within Hinesburg's greater village area. After an introduction to Hinesburg and a walking/driving tour of the greater village area, five teams wrestled with issues such as future housing and neighborhood creation, river management and water quality, mixing new commercial and residential uses, creating a town green, finding area (and solid ground) for compatible light industry and other employment opportunities, creating infrastructure and amenities for our aging population, encouraging the creation of work-force housing (within reach of folks who work in Hinesburg). Focus areas for this work included the existing village core, north-of-village core along Route 116 to Ballard's Corner, and along Mechanicsville Road (including Commerce Park).

The ideas generated at the charette will be shared with the community-at-large at a community forum planned for early January. The tentative date is the evening of January 4 so mark your calendars and save that evening! Watch your mailbox in the next week or two for an announcement and invitation.

The purpose of the forum will be to share ideas, generate discussion, and garner feedback on possible directions for future village area growth. Only after this forum will the Planning Commission begin focusing in on the actual directions to take, and regulatory revisions to make this possible.

As with the Town Plan forums of a couple years ago, this will be a social forum to tempt your sweet tooth and your intellect. If your curiosity is peaked or if you have questions in advance of the forum, please contact me at the Town Office (482-3619 or hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net) or get in touch with one of our nine community Planning Commissioners.

Also, remember to check out the Planning/Zoning page of the Town website for more information at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org).

### Village Steering Committee Off and Running

On a related note, the newly formed Village Steering Committee is now meeting regularly on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office. These seven community members (from both inside and outside of the village) are committed to improving the quality of life in Hinesburg's cultural and community center. More information on this exciting new committee will be up on the Planning/Zoning page of the Town website soon!

If you've got ideas or concerns what is going on in the village, be sure to contact a committee member—or even better drop in for a meeting to listen or share your thoughts.



### Crash Knocks Out Power

On Monday, October 24 at about 1:15 p.m. a truck loaded with gypsum board ran off of Silver Street and severed a utility pole. Chief Chris Morrell reported that Chad Williams, 27, of Milton, was driving the truck southbound when he went off the pavement on the west side of the road. He lost control, continued into a ditch and stuck a power pole.



A truck owned by East Shore Drywall lies alongside Silver Street after it severed a utility pole. PHOTO COURTESY OF HINESBURG COMMUNITY POLICE

He and his passenger, Jeffrey Rocheleau, 22, were treated at the scene by members of the Hinesburg Fire Department and then transported by their employer to the hospital for minor bruises and lacerations.

It took a combined effort of Green Mountain Power, Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom, Tail Hook Towing and the truck owner, East Shore Dry Wall, several hours to disentangle the truck from utility wires and the broken pole and remove it.

Hinesburg Fire department was forced to close Silver Street to allow removal of the truck. Power was out to many residents of Silver Street for several hours until the power company could replace the severed utility pole.

Hinesburg Community Police were assisted at the scene by Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles Commercial Enforcement officers who charged Williams with failing to wear a seatbelt.

### Hit & Run Suspect Earns Multiple Charges

A Winooski man has been charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Driving While Under the Influence, and Driving While Criminally Suspended following a crash at the intersection of Silver Street and Vermont Route 116 about 4:00 P.M. on Friday, October 28.

Officer Michael Wharton reported that Joseph M. Gaudette, 50, of Shelburne, was located by Winooski Police in their city following an area-wide broadcast by Hinesburg Community Police.

Wharton responded to Winooski and processed the charges before lodging him at the Chittenden Community Correctional Facility in South Burlington.

The operator and passenger in the car that Gaudette struck were not injured although there was damage to the rear of their car.

## Two Arrested In Home Invasion

On Thursday, November 3, Shelburne and Hinesburg Police arrested a suspect in a home invasion on North Road in Hinesburg that occurred October 5. Arrested was Matthew Matise, 23, of North Star Motel, Shelburne.

A team of officers from Shelburne and Hinesburg moved quickly to take Matise into custody on a number of outstanding warrants at his motel room. At the time of arrest he was armed with a replica handgun. The arrest was without incident despite the fact that witnesses have described Matise as a Nazi and a white supremacist with a large swastika tattooed on his body.

The outstanding warrants were for: Two counts of False Information to a Police Officer; Possession of Stolen property; Burglary; and Violation of Conditions of Release. In addition he is charged with the home invasion in which he entered the home on North Road and threatened two men and a woman with a machete. He is being arraigned in District Court today.

An accomplice to the home invasion has also been charged by Hinesburg Police with being an Accessory Before and After the Crime. She is Erin Baker, 21, also of North Star Motel. She was scheduled for a court appearance on November 28. Police allege Baker transported Matise and another man to the home, dropped them off while they made their way to the home on foot, and then picked them up.

### Starksboro Man DLS

On Friday, October 14, Hinesburg Community Police Officer Steve Gutierrez charged Roland Stetson, 25, of Starksboro, with Criminal Driving While Suspended. The arrest was the result of a routine traffic stop shortly before noon on Vermont Route 116.



### We've had Winter 101— Are You Ready for the Test?

By Captain Kathy Gutierrez,  
Hinesburg Fire Department

October 25 gave us a taste of winter, perhaps a bit earlier than expected, leaving many of us without power (which can mean water, heat, etc.) for up to seven days. We can expect this periodically throughout the year, but winter makes it that much harder. While many were prepared for such an event, it serves as a great reminder for every household to stock up for the coming winter with drinking water, batteries, and dry/canned goods.

Plan on a gallon of water per person per day for drinking water. Pails of grey water can be used to empty toilets. (Remember that pails of water can be a very real drowning hazard to toddlers, so keep them out of reach.)

Generators are very useful in this situation, and many homes have this back-up for their essentials. Be sure that any generator is in good working order and be careful with the exhaust, as carbon monoxide is a byproduct of combustion. Tasteless and odorless, it is truly a deadly gas. Keep this in mind, also, when considering alternative cooking sources. Grilling needs to be done outside (for the same reasons, and for the possibility of fire). It may seem obvious, but I would not mention it unless it had already been done!

The Hinesburg Fire Department conducted door-to-door welfare checks when the power continued to be out, but we would like to make the process a bit more organized based on priorities. We get calls when we have a resident who relies on life-sustaining devices so we can focus on those homes as a priority when the power goes out. We would like to hear from folks who have disabled or elderly family or friends who may need extra assistance. If phone service is lost, we would be able to narrow our search to the most needy first. Call Al Barber at 482-2687 to get on this list.

The fire station is "the place" when a disaster hits town. You can usually reach someone directly at 482-2455 during these events. As always, if you have an emergency, call 911.

Remember:

- Be safe.
- Clean your chimneys.
- Take a CPR class (call 482-7400 for next class)
- Take care of each other.



# HINESBURG RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS



By Jennifer McCuin

The leaves are gone, days are darker, and we're starting to hunker down to prepare for the upcoming winter and holidays. Hopefully everyone received their Winter Recreation Program Guide, putting you in the mood for all of that winter recreation, like ice skating, skiing, Sunday Family Swims at the Sports and Fitness Edge, Winter Carnival and Dinner Theater. If you need another copy, stop by the Rec. Office. There are art classes, piano lessons, gymnastics, dance, and clay classes after school as well as fitness and card making classes for adults. Are you stumped for a holiday gift? Consider giving the gift of fitness or enrichment with a gift certificate from the Recreation Department.

## Snowmobile Safety Class

Scott Johansen will instruct this worthwhile class which meets the Vermont State Police and VAST requirements for snowmobile safety. All persons born after July 1, 1983, who are 12 years and older must attend an approved snowmobile safety course before operating a snowmobile on Vermont's Statewide Snowmobile Trails System. Children who are 11 years and turning 12 years before April 16, 2006 may attend an approved snowmobile safety course and receive certification.

When: December 7, 9, and 10

Time: December 7 and 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and December 10 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Where: First floor conference room in Town Hall

Cost: FREE

To register, please contact Scott Johansen at 482-2204. There is a 20-person limit to the class.

Men's Hoops

Men's Basketball continues at the Hinesburg Community School Gym. This is a pick-up style game for men. Please fill out a registration form/waiver form before you attend.

Where: HCS Gym

Who: Wednesday evenings for those under 30 years old and Thursday evenings for the over 30-year-old gang

Time: 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE.

## Strength Training with Lee Huselbos

Lee has offered this class for many years and has quite a loyal following, but it is never too late to join in this program that benefits both mind and body. Lee has expanded her classes to include aerobic elements and the use of body balls.

When: Tuesdays and/or Fridays

Time: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Where: Town Hall

Cost: \$60 for six weeks

Please register through the Rec. Office, but make checks payable to Lee Huselbos.

## Custom Card Making

Have you ever heard of rubber-stamping? Join Betty Button to make your own dazzling holiday and all-occasion cards with ease. Each class will allow you to make two cards of each of the five different designs... that's ten custom cards. Each class will have different designs, so there won't be any repeats. Come join the fun. Register for the classes that you'd like to attend.

Where: Town Hall

When: Monday evenings; December 12, 19, January 2, 9, and 16

Time: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per class includes all materials.

Minimum of six / Maximum of 20 participants.

## Skating Lessons

Kim Johansen, former president of the Vermont Skating Club, and her daughter Gabrielle will offer their skating expertise at the Town Rink behind the Hinesburg Community School. There will be two groups to accommodate a range of skills and age. Lessons are contingent on the condition of the ice.

What: Introduction to Skating Techniques (Level I) and Intermediate Skating (Level II)

Who: 4 years and up

When: Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., December 15, 22, 29, January 5 and 12; Sundays, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., December 11, 18, January 8, 15, and 22.

Where: Rink behind HCS

Fee: \$30

Make-up lessons will be available if the ice is not suitable for skating.

## Tiny Tots Gymnastics

Kids will learn basic tumbling on mats, swinging on a mini-bar, and bouncing on a springboard with Ila Sewell, a certified gymnastic teacher. Lots of fun for your little one!

When: Thursdays, January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16 and 23

Ages 2-3 1/2 : 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 1/2-5: 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Town Hall

Cost: Younger group: \$36 and Older group: \$40.

## Pre-School Dance

Come spend your Tuesday morning with Elise Doner for a fun-filled dance and creative movement class that will leave your child singing, dancing, and grooving all the way home! Class includes dance and movement skills, drama, props, fun music, and lots of imagination.

Who: 2 1/2-5 years

When: Tuesdays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, and 21

Time: 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Where: Town Hall

Cost: \$45.

## Piano Lessons

Mary Beth Bowman, Hinesburg resident and longtime music instructor in both public and private school systems, offers after-school piano lessons at HCS. The class will be a group format with a maximum of four students per class, ensuring lots of individual attention. The class includes all instructional material. Having a keyboard or piano would be optimal for practice purposes. Parent encouragement is a necessity in pursuing a musical instrument.

Who: 1st - 4th graders and 5th - 8th graders

When: Tuesdays, December 13, 20, January 3, 10, 17, and 24; Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12, 19, 26, and February 2.

Time: 2:30-3:30 p.m. (1st-4th graders) and 3:45-4:45 p.m. (5th -8th graders)

Where: Music Room

Cost: \$100 includes instructional materials.

Please contact Rec. Department for availability.

## Winter is Coming and so is Winter Carnival!

Mark your calendars for the annual Winter Carnival, scheduled for February 11, 2006. This annual tradition will include many of your favorites, like snowmobile and dog sled rides, skating, broomball, and lots more. Bring your family and come play in the snow!

Start the weekend on Friday evening, February 10 with an International Potluck at St. Jude Church. Then, come to the premiere of "Bear Farmer," a mockumentary film written and directed by Tim Whitney, at HCS.

Saturday morning will start off strong with the Hinesburg Nursery School Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction. Yummy waffles and many cool items to bid on are just a few things that you will find in the HCS cafeteria that morning.

Saturday will culminate with the popular Dinner Theater at HCS at 6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater tickets will go on sale at the Recreation Office on Tuesday, January 17. Tickets are \$15 each. All profits will be donated to the Hinesburg Food Shelf and the Hinesburg Artist Series. There are a limited number of seats. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Rec. Department at 482-4691 or via e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net for more information or with questions.

## Smuggler's Notch Discounted Lift Tickets

Special down hill lift tickets are available through the Rec. Department. Hinesburg residents can ski or ride all day for discounted rates.

Youth (ages six to 18) Lift Tickets, Rentals, and Lessons are \$10 each. Adult Lift Tickets, Rentals, and Lessons are \$20 each. Children 5 years and under are free.

The following Sundays are available for these discounted rates: January 8, 22, 29, and February 5. Order and payment for tickets/rentals/lessons are due by Thursday at noon before each Sunday. Call the Rec. Office at 482-4691 or by e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

You will pick up your tickets near the Season's Pass Desk. Dave Frink is the group leader for January 8, 29, and February 5 and Rocky Martin is the group leader for January 22. Look for these people to pick up your tickets or rental/lesson information. Call the Rec. Office with any questions.

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# CSWD

## “Trash-on-Lawn Days” Aim to Reduce Waste

Seen students dumping piles of garbage on the lawn of your local school recently? Relax! It was likely a school-approved exercise, with students taking a closer look at what's going into the trash at their schools.

In Burlington, Edmunds Middle School held a “Trash-on-Lawn Day” and Burlington High School's Eco-Club organized a similar event in November.

Through trash-on-lawn days, students put waste on display while inviting everyone to consider ways it might be reduced. “These events provide new and instructive ways to examine both what and how much a school throws away,” says Jess Sankey, a waste reduction coordinator with Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD). “Students see that individual choices can make a big impact collectively.”

Typically, students collect trash from all school rooms and offices, then weigh and separate the waste into categories on the lawn. Students are surprised at “how much of what they collect is really not trash. Students define trash as what's not compostable, not re-useable, and non-recyclable. They usually have only a third or a half of the original volume left from each bag as actual trash.

CSWD school outreach coordinators say holding a trash-on-lawn day can serve as a first step in a plan of action to reduce waste in schools and classrooms. They work with teachers and schools throughout Chittenden County to help raise awareness of what goes into the municipal waste stream, and to help encourage waste reduction and recycling. They are available for free in-class presentations, and to provide tours of CSWD facilities.

Teachers, school groups or others interested in learning more may visit the CSWD web site at [www.cswd.net](http://www.cswd.net), or call Jess Sankey at 872-8100, ext. 211.

### CSWD Drop-Off Centers

**Burlington:** 339 Pine Street; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Essex:** 218 Colchester Road (on Route 2A); Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Milton:** 36 Landfill Road; Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Richmond:** 80 Rogers Lane (on Route 117); Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**S. Burlington:** 87 Landfill Road (off Patchen Road); Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Williston:** 1492 Redmond Road; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Materials Recovery Facility (“The MRF”)

**Williston:** 357 Avenue C; Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## Hinesburg Village: Living-Working-Walking

By Jean Isham, HBPA

Aaron Kimball commented one day recently that now he can walk to work. That started me thinking about people who live and work in the area of Hinesburg village.

In 2001, Aaron and his wife, Kim, were living in Pennsylvania when they made the decision to return to Vermont. They wanted to move back to an area where they had family and friends, specifically the Champlain Valley. They wanted something a little more accountable and personable. They found that in Hinesburg and subsequently Aaron became a full-time employee at Green Mountain Access. They live on Route 116 near Lantman's Best Yet Market, which Aaron describes as “like having your own personal refrigerator fully stocked at any time.” He walks to Lantman's, to Firehouse Plaza, to the Post Office, to the restaurants and most importantly to work (one-half mile from his residence) on days when he does not need to go to Waitsfield.

Aaron and Kim recently changed doctors and now their family doctor is in the village. Aaron said “I found that to be really amazing that I could have that here too.” Kim and Aaron enjoy walking on the Russell property and just being able to take short evening walks. Aaron's proximity to work essentially eliminates the morning commute, which Aaron finds a tremendous relief. It also means financial savings for gas and car maintenance.

Seeing our Town through a relatively newcomer's eyes is interesting. According to Aaron, you are able to make connections here. The world both becomes bigger and smaller, and you find your place and your place becomes a little bit clearer. There is a sense of comfort, a sense of place and a sense of belonging.

Sense of place is not just a slogan, there really is that sense of place here.

Tom Mathews and his family moved to Hinesburg in 1998 and he started working in Hinesburg in 2000. Tom lives about 250 yards from where he works, at Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom. For the first several weeks he walked to work but found that to be hazardous because of the lack of sidewalks. Not only did he get dirty from being splashed in rainy weather but found he had to jump off the road several times. That is expected to change in 2007 when additional sidewalks are planned for Mechanicsville Road. The completion of the sidewalk will enable his daughter Chelsea to walk to the high school and his younger daughter, Lucy, a kindergartener, to walk to the Community School. Tom's family enjoyed participating in the well-received Walking School Bus Program.

When Tom lived and worked in Burlington he had about a two mile commute which would take 15 to 20 minutes. He said he feels very fortunate to have a place of employment in the community where he lives. He does as much shopping as possible locally; for instance, he was able to replace a lawn mower in fifteen minutes rather than having to drive to Burlington or Williston. The completion of the sidewalks will enable Tom and his family to do many more errands without the use of a vehicle.

Tom said that in the six or seven years he has lived in Hinesburg, he has seen enough growth to concern him. “I have just seen the town exploding. I hope that there is concern on both sides that we stay on top of growth so that we don't have to react.”

My next contact was with Peter Huber, who manages Show Time Video. Pete came to Hinesburg eleven years ago at a time when his brother was living here. He lives in the village, either walks or rides his bike to work and does not own a motor vehicle.

Peter said the biggest thing about living here is that it is close to everything he needs—work, groceries, friends, mountains, Lake Champlain, Lake Iroquois, and Shelburne Pond. He estimates that he saves \$4,000 per year by not owning a vehicle. When work necessitated meeting out of town, he was able to use the On the Go Bus for that purpose.

Peter said he generally doesn't go more than 30 miles away from Hinesburg with 75 miles being the longest distance

he has traveled in the last three years. When he goes on vacation, he takes a sleeping bag and back pack and when he has biked for two-and-a-half days he turns around and heads back. He frequently bikes to the Charlotte Ferry and takes that for access to the Adirondacks.

On the topic of Hinesburg, Peter says he feels bad for the high school students because there is nothing for them to do around here, but also likes the fact that Hinesburg is far enough away from Burlington so that the kids don't end up hanging around downtown. He feels the scout troop is “a really cool thing” and hopes it continues.

When he first came to town, Peter became acquainted with several of the older residents who would talk about the history of Hinesburg and its farms. He misses that connection now. He noted there is a crawfish migration in the fall, and he usually picks them up and drops them back in the creek so they won't get run over on 116. He has also observed a hawk living in town which has somewhat cut down on the pigeon population.

Lantman's Best Buy Market is probably the biggest employer of people living close enough to walk to work. They include Erin Walker, Joey Parker, Manuel, Estelle, Brian, and Alex Terron, Bryce Busier, Doris Martin, Sonya Murray, Theresa Payea, and Ben Powden—as well as the owner, Brian Busier.

Erin, who has lived in the Village for two and-a-half years, likes the savings on gas and the convenience of being able to walk to playgroup with her son. Sonya, who has lived here for two years, likes not only being able to walk to work but also enjoys walking to the video store, the Mobil station, and the Post Office. She finds it good exercise and loves living in the village. Joey has also lived in the village for two and-a-half years. He likes having everything close by and walks just about everywhere—the restaurants, the hardware store, Ballard's Corners. He estimates that he saves at least \$15 per week on gas. He mentioned that he had made a lot of friends by living in the village. Theresa has lived in the village for five years and likes the convenience and the savings of being able to walk to work.

I am sure there are others who live and work in the village whom I did not meet. This certainly helps to keep the village a vibrant and welcoming place. As we plan for the future, let's keep in mind that living and working in close proximity has some distinct advantages for both the residents and the Town.

### HBPA Winter Social to be Held December 13

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association cordially invites all members of Hinesburg's business and professional community to attend the annual Winter Wine & Cheese Social.

This year's social will be hosted by Tailhook Towing, located at 79 Commerce Street, on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. For more information about the HBPA or the Winter Social contact Jeanne Wilson at 482-3767.

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## Trustee Meetings

The next Carpenter-Carse Library Board of Trustees meeting has been changed to Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the library and are open to the public.

## Book Discussion Groups

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers' homes. The January 11 selection is *Three Junes* by Julia Glass. Meetings are held 7:30 p.m. Please phone Earla Sue McNaul at 482-3347 for information on a December meeting.

## Story Time News

Toddler Story Times (up to three years of age) are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, December 20 and January 3 and 17. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Thursday Story Hours with Jennie for Ages 3 +

December 15, 22, 29, January 5, 19, and 26 at 11:00; January 12 at 1:00 p.m.

### "Itsy, Bitsy Teatime" Story Hour

Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 for ages three and up. Come in from the cold and enjoy tea and crumpets, songs and stories. Bring a friend (real or pretend) and let tea-time begin.

### Pajama Story Times for Ages 3+

Wednesday, December 14 and Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is helpful.

## Recent Acquisitions

### Adult Fiction

Baldacci, David, *The Camel Club*

Connelly, Michael, *The Lincoln Lawyer: a novel*

Freeman, Brian, *Immoral*

Karon, Jan, *Light from Heaven*

Millet, Lydia, *Oh Pure and Radiant Heart*

Rice, Anne, *Christ the Lord (LARGE PRINT)*

Shreve, Anita, *A Wedding in December: a novel*

Tan, Amy, *Saving Fish from Drowning*

Woods, Stuart, *Iron Orchid*

### Adult Nonfiction

*Big Book of Crafts*, published by Northlight Books

Didion, Joan, *A Year of Magical Thinking*

Goodwin, Doris Kearns, *Team of Rivals: the political genius of Abraham Lincoln*

Scheckel, Paul, *The Home Energy Diet: how to save money by making your house energy smart*

*Hudson River Journey*, photographs by Hardie Truesdale; text by Joanne Michaels.

Weil, Andrew, *Healthy Aging: a lifelong guide to your physical and spiritual well-being*

### On Order

Chiaverini, Jennifer, *The Christmas Quilt*

Harvey, Kenneth, *The Town that Forgot How to Breathe*

Mayor, Archer, *St. Albans Fire*

Orlean, Susan, *My Kind of Place*

Patterson, James, *Mary, Mary*

Schaffert, Timothy, *The Singing and Dancing Daughters of God*

Turow, Scott, *Ordinary Heroes*

\*\*Visit the library or our web site to view a list of new children's and young adult books.

## How You Can Help

We will be collecting cash donations for the purchase of a roadside sandwich board. This is just another way to reach out to potential library users and to let people in the area know what is going on at the library. We have not as of November 14 found a place to store our bookmobile over the winter, nor have we found extra space to store book sale books. If you can help with any of these needs, we would be grateful. Please contact Sue Barden at 482-2878.

## December Exhibit

Stop by the library to view an array of toy sailors and marines. These impressive antique toys were collected over a period of 40 to 50 years and are on display courtesy of Hinesburg resident Karl Novak.

## Upcoming Winter Events

### Youth Activities

**YA Book Buying Group**, Thursdays, December 15 and January 19 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Review, discuss and select teen books for the library's Young Adult collection. Refreshments will be served. Contact Janet at 482-2878.

**Kids' Craft Time**, Thursday, December 22 at 1:00 p.m.

School-age children are welcome to make a novelty reindeer flowerpot using a variety of items such as foam, wood and felt while enjoying a festive, musical, atmosphere. Holiday cookies and warm cocoa are provided—sure to warm the spirit. Registration is helpful.

**Kids' Craft Time**, Wednesday, December 28 at 6:30 p.m. Help invite "Mr. Winter" in by creating a winter welcome sign. This sign will surely attract attention with penguins surrounded with snowflakes that sport red scarves and yellow earmuffs. Registration is helpful.

**American Girl Book Club**—School-age children please join us for this special book club held on Saturdays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. These popular character books feature girls from different periods in history whose stories of courage, imagination, hope, and determination speak with the same spirit that inspires girls today. Girls are encouraged to bring in their dolls and enjoy the pleasure of reading together. Activities, craft, and refreshments are included. Please register; we have a limit of ten children for each session.

## Family Program

**Songs of Winter Holidays**, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Vermont musicians Susan Reit and Mary Ann Samuels sing and play harp, hammered dulcimer, recorders and percussion to celebrate holidays including Saint Lucia Day, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and the Chinese New Year. Take a musical break on a busy Saturday and share the lovely music of diverse traditions with friends or family. Children welcome. Free program. Refreshments served. Please call the library to register. 482-2878.

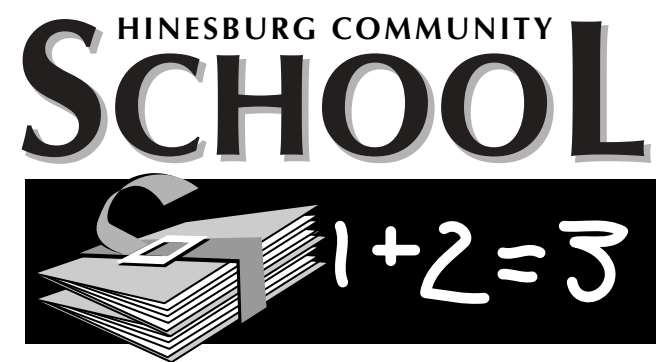
## Adult Program

**Green Mountain Audubon Program**, Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

"Bear Necessities," presented by Vermont State Bear Biologist Tom Decker of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. Mr. Decker will discuss the natural history of the Vermont black bear, what bears need to exist and thrive in Vermont, and how human behaviors impact bear survival strategies. Join us to learn what we can do to manage and sustain this important wildlife population. Free program with refreshments served. Donations welcome. Please call the library at 482-2878 to register.

## Quotation of the Month

"Peace is our gift to each other."—*Elie Wiesel*  
Warm Holiday Greetings to all!



Compiled by Denise Giroux

## HCS Calendar

### December

**14:** CSSU School Board Meetings, CVU; General session at 6:00 p.m.; Individual town board sessions from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at CVU

**22-30:** Holiday Break, No School

### January

**2:** Holiday Break, No School

**3:** School Resumes

**20:** In-service, Half-day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal

## General School News

By Debora Price, Principal,  
and Angela Stebbins, Assistant Principal

### PTO Principals' Coffee Hour

The first PTO meeting of the school year was held on Thursday, October 27th. Following the business portion of the meeting, The Principals' Coffee Hour was held. Roughly 17 parents and community members participated in a carousel activity with three focusing questions: *Who are we* (describe our students, our school and our community)? *What have been our successes and challenges?* *What are our hopes and dreams for our students and our school?*

Information generated from the three charts will be typed and distributed to all attending. Information from the hopes and dreams chart will be used as a basis for future Coffee Hours hosted by parents and community members in their homes. Two Coffee Hours have already been scheduled in November and January. If you are interested in hosting a Principals' Coffee Hour some evening in March, please call Debi Price at 482-2106.

### Family Math Night

On November 2, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., about 20 parents and their preschool children came to the cafeteria and enjoyed math activities. Eight tables were set up with math activities for parents and children to "play" with. Activities included crafting Fruit Loop pattern necklaces, mitten and sock sorting activities, dice games for addition and subtraction, and a calendar penny toss. One table provided materials for parents to "make and take" activities for home.

This Family Math Night, complete with pizza and cider, was organized by Audrey Walsh (Community Early Education Coordinator) Nancy Pollack (Math Coordinator), and Jo Evelti (our Early Education teacher). Another Family Math Night will be held in March. For more information regarding activities that you can do with your preschool age child, please call Audrey Walsh or Nancy Pollack at 482-2106.

### Essential Skills Program Evaluation

Dr. Nancy Richardson is in the process of conducting the program evaluation of the HCS Essential Skills program. She has interviewed classroom teachers (K-8), essential skills teachers, special educators, and members of the administration. The evaluation will continue through November, as Dr. Richardson observes classes and reviews student data. We anticipate having her written evaluation report sometime in January. We look forward to her analysis and suggestions so that we can structure our program to meet students' needs.

### Our PK-8th Grade School Focus

The administration has taken steps to look intentionally at HCS with a school-wide PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade lens. We began the school year with Guidance and Essential Skills PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher meetings.

Our plan is to hold monthly meetings with the specific focus of looking at programs and how to connect as a school.



Our Guidance meetings have and will continue to focus on ways guidance can support the implementation of the School Climate Action plan and how that initiative connects to the CSSU guidance curriculum. The work with essential skills teachers has taken us through a process where we have reflected on the purpose of program. Some of the questions we have discussed are: *What are our beliefs about kids who are at-risk of school failure? What do we value?* and *What is our job?* The most striking part of these meetings has been the connections and conversations teachers have been able to make.

### Behavior Committee Update

The Behavior committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. We have teacher representatives, guidance counselors, administrators, the planning room director and parents.

In October we reviewed the three-year Action Plan, created a work plan for the year and developed a Supportive Classroom Survey to be given to teachers. The purpose of the survey is to gather data about activities teachers are doing to implement the Supportive Classroom Core concepts of *respect, sharing, belonging, trust, and responsibility*. The survey will be used to identify further professional development teachers need and to generate a list of activities that can be shared across the school.

### Student Council 2005-2006

Mrs. Angela Stebbins and Mr. Steve Hyde have once again teamed up to organize the 5/6 and 7/8 Student Council groups. The 5/6 council has been formed and has already met to review their purpose, their responsibilities, and to brainstorm topics to address. Tim Fox joined the 5/6 student council meeting on November 10 to discuss how to improve outside recess and organize activities for indoor recess. The 7/8 students will be working with Tim Fox as well. Both Student Council groups have reviewed the "Code of Conduct" for council members and have started working on student identified issues.

### Comprehensive School Reform Grant

We have established a team to participate in the two workshop trainings for writing a Comprehensive School Reform Grant. The purpose of the CSR program is "to provide financial incentives for schools to engage in comprehensive school reform based on scientifically based research and effective practices." The focus of our grant proposal will be in meeting the needs of all students through differentiated instruction. The Hinesburg Community School Team will consist of: Debora Price, Principal; Amy Cole, Director of Curriculum for CSSU; Stephen Heney, 7/8 teacher; and Pam Miller, music teacher.

### Library Media Center News

By Chris Varney, Library Media Specialist

December 14, 2005 will be our "Sharing the Gift of Reading" RIF Day.

Classes will be preparing gift boxes of their favorite books to display in the library for other students to select from. The titles of these books will be published in the Viking for parents to use as possible gift ideas. Students will also have the option of giving

reading coupons to family or friends. These coupons encourage two people to spend time together with books, reading.

Our final RIF Day will be in late January or early February as part of our annual Hinesburg Reading Celebration.

### Part-time Kitchen Help Wanted!

The HCS cafeteria is currently looking for an individual who would be interested in working in the kitchen part-time, beginning as soon as possible. The hours are from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Work days follow the school calendar. Anyone interested should contact Deb Bissonette at 482-6241 or [bissonnetted@hcsvt.org](mailto:bissonnetted@hcsvt.org). Thank you.

### First Quarter Honor Rolls High Honors

Jake Berino  
Kameron Clayton  
Michael Cribari  
Katie Dooley  
Emma Eddy  
Andrew Giroux  
Taylor Giroux  
Nick Hart  
Megan Henson  
Kaity Kenyon  
Amanda Lacaillade  
Emily Leffler

Ben Martin  
Geoff Mathews  
Leanna Muroski  
Erin Palmer  
Eric Palmer  
Katie Parker  
Morgan Pell  
Brittany Place  
Lily Roberts-Gevalt  
Nicole Utter  
Anna Watts

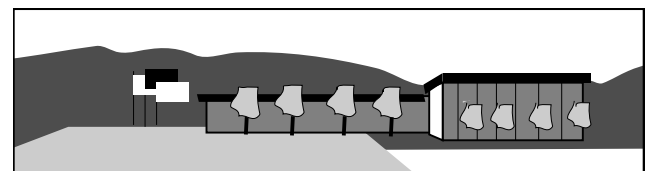
### AB Honors

Lexie Adams  
Amanda Armell  
Brigit Beaucage  
Steven Bell  
Nick Blumen  
Hillary Boss  
Liam Brennan  
Marina Calvo  
Eric Chandler  
Michael Conley  
Isaiah Cory  
Georgia Cota  
Hannah Covington-Walker  
Brandon Curtis  
Brianna Datillio  
Mariah DiPasquale  
Jennifer Dunn  
Kate Ford  
Ben Francis  
Georgina Gelineau

Jameson Hurd  
Katelyn Jaro  
Douglas Knox  
Cassidy Maglaris  
Kenzie Mahoney  
Melissa Miller  
Jonathan Mills  
Tim Mitchell  
Evan Morehouse  
Chris Palmer  
Sara Patten  
Nick Race  
Ellen Reinhardt  
Maggie Ross  
Brynn Seaton  
Henry Sengle  
Jake Sienkiewycz  
Sarah Eddy-Stewart  
Elias Wiczoreck  
Greg Zengilowski

# HINESBURG SCHOOLS

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL



For Current News, please visit: [www.cvuhs.org](http://www.cvuhs.org)

### Calendar: December

- 13: Band I, II, III Concert, CVU Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 14: Half-day in-service, students dismissed at 12:30 p.m.  
School Board Meeting, Room 106, 7:00 p.m.
- 20: Concert featuring Madrigal Singers, Jazz Ensemble, Full Concert, CVU Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 22: Registration deadline for January SAT  
Holiday Break begins, No school
- January 2: School Resumes

### CVU Students Earn Place on Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll

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

- Ayse Bayar, Design & Illustration
- Ayse Bayar, Electronic Recording Arts
- Sara Bowser\*, Medical & Sports Sciences\*
- Samantha Castonguay, Design & Illustration
- Chrystal Hall, Culinary/Professional Foods
- Jennifer Hall, Culinary/Professional Foods
- Jesse Osborne, Auto Body Repair
- Joshua Platt, Aviation Technology
- Michael Sterns, Electronic Recording Arts\*

\* indicates an A+

### School Choice Application Deadline is February 1, 2006

Champlain Valley Union High School participates in a (Continued on the next page.)

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school choice agreement with South Burlington and Burlington High Schools.

Spaces for students who reside in the CVU district and who wish to attend one of the other schools are allotted on a space-available basis in a lottery in early February.

Students who are interested in participating in the School Choice program need to obtain an application from the CVU Direction Center, complete it, and return it by the deadline of February 1, 2006. Students will be notified of the results of the lottery by February 10.

## CVU Gym Floor Converted to Picture Frames

This summer, ReCycle North's Deconstruction Service was able to salvage about 6,000 square feet of good quality maple flooring from the old CVU gym floor. These floor boards became part of the inventory at ReCycle North's Building Materials Center in Burlington and have found new homes throughout the region in both residential and commercial applications.

Ironically, a few weeks after ReCycle North finished removing the gym floor for DEW Construction, DEW became one of the first customers for this very same flooring. "We needed a small amount of material to patch the gym floor at Cambridge Elementary School in Jeffersonville," explained Doug Robie, of DEW.

The material from CVU was a perfect match—already stained and finished, and available at a fraction of the cost of new product.



ReCycle North's Waste Not Products Specialist Tim Dean crafts picture frames from CVU gym floor scraps.

Although enough flooring remains for more room-sized projects, ReCycle North has begun converting leftover scraps of the gym floor into attractive picture frames. These frames are part of an entire line of Waste Not Products (WNP) made from salvaged materials by ReCycle North's staff.

Originally, the frames were being made with the finished surface showing.

"They looked good," noted Tim Dean, WNP specialist at the Building Materials Center. "Maybe too good. We soon realized that no one really knew the frames were made from salvaged materials." Eventually, Dean started making the frames backwards such that the underside showed on the front of the frame.

This resulted in a much more appealing frame that reveals an imprint identifying the original use of the wood. "We're hoping to make some larger frames specifically for CVU students to use for their diplomas," notes Dean.

The maple CVU picture frames come in a variety of sizes and are available for purchase at ReCycle North's Building Materials Center (BMC).

The BMC carries the entire line of Waste Not Products, including window frame mirrors, bird houses, and garden sheds. The BMC also carries a wide range of affordably-priced used building materials, including doors, windows, fixtures, cabinets, and lumber. BMC revenues support ReCycle North's training and poverty relief efforts which include training at-risk youth for construction careers and providing free building materials to Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity.

To learn more about ReCycle North's Deconstruction Service, please contact ReCycle North at 846-4007 or [bfreeman@recyclenorth.org](mailto:bfreeman@recyclenorth.org). To see the complete Waste Not Products Line, visit ReCycle North's Building Materials Center in Burlington at 339 Pine Street. Open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 846-4015 or email [bmc@recyclenorth.org](mailto:bmc@recyclenorth.org).

## CY Celebrates a Caring Community at Annual "Aw Shucks" Recognition Night

By Dayna Scott

Every year CY—Connecting Youth honors community volunteers who have dedicated their time to supporting youth and families. The evening is called the "Aw Shucks" Awards, because often this is what volunteers say when they are told that CY wants to recognize them!



Those honored at the recent CY Aw Shucks Awards include Hinesburg's own Doug and Shelley Henson, and Wayne Ring.

This year's event took place on Tuesday, November 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Cafeteria at CVU High School. At the event, CY honored the following volunteers who have worked to create a more caring community: Claudia Pfaff and Martha Keenan from Charlotte; Douglas and Shelley Henson and Wayne Ring from Hinesburg; Valerie Martel and Jack Milbank from Shelburne; Bob Bennett and Ann Durkee from Williston; Dave Ely from CVU; and Hannaford's Stores.

## Principal McMannon States Case for "Budget Building"

By Rosalyn Graham

The first step to crafting a budget for Champlain Valley Union High School for next year began Monday evening November 28 with the usual gasps of astonishment. It's a tradition: begin the process with a "wish list" of programs, faculty, equipment and services and calculate the impact on the budget and then spend the next five or six weeks paring those costs to a level that the the board believes the taxpayers can accept.

This year Principal Sean McMannon presented a budget draft that would represent a 15.58% increase over the \$16,221,325 budget of 2005-2006. The big increases are in faculty for the freshman program, the business department, athletics and co-curricular, clerical support, support services in the administrative offices and fiscal services. The largest single jump was in speech and language services for specialists to serve special needs students.

At budget review meetings beginning on Monday, December 5, the Board members and the "Budget Buddies" they have recruited from their communities to broaden the participation in the review process and increase the feedback on the budget, planned to examine the budget, dividing it into segments for easier handling. On December 5 they planned to look at special education and technology, on December 12 they will examine operations and maintenance, and on December 19 they will look at staffing. By early January they will have weighed the administration recommendations, balancing the educational impact against the impact on local tax bills. In years past they have agreed on a target increase of less than 10% and negotiated cuts to meet that goal.

Three board members brought budget buddies to the November 28 meeting and more are expected in weeks to come. Charlotte was well represented as director Lorna Jimmerson invited Toby Goldsmith and Dottie Waller recruited Randy Ramsden. Director Joan Lenes from Shelburne brought Sally Ranz as her budget buddy.

Principal McMannon presented enrollment figures and projections which he said "set a context for budget building." Over the past ten years CVU has grown by more than 400 students. In the current year the enrollment has settled at 20 more students than expected, he said, and studies of enrollments at the sending elementary schools indicate that there are probably two more years of growth before CVU is hit by the decline in population that is being experienced in the rest of the country.

The projection for the 2005-2006 school year is 1381, up from this year's 1366; the projection for 2010-2011 is 1311. Average class size has been held in the range of 20 students per class, with social studies classes averaging 23.9 and technical education classes at 14.3. There has been a trend toward teachers teaching more students, with 37 teachers having 120 or more students. This runs counter to the board's goal of having a teacher responsible for 100 students, both because that number supports appropriate assessment and instructional practice and also facilitates teachers knowing their students well.

## CVU Board Discusses Communications

By Rosalyn Graham

Better communication between Champlain Valley Union High School and the communities it serves was a topic for brainstorming at the November 28 meeting of the board.

"We need to find ways to tell the people in our towns about all the good things that happen here, to build pride among the students for their accomplishments and to reach the two-thirds of the people who don't have students in the school," was how Meg Hart Smith of Williston summed up the opinions of one of the small groups of school directors who shared their ideas about the role of the board in promoting the school's image in the community and fostering a positive working relationship with key community groups.

Lorna Jimmerson of Charlotte expressed the opinion that it is most important to get student voices involved in the "big circle of community interaction." She stressed the importance of contact with the community, with community members coming into the school for activities and to share their expertise in the classroom, and students going out into the community in service learning projects. "Kids learn better when they see the connection with the community," she said.

The board members commented on the good messages communicated with the publication of the newspaper CSSYou in August, a publication that focused on the link CVU provides for the towns of the district, its history and its accomplishments. CSSYou was originally envisioned as a quarterly publication, according to Chittenden South Chief Operating Officer Bob Mason, who coordinated the project with community volunteers. The pressure of other projects prevented a fall publication, and the plan at this point is to publish again next summer.

At this time of year the board focuses its communications on getting the word about the budget to the taxpayers in the towns, typically through the participation of community volunteers in reviewing the budget, and the distribution of a flyer with a detailed explanation of the budget to all residents before Town Meeting. The board agreed that they would establish a communications committee to review the opinions gathered in their small group discussions, and consider how to continue their progress toward better information dissemination and relationship building.

Board Chair Jeanne Jensen of Williston summed up the small group discussions, saying, "We all agree that the board has a role in getting our story to the community and developing communications. But we also know that it could be a huge task and could conflict with our other roles and time commitments." Board member Dick Lednicki of Shelburne suggested a small committee of the board to keep the process moving forward during the budget preparation period.

## Searching for a superintendent

The process for finding a new superintendent to succeed Brian O'Regan who has resigned effective the end of the school year is being organized. Members of CSSU boards met with O'Regan and Winton Goodrich of the Vermont School Board Association to discuss strategies. VSBA has offered to provide a national search, handling the advertising and initial screening, for a fee of \$12,000 for a year contract.

CSSU will recruit a search committee to do the final screening and make a choice with 14 or 15 members including representatives from boards in the district towns, teachers, principals and CSSU personnel.

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## Champlain Valley Union High School Quarter 1 Honor Roll

### High Honors

*Seniors*  
Kara Nye  
Jefferson Parker  
Margaret Patrick  
Caitlin Van Sleet  
*Juniors*  
Nicholas Bohlen  
Kelsey Francis  
Evan Masseur

*Sophomores*  
Kristin Blumen  
Brian Dunkling  
Samuel Ross  
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Dylan Thomas  
Celeste Veilleux  
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Evan Karge  
John Kimball  
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Jared Boudreau  
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## O'Regan Resigns as Superintendent

The Chittenden South Supervisory Union (CSSU) Board of School Directors accepted the resignation of Superintendent of Schools Brian C. O'Regan at its November 10 meeting held at Champlain Valley Union High School. The supervisory union entails the communities of Charlotte, Hinesburg, St. George, Shelburne, Williston and the Champlain Valley Union High School District. O'Regan's resignation is effective June 30, 2006 with the close of the current school year.

O'Regan joined CSSU in July of 2000. O'Regan indicated the decision was based on both "personal and professional" reasons. He has no immediate future plans. O'Regan noted that "he has been fortunate to have been associated with a terrific group of colleagues devoted to improving the lives of students." He also shared his appreciation for the support extended by the supervisory union and local boards during the past six years.

"The history of support for public education, the intellect and civility of the discourse on issues of importance to our schools and communities, and clarity of vision are trademarks of CSSU School Board leadership that provide the foundation for our successful schools," O'Regan observed.

Chairperson Jed Graef indicated a working group of board members will meet over the next few weeks to outline a process leading to the appointment of a new superintendent. This process will be discussed and finalized at the Board's December 14 meeting.

## Hinesburg Nursery School



### Where Would I Be Without My Village?

By Jen Bradford, HNS President

Many of you have probably realized by now that when it comes to the Hinesburg Nursery School, I bleed primary colors. Sometimes I am perhaps mildly obnoxious in my efforts to recruit new families; sometimes I am more quietly and respectfully hopeful that people will find a way to make the Nursery school work for them and for their kids. But always am I thankful that my family landed there, because when it comes to the many things we are thankful for, the community that is the Hinesburg Nursery School is one of the best gifts that my little gang of four has going.

HNS is truly more than a school. Natalie and Yvonne are more than just our kids' teachers. The parents become, over time, more than just faces attached to kids' names. And they stay that way. My community of greatest support in this town all began with the nursery school. I guess it's not so surprising that my daughter Harper sees her school in kind of hyperbolic terms as "the whole world"—but what has been wonderful to discover is just how meaningful this group of people has become to me, how much it supports me and my children, and how much we depend upon it.

Ask any of us who have undergone changes, big or little, while our kids are at HNS how much the others have stepped up to help us out. Sure, I'll do your fundraising for you; sure, I'll drive your kid to daycare every week; sure, I'll take your daughter to school for you and pick her up and feed her and seem truly, truly grateful for the chance to spend time with her. I often joke that now that I have taken a full-time job it truly does take a village to raise my Harper—and where would I be without that village?

There's no requirement that people make such grand gestures for each other at HNS (all we expect from each other is that we will work cooperatively to clean the school and help raise the cash to run it), and I certainly don't mean to scare off any would-be families by creating the impression that we are all a bunch of over-extended, over-achievers who can never say the word "No." What we are, it seems to me now, is a group of people who look out for each other and who all do what we can. Just as in other families, we all bring different things to the snack table—and we do all share.

So, Natalie and Yvonne, Sylvie, Karen and Sara, and all the rest of you—I no longer have the disposable income to buy you a lovely holiday gift. I just have this little soapbox—and I wanted to use it this issue to say, "Thank you" for all that you are doing for me and my girl, and Allen and Harry, too. Really, truly, thank you. And Happy Holidays.

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For more information as to the procedures and legalities of this newest business venture, please call Jen Bradford (482-5528), Wendy Frink (482-5841), or their attorneys (who will no doubt be waiting to hear from you). But, come on, really, isn't this the best Holiday gift you've come across in a long while? Does Grandma really need a new sweater? Couldn't she really rather use a good laugh instead?

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED and deeply appreciated. If you can give two hours a week, two hours a month or two hours every other week or month, it makes a big difference. By giving your time at the shop you are ultimately helping to give grants to the people of Shelburne, Charlotte and Hinesburg. SCHIP's TREASURE also plays a major role in recycling and clothing is often donated to various agencies and social service programs. Call Janet or Deonie at 985-3595. You'll be glad you did.

GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED. SCHIP received 18 applications from worthy organizations. Six applicants were funded for a total of \$5350. Those who received grants were: Hinesburg Community Resource Center (\$2000); Champlain Valley Union H.S. for four scholarship football uniforms/or maintenance of (\$600); Our Lady of Mount Carmel for Charlotte Food Shelf (\$1000); Charlotte Central School for student activities scholarships (\$250); Shelburne Community School for the Wayne Dextraze Memorial Angel Fund (\$500); Chittenden South Supervisory Union for their Wellness Initiative/CVU Community Fitness Equipment (\$1000).

Grants are intended to support social needs and build community. It is asked that proposals be specific in scope, leverage other funds, and clearly demonstrate need. The next grant deadline is January 1, 2006. Application forms are available in the three town clerks' offices and at SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop.

WE WANT TO THANK our dedicated volunteers for their continuing dedication of time and their contribution to the shop's success.

\*SCHIP stands for Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg Interfaith Projects. Its board is comprised of two representatives from ten faith communities. SCHIP's first project is SCHIP's TREASURE, a Resale shop located on Route 7 next to the Shelburne Town Center. Net profits from the shop sales are granted to the three participating communities. If an individual wishes to apply, it is suggested that s/he apply through an existing non-profit, tax-exempt organization such as a church, school, agency or other community based organization.

## Chittenden Youth Team Ready to Make Grants

Would you like \$20,000?

The Chittenden Youth Initiated Grantmaking Team is a "for youth, by youth" project that is looking to support youth-oriented projects in Chittenden County by awarding grants of up to \$20,000 to youth who create and implement such projects. Deadline for grant proposal is January 15, 2006.

The Youth Grantmaking Team's mission, to be supported by the projects it funds, is to combat stereotypes, violence, substance abuse, discrimination, and to appreciate peoples' differences.

Project funding is provided through a Federal "Safe and Drug Free Schools" grant administered by the Vermont Agency of Human Services. The Champlain Initiative and the United Way of Chittenden County are advising the Grantmaking Team.

The team is comprised of youth representing different areas around Chittenden County. Members of the team are responsible for all aspects of the grantmaking process, from creating the mission statement and developing the request for proposals to public relations and project selection.

The grants represent an opportunity for youth between 12

and 20 yrs old or who are enrolled in high school to create interesting, realistic, and creative ideas for activities and projects that will influence as many youth as possible throughout Chittenden County. Grant proposals should meet our request for proposal and application requirements.

To receive a proposal application and more information go to: <http://www.cyig.org>.

Or contact Clara Carter, youth co-chair, at (802)318-0735, or [mayqueen5488@hotmail.com](mailto:mayqueen5488@hotmail.com).

Or contact Beth Kuhn, adult supervisor, at 864-7541 ex.14, or [beth@unitedwaycc.org](mailto:beth@unitedwaycc.org).

## League of Women Voters to Meet December 14

Jim Condos and Representatives Joyce Errecart and David Zuckerman will discuss "Legislative Issues and Realities for 2006" at a luncheon meeting of the Champlain Valley League of Women Voters on Wednesday, December 14 at the Windjammer Restaurant, 1076 Williston Road. For reservations, call 985-9754 and leave name and telephone number.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization. It encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

# Educational Opportunities

## Tuition Assistance Available for Technology Education

Do you need additional information in technology education to move up the career ladder? Have some IT experience but need more to land a job? Through a new federal grant, the Vermont Information Technology Center VITC) can be able to help.

Vermonters are invited to apply for high-tech training and substantial tuition assistance from the Governor's IT Training Initiative, which is a collaborative effort of VITC, Champlain College, the Vermont Department of Labor and the Human Resources Investment Council. It is funded by the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative in the U.S. Department of Labor.

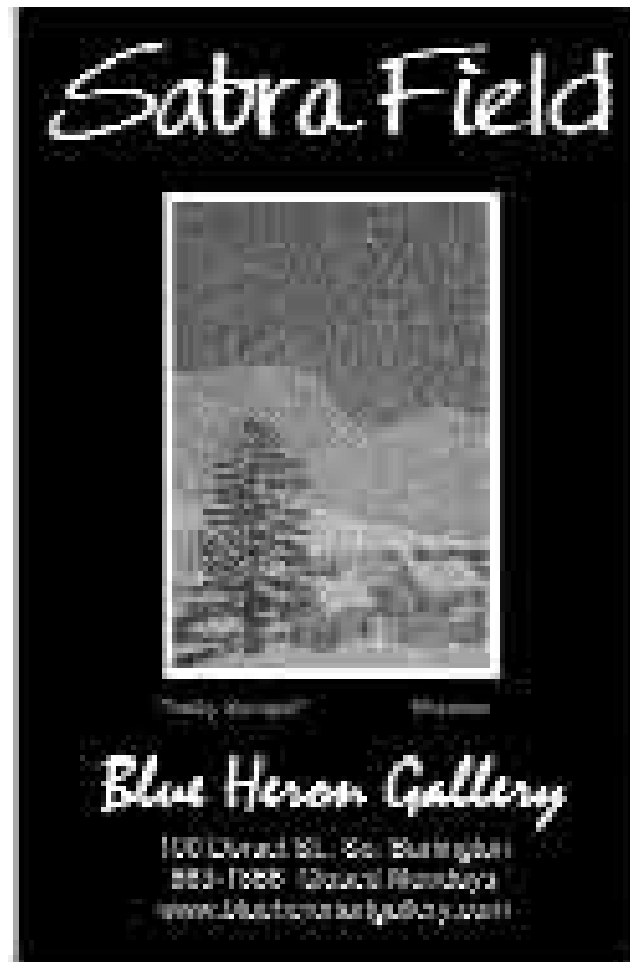
For qualified employed individuals, up to 70 percent of tuition costs for an IT professional certificate—available on campus in Burlington or on-line from anywhere in Vermont—will be covered under the grant. Additional tuition assistance may be available through a student's employer. For qualified unemployed and dislocated individuals, 100 percent of tuition costs will be covered under the grant.

Applicants can choose from the following professional certificate programs at Champlain College: Computer Networking, Computer & Digital Forensics, e-Business Management, Foundations of Network Design, Global Networks & Telecommunications, Information Security, Internet, Network Administration, Java Development, Managing Through Information Technology; Multimedia & Graphic Design; Software Development, Web Production, Web Programming, Website Development & Management, and Wide Area Network Management. Most of these programs are available both on campus and on-line. Tuition assistance is not available to current Champlain College students.


In order to maintain a competitive edge and operate more efficiently, employers want computer specialists who are knowledgeable about the latest technologies and are able to apply them to meet the needs of businesses. They require IT professionals who can use technology to communicate with employees, clients and consumers, said VITC director Dave Binch.

Binch noted that as companies adopt more sophisticated and complex information technology, the U.S. Department of Labor expects IT employment to grow by 36 percent by 2012. In that same time period, Vermont labor market projections indicate that there will be more than 4,500 people employed as software engineers, network systems and data communication analysts, and computer support specialists.

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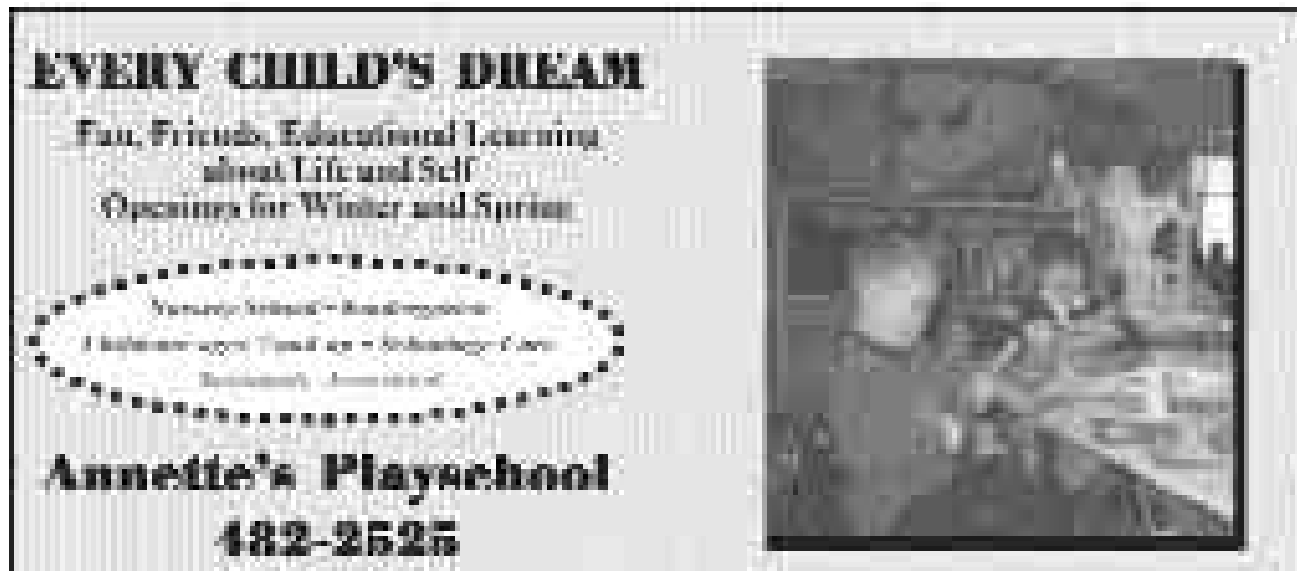
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Champlain College's professional certificates offer industry-recognized, concentrated skills training for incumbent IT workers who need to increase their occupational expertise, or for job seekers in need of the quickest route to new career opportunities in IT. Students take between eight and 24 months to complete a certificate, depending on factors such as the number of courses taken per semester, number of courses required per program, prerequisite courses required, or the availability of required courses.

Interested applicants can contact VITC at (802) 865-6402 to learn more about the Governor's IT Training Initiative grant program. Champlain College's spring semester starts January 9, 2006.

**LCWS Parent-Child Program Adds New Class, Acorns & Oaks**

Susan Sassaman, a licensed early childhood educator, is offering a new parent-infant class at the Lake Champlain Waldorf School campus in Shelburne, starting in January 2006. Acorns and Oaks is aimed at parents with newborns through 12-month-olds, expectant parents, and grandparents.

"Our time will be spent observing the babies as they grow, learning simple nursery rhymes and finger games, and sharing insights and questions together, discussing child development and the concerns normal to all parents," says Sassaman. "I find many new parents no longer are surrounded by extended family, and don't find support for this dramatic change in their lives. It helps them to meet and become friends with others experiencing similar challenges." She adds, "Expectant parents can see what's ahead and learn from the experienced parents of newborns. And grandparents need not be biological grandparents. We welcome the wisdom of seniors in our community, who would enjoy holding and helping with babies."



Waldorf Parent Sarah Thompson, with her future LCWS student.

Sassaman, who works most closely with newborns through three-year-olds, started the Saturday Star Garden class at the school this fall, for families with children age one through three. The eight weeks of Acorns and Oaks classes, running from January 11 through mid-March, will meet Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. The Lake Champlain Waldorf School is located on Turtle Lane, off Harbor Road in Shelburne. For information on either program, call Pam Graham, LCWS Admissions Director, at 985-2827, extension 12.

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**Health News**

**Lose the Cigarettes, Watch the Money Add Up: Health Department Uses "Great American Smokeout" to Show What Quitting Can Buy**

The Vermont Department of Health wants to keep dollars, not cigarettes, in the pockets of Vermonters. As part of the American Cancer Society's 28th annual "Great American Smokeout" on November 17, the state Health Department highlighted the significant cost-savings realized by people who quit smoking.

Robert, a 51-year-old Burlington resident who smoked a pack a day since the age of 17, quit smoking a year-and-a-half ago. At about \$5 a pack, he has saved approximately \$1,800 a year and has used the money he saved to pursue lifelong interests, such as riding mega roller coasters and playing high-end jazz guitars.

"When I realized how much money I was saving by not smoking, I began planning trips throughout the country to seek out the biggest and best roller coasters, which has been a long time dream of mine," Robert said. "I've been able to experience the thrill from coasters in California, Nevada and Massachusetts and do more of the things I really enjoy in life."

Music is another passion for Robert—specifically gypsy jazz, a style of music started in France in the 1920s by the legendary jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt. After calling the Vermont Quit Line, which linked him to his local Ready Set...STOP quit coach, Robert quit and was able to use savings to buy two gypsy swing jazz guitars and regularly jams with his friends.

Other examples of how Vermonters who are now ex-smokers use their "cigarette money" range from sharing a weekly dinner and a movie night with the family to completing home improvement projects to leaving the frozen state in February to vacation on the beaches of Mexico.

"Quitting smoking can be tough—it typically takes smokers five to seven quit attempts before they quit for good—but it's one of the healthiest lifestyle changes a person can make," said Vermont Department of Health Commissioner Paul Jarris, MD.

To further emphasize the savings that can be generated by quitting smoking, the Vermont Department of Health is distributing fake \$5 bill drink coasters and "Money Suckers" playing cards. The coasters are designed to look like folded \$5 bills and feature the toll-free number for the Vermont Quit Line (1-877-YES-QUIT, or 1-877-937-7848). The "Money Suckers" cards include facts about the poisons in cigarettes and helpful tips on how to stay smoke-free.

Approximately 96,000 adult Vermonters smoke, and an estimated 750 die annually from smoking-related diseases (including heart disease and cancer). Research shows that quit counseling doubles the chances of success.

Vermonters who are interested in quitting can call the Vermont Quit Line toll-free at 1-877-YES-QUIT (877-937-7848), or contact the Ready, Set...STOP program at their local hospital. Online quit-smoking services are now available free to Vermonters at [www.VermontQuitNet.com](http://www.VermontQuitNet.com). For inspiration to quit and tips from other Vermonters, see [www.tobaccostories.org](http://www.tobaccostories.org).

**Power Outage Food Safety Tips**

With many Vermonters out of power, the Vermont Department of Health has the following tips about food safety.

**For food in a freezer**

- Without power, a full upright or chest freezer will keep everything frozen for about two days. A half-full freezer will keep food frozen for about one day.
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much as possible.

- If power will be off for an extended period, if possible, take food to friends' freezers.

**For food in a refrigerator/freezer**

- Without power, the refrigerator section will keep food cool for four to six hours depending on the kitchen temperature.
- A full, well-functioning freezer unit should keep food frozen for two days. A half-full freezer unit should keep things frozen for about one day.
- Discard perishable foods like eggs, meat, fish, or milk that has been above 41 degrees for more than four to six hours.

**For thawed food**

- Food still containing ice crystals or that feels refrigerator-cold can be refrozen.
- Discard any thawed food that has risen to room temperature and remained there for two hours or more.
- Immediately discard any food with a strange color or odor.
- Finally, the best advice is "if in doubt, throw it out."

**Vermont Department of Health Reinforces Recommendations for Testing of Private Wells**

The Vermont Department of Health has recently advised that private well owners test their water supply for inorganic chemicals.

Well water tests of public and private wells show that several locations around the state have levels of arsenic that exceeded newly established standards for drinking water set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The EPA maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic in public drinking water systems—with a compliance deadline of January 23, 2006—has been lowered from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb.

The current standard of 50 ppb was set by EPA in 1975, based on a Public Health Service standard originally established in 1942. A March 1999 report by the National Academy of Sciences concluded that the current standard does not achieve the EPA goal of protecting public health and should be lowered.

"If elevated levels of arsenic are found in a private well, there are several water remediation systems available that will remove arsenic and other inorganic chemicals and clean the water supply," said Larry Crist, director of Health Protection for the Vermont Department of Health. "This is a correctable problem."

Health Department water testing recommendations, established in 2000, remain unchanged. Privately owned wells should have a routine bacteriological test every year and an inorganic chemical scan and a radionuclide scan every five years.

"Because the new, lower standard is being applied to public drinking water systems, it is a good time to remind homeowners of the recommendation and encourage people to test their wells," Crist said.

The Vermont State Geologist's Office (Vermont Geological Survey) is actively working with the Vermont Department of Health to determine which bedrock formations in the state may contribute arsenic to ground water. This fall, the State Geologist's Office will start a cooperative mapping project with the Middlebury College Geology Department that involves testing

bedrock ground water wells in central Vermont for arsenic.

Nearly one-third of all Vermonters' drinking water comes from private wells, and the quality of the water is not currently subject to federal or state regulation. Arsenic is a naturally-occurring element found at various concentrations in rocks and soils of Vermont and New England. Arsenic found in drinking water can have natural, and/or man-made (arsenic-containing pesticides) sources.

Exposure to high levels of arsenic in drinking water that exceed the EPA standard over many years could lead to skin damage, circulatory system problems and may increase the risk of certain types of cancers.

Test kits can be purchased from the Vermont Department of Health laboratory by calling 1(800)660-9997. The cost of the kits is \$12 for arsenic only, \$90 for inorganic chemicals, and \$149 for inorganic chemicals, bacteria and radiation.

Test kits can also be purchased from private, certified laboratories.

For more information on arsenic and testing recommendations can be found at the Vermont Department of Health's website, [www.healthyvermonters.info](http://www.healthyvermonters.info), or by calling 1(800)439-8550.

**What to be Thankful For**

By Dr. Lewis First, MD

At this time of year, I find myself saying thanks for a lot of things. For example, I want to thank everyone who has supported my "First with Kids" articles over the past few years. I am also thankful that my column has actually lasted this long. But even more importantly I want to thank the parents of our children, who have set great examples by doing such things as:



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- Wearing seat belts and bike helmets and insisting that their children do likewise
- Not smoking...or at least doing all they can to not expose their children to the risks of passive tobacco smoke
- Reading to their children every night and/or having their children (when old enough) read to them
- Keeping their children's scheduled appointments with doctors and dentists so that immunizations and other health screenings are on schedule
- Safety proofing and re-inspecting their homes for injury and fire risks
- Putting their babies to sleep on their backs (rather than their stomachs) to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS
- Spending quality time with their children on a daily basis.

Finally I hope that all children will be thankful at this time of year for what they have—be it family, friends, teachers, food to eat, and even clothes to wear. I also hope that families will think about ways that they can help give others a little more to be thankful for both during the holiday season and the whole year through.

As we approach the holiday season, I hope that everyone will remember that improving the health of your child is a Thanksgiving feast unto itself and something for which we can all be thankful.

Lewis First, M.D., is chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. You can also catch "First with Kids" weekly on WOKO 98.9FM and on WCAX-TV Channel 3. Visit the First with Kids archives at [www.vermontchildrens.org](http://www.vermontchildrens.org).

## Sports News

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### Primitive Biathlon to be Held January 28-29

The Eleventh Annual Smugglers' Notch Primitive Biathlon, presented by the Smugglers' Notch Area Chamber of Commerce, and sponsored by the Vermont Trappers' Association and Water 'N' Woods, Lamoille County's Wilderness Sports Store, will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, 2006 on the grounds of the Sterling Ridge Inn and Log Cabins in Jeffersonville, Vermont.

This is the original Primitive Biathlon, and the largest such event held. Rather than Olympic-style target rifles and cross-

country skis, this rather unusual event involves the use of muzzle loading rifles and snowshoes.

Eligibility for overall prize is limited to single-barrel traditional style muzzleloaders (no in-lines or optical sights) and traditional wood-framed snowshoes, although modern equipment users are welcome to participate. In the primitive spirit of the event, and in the interest of fairness, the use of round-ball ammunition is requested. Period dress is definitely encouraged, though not required.

The beautiful, mostly wooded course is approximately two-miles and can be enjoyed by the average sportsman—you needn't be an Olympic athlete to participate! The route will be well-marked and will include four target stages with a total of nine shots. A misfire is a miss (keep your powder dry!), times will be adjusted based on shooting scores, putting an emphasis on accuracy, and the final target stage will be in an open spectator area where families of the entrants and anyone interested can watch. This event will be held regardless of the weather—remember the concept of *Primitive*. In the event of insufficient snow for snowshoes, bring a good pair of woods' boots.

Trophies will be awarded for the Top Three Over All, as well as First Smoothbore (No Rear Sight), First Woman (Any Age), First Elder (60 and Over), and First Junior (Under Sixteen). All merchandise prizes will be awarded by blind draw of the participants.

Traders of appropriate goods are welcome with the approval of the organizers. Fee is a merchandise prize for the blanket.

For information, call (802)644-8232 (Weekdays) or (802)933-4868 (Evenings and Weekends); or e-mail: [info@primitivebiathlon.com](mailto:info@primitivebiathlon.com).

### Vermont Golf Association Seeks Intern for 2006 Golf Season

The Vermont Golf Association is looking to hire an individual interested in pursuing a career in golf administration as a P.J. Boatwright, Jr. intern for an eight-month position.

An intern helps conduct tournaments, junior golf programs, membership services, and other general activities that promote the best interests of golf.

The common thread, which runs through the internship, is exposure to tournament preparations, tournament administration and post tournament business. The nature of tournament administration will test one's patience, initiative and decision-making abilities, as well as one's ability to endure long hours and hard work.

A prospective intern should demonstrate strong managerial potential and a sufficient interest in golf. Golf associations that participate in the Internship Program will provide an appropriate level of orientation and ongoing training and attention.

Each intern becomes an employee of the golf association, which will have primary responsibility for recruitment, and sole responsibility for compensation, and supervision. Upon completion of the program, the USGA receives evaluations from both the association and the intern.

Not eligible for hire are USGA employees or their relatives, USGA committee members or their relatives, as well as association and organization officials or their relatives.

Interested individuals are encouraged to send a cover letter and resume, via mail, to the Vermont Golf Association, at the following address: Vermont Golf Association, Attn: James Bassett, RE: P. J. Boatwright, Jr. Internship, PO Box 1612 Station A, Rutland, VT 05701.

The Vermont Golf Association consists of 63 member clubs and is the authoritative body for golf in the state of Vermont.

The Vermont Golf Association maintains a comprehensive website at [www.vtga.org](http://www.vtga.org). By accessing the website, golfers can download tournament applications, view tournament results, and review the Rules of Golf.

### Holiday Gifts for Green Mountain Enthusiasts

Three new Green Mountain Club publications have been developed by Vermont hikers for Vermont hikers

Producing Vermont trail guides is a labor of love for the hikers of the Green Mountain Club. This year GMC has added three new publications for both the novice and expert describing cherished hikes you might not hear about otherwise. Together the new publications provide year-round hiking opportunities throughout the state.

GMC's newest book, *Snowshoeing in Vermont: A Guide to the Best Winter Hikes*, contains more than 50 of the best snowshoe hikes in Vermont. Whether you are looking for a full-day adventure in the mountains or a nearby afternoon ramble, this guide provides you with driving directions, parking information, trail descriptions, maps and mileages.



Thanks to the efforts of co-editors Mary Lou Recor and Chris Hanna, and other GMC volunteers, some of the hikes appear in print for the first time.

Just published this fall, *360 Degrees: A Guide to Vermont's Fire and Observation Towers* has been an immediate hit! Both seasoned and beginning hikers are grateful to finally have these unique destinations all in one book. This guide to Vermont's 12 remaining fire towers and five observation towers, edited by Mary Lou Recor, takes you above the trees to some of the best panoramic views in the Green Mountains.

Also this year, the GMC released the second edition of its popular "Long Trail Waterproof Hiking Map." This full color map, produced by the Wilderness Map Company in partnership with the Green Mountain Club, provides the latest information about shelter changes, trail relocations, mileages, and more. Additionally, the second edition map features physiographic relief landform shading.

All of the publications are lightweight, affordable, and proceeds go to benefit the nonprofit work of the GMC to maintain and protect Vermont's hiking trails.

To purchase any of these items, visit the GMC's online store at <http://www.greenmountainclub.org> or call the GMC Hiker Center at (802) 244-7037. Tax and shipping are not included in the prices listed here. GMC publications are also available at many local book stores and sporting goods retailers.

The Green Mountain Club's mission is to make the Vermont mountains play a larger part in the life of the people by protecting and maintaining the Long Trail System and fostering, through education, the stewardship of Vermont's hiking trails and mountains.

## Early Winter Storm Causes Damage to Trails

The same October snowstorm that brought headaches for power suppliers and consumers in the form of trees over power lines brought early high-country snows to the delight of snowshoers and skiers. As eager early-season winter enthusiasts have ventured out to their favorite mountain trail, many are discovering the same problem that faced power line crews—trees and tree limbs jackknifed over trails. Some veteran trail maintainers liken it to Vermont's Ice Storm of February 1998.

The Green Mountain Club and other stalwart trail organizations such as Catamount Trail Association and Vermont Association of Snow Travelers have been reviewing reports from hikers and volunteers, and need more information in order to prioritize trail clearing efforts. Hiking trails may more safely be cleared in the spring after the winter winds have knocked most of the snags out of the air. Hikers should be aware that their fall and winter trips may take longer or be blocked by the storm damage.

According to Dave Hardy, Director of Field Programs for the Green Mountain Club, "Early winter snow caught a lot of hardwood trees with their leaves still on. There are a lot of trees down, and lots more snagged overhead. We are not mounting a large scale effort to re-open the Long Trail at this late date in the season. We are focusing our efforts on providing safety skills for maintainers working with either hand tools or chainsaws next spring. We recognize that some trails, especially those popular for backcountry skiing, are being cleared by long-time volunteers on an ad hoc basis. We urge people to be safe out there—remember the days are short, footing is slippery, be aware of overhead hazards, and with deer rifle season you should be wearing blaze orange. With any downed timber, when in doubt, walk away."

With winter right around the corner, Catamount Trail Association's Trail Manager Lenore Budd says, "We want maintainers to be safe. We do need trail reports and welcome qualified, safe maintainers—our Catamount Trail priority area is between Middlebury and Morrisville this fall, and we welcome offers to help from experienced maintainers. Please contact us at (802) 864-5794 or [lbudd@catamounttrail.org](mailto:lbudd@catamounttrail.org)."

Green Mountain Club plans to offer chainsaw certification courses in the spring, and will coordinate Long Trail clearing efforts to re-open the trail before next summer. Please do forward trail conditions, whether good, bad, or ugly, to [gmc@greenmountainclub.org](mailto:gmc@greenmountainclub.org) or by calling (802)2447037, ext. 18.

If you plan to clear trail this fall, please be safe, work with a friend, and be aware that cold weather is a safety hazard over and above the good work you are doing.

## VT, NH 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Ski and Ride Free at Ascutney

Vermont and New Hampshire third graders are skiing and riding for free this season, and their parents are pocketing great savings at the same time. Ascutney Mountain Resort, Southern Vermont's premier family vacation destination, again will offer its generous "3rd Grade Pass Program," where third grade students receive a FREE season pass to the resort for the 2005-2006. The pass is valid any day of the season, including holidays. There are no blackout dates.

"We believe that all children should have the opportunity to experience these wonderful winter snowsports and to learn a sport and skill that they can enjoy for a lifetime," said Steve Plausteiner, owner and president of Ascutney. "Our goal for this program is to generate excitement among our youth about skiing, snowboarding and enjoying their outdoor environment."

Principals at all the elementary schools in Vermont and New Hampshire received an information packet this fall, which explained the guidelines for the program and asked for their assistance in publicizing to students the advantages and availability of their free season pass. The packet also included a special program sheet for students to bring home to their parents.

Principals are then asked to send third grade class lists to the resort. Prior to arriving to pick up the pass, parents are encouraged to check with the school to ensure that the master list has been sent to Ascutney. On average, more than 70 schools participate in the program.

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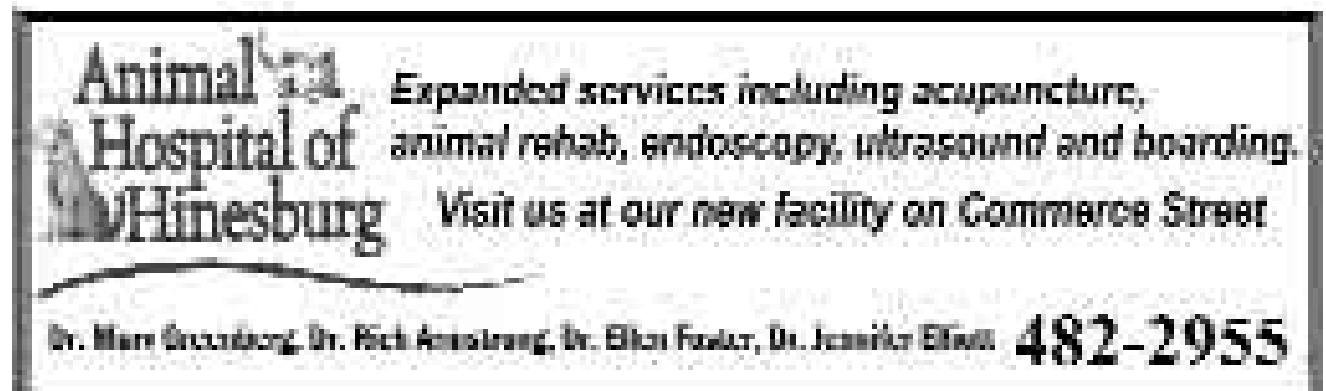
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# NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June T. Giroux

## Card Shower Planned for Mildred Aube

A shower of cards will honor *Mildred Aube* on her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, December 26. Greetings may be sent to her in care of Stephen Aube, 419 Richmond Road, Hinesburg, Vermont 05461.

## Our Newest Residents

A baby boy, *Nathan Christopher Haviland*, was born October 21, 2005 to Christopher and Sarah (Bowen) of Hinesburg at the Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) in Burlington.

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

## Kohut Studies Abroad

Mary Kohut, daughter of William Kohut of Morgantown, West Virginia and Eileen Crawford of Hinesburg, is spending the Fall 2005 semester studying abroad. She is in Perugia, Italy through a program run by Saint Michael's College.

Kohut is a student of The Umbra Institute. She is a junior journalism major at Saint Michael's. Kohut graduated from CVU before coming to Saint Michael's.

## Parker Named Audubon Director

*Doug Parker* recently joined Audubon Vermont as Executive Director. Prior to moving to Vermont, Parker worked in conservation for 15 years in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Colorado. For eight years he served as State Director of The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island, leading a successful capital campaign, working to raise public funds for conservation and protecting hundreds of working farms and natural areas across the state.

Parker has also assisted in migratory bird conservation efforts in the Caribbean and helped build a conservation foundation.

Parker was raised on a ranch in Colorado, received a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Colorado and a Master's degree in Public and Private Management from the Yale School of Management. He and his family plan to live in the



Doug Parker PHOTO COURTESY OF AUDUBON VERMONT

Greater Burlington area.

Jim Shallow, who has served as executive director since 1997, has taken a new position as Director of Conservation and Policy for Audubon Vermont, focusing on the development and implementation of a new multi-state Forest Bird Initiative.

Audubon Vermont is the state program of the National Audubon Society. With over 4,000 members in Vermont, Audubon Vermont is dedicated to protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitat that supports them throughout the Green Mountain State. Audubon's national network of community-based nature centers and chapters, environmental education programs, and advocacy on behalf of important bird populations, engage millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in positive conservation experiences.

For additional information about statewide Audubon programs, please contact Audubon Vermont headquarters, 255 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington, VT 05462, telephone (802) 434-3068, or visit online at [www.vt.audubon.org](http://www.vt.audubon.org).

## Town Officer Deadlines

Before we can end one year, we must think ahead to 2006.

January 30, 2006 is the deadline for filing with the Town Clerk any nominating petitions for town office to be voted on by Australian ballot in March.

See the Town Clerk's article in this issue for more information.

## Red Cross Blood Donations

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

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

# Senior News

## A Reason to Give Thanks

Thanksgiving is a day for family, football, and, of course, a big turkey feast. However, for many of our area seniors Thanksgiving Day can be a lonely time with no visitors and few options for a home cooked meal. The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging will once again deliver a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal as part of its Meals on Wheels Program. Over 20 volunteers will deliver 160 meals using over 20 different delivery routes around Chittenden County. These volunteers not only provide a delicious holiday meal but also bring a little cheer and companionship to seniors.

For Clem and Sylvia Holden, of Burlington, delivering meals on Thanksgiving has become part of their holiday tradition. Clem, 82, likes to joke that he enjoys delivering meals to seniors since he is too young to receive services from CVAA. For the Holdens the smiles on the faces of those receiving a Thanksgiving meal is all the thanks that is needed. Clem looks forward to delivering the traditional turkey meal with all of the trimmings. His favorite part of the day is

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"smelling the food as I deliver and seeing how happy the people are when we arrive."

For Clem this community effort on Thanksgiving reminds him of when they use to go door to door on Thanksgiving Day collecting clothes back in the 1930s and 1940s. For an hour each Thanksgiving Clem and Sylvia get to join that proud tradition. Last year all of the food had been handed out when the Holdens arrived to deliver so this year they are going to make sure they get there early so they can get a delivery route. As Clem says "We look forward to it every year and we will take as many meals as you want."

The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging is a private non-profit United Way organization dedicated to helping people age with independence and dignity. CVAA serves as a clearinghouse of information on elder care services, provides case management to seniors most at risk, offers successful aging programs, and provides opportunities for nutritious meals and social interaction through community meals and meals on wheels for people age 60 and older in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle counties.

For information about services available for seniors 60 and older call the Senior Helpline at 1(800)642-5119 or go to www.cvaa.org.

## Be "On the Hill, Not over the Hill" with Smugglers' 55+ Club

The 12<sup>th</sup> season of The Smugglers' 55+ Club is for seniors who like to ski (alpine or Nordic), snowboard, and snowshoe and enjoy being with their peers. Non-skiers are welcome, too. If you are 55 years or older, come to the Village Lodge at Smugglers' Notch Resort in Jeffersonville any Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., starting in late November and ending March 22.

Meet your contemporaries, have a cup of coffee, and obtain a personal membership card for the entire season for \$25. The afternoon programs begin at 2:00 p.m. and will usually be indoors. They include speakers, films, etc.—such as "An Alaskan Overview", "The Orphan Train", "Two Years in Kazakhstan", and "Mandolins Made in Cambridge".

Don't submit to Vermont Winter Cabin Fever. Get out of the house every Wednesday by joining The Club, an active group of seniors who want to be "on the hill, not over the hill," just like you. Show up on a Wednesday or call Margaret McIntosh at (802)644-2134 for schedules and other information.

## Howard Center for Human Services Seeks Volunteers for Holiday Gift Wrap Program

The Howard Center for Human Services is seeking volunteers to sign up for its Holiday Gift Wrap program at Borders Books and Music. Volunteers are asked to sign up for shifts that are at least two hours long between now and December 24 to wrap gifts for store customers.

The Howard Center is Vermont's largest human services provider and serves over 15,000 people at 49 locations each year. Those served include adults with mental health or substance abuse issues, children with behavioral issues, and both children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Many of the programs that serve Howard clients are community-funded by events such as the Holiday Gift Wrap. These programs include First Call for Children and Families, a round-the-clock crisis help line for children and families seeking assistance; ACT I, which provides community-based alcohol and drug crisis stabilization and detoxification; and the Streetworker program, which assists people with mental illness, homelessness and other unmet social needs in the downtown Burlington area.

Borders has generously offered a 15% discount to volunteers the day they wrap. Take advantage of this opportunity to help your local community in a big way! Please contact John Atkinson at 660-3669 or at johna@howardcenter.org for more information or to see a schedule of available time slots.

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## United Way of Chittenden County Volunteer Center Listings

By Sue Alenick, United Way Volunteer

Finding a volunteer opportunity just got easier with the United Way of Chittenden County Volunteer Center's new on-line searchable volunteer database. The listings below are a small sample of the more than 450 listings from 252 agencies you can find on-line by going to www.unitedwaycc.org, and clicking on "Volunteer." If you do not have computer access, or would like information about the volunteer opportunities below, call us at 860-1677, Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**HEALTHY TEENS:** Spectrum Youth & Family needs a volunteer to demonstrate healthy cooking to up to 9 teens at the Single Room Occupancy facility.

Volunteer should have experience preparing nutritious meals on a fixed income, be at least 18 and able to supply their own ingredients to demonstrate and share with the teens. Application, interview, references and confidentiality agreement required.

**BOOK LOVER:** Lund Family Center needs library apprentice to provide resource management, develop lending systems and motivate book use at the Lund library. High school diploma or GED, keyboarding and organizational skills required. Interview, background check and confidentiality agreement required.

**CALLING ALL "HAMS":** ECHO is looking for volunteers to become their new mascot, "NEWTON." Must be at least 5'7" tall and willing to shake hands, give hugs, dance around and make people smile. Your own transportation is also important as NEWTON gets around! Application, interview, references and background check required.

**AT HOME WORK:** Lake Champlain Committee needs detail-oriented volunteers to assemble note cards by folding cardstock and neatly pasting photos on cards. May be done at home.

**WEB DEVELOPER:** ECHO is seeking a volunteer to assist professional staff in extensive web development efforts. Working knowledge of website design required, experience in website creation and maintenance would be helpful. Application, interview, references and background check required.

**TUTOR:** Lund Family Center needs a reading and math tutor for a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in Essex school system. A commitment of one to two days per week through the school year, either during the after school program or evenings/weekends is required. Must have experience as a tutor and working with children. Interview, references, background check and confidentiality agreement required.

**ARTS EDUCATION:** Burlington City Arts needs teaching assistants for art classes during the school year and for summer camps. Volunteers work with and support students of all ages and work with teachers to plan and evaluate learning opportunities. Weekday days. Application, interview, references and background check required.

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

## Interest in Place-Based Education Continues to Grow in the Northern Forest

Over 150 teachers, practitioners and supporters of place-based education from the Northern Forest states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York recently attended  
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Promise of Place, a conference that promoted concepts of place-based education in the Northern Forest and beyond.

Place-based education is firmly rooted in what is local: history, economy, literature, art, ethnicity, environment and geography all contribute to curriculum. Rather than learning from traditional textbooks, learners incorporate personal experience and interaction with community members as part of the educational process.

Promise of Place was co-hosted by the Northern Forest Center and Shelburne Farms, in partnership with The Center for Place-based Learning and Community Engagement, a program of the National Park Service Conservation Study Institute. The conference took place at the Eagle Mountain House in Jackson, NH from November 17 to 19.

"Place-based education holds tremendous promise for improving the way we educate people throughout their lives," says Lidie Whittier Robbins, Education Director for the Northern Forest Center. "In the last several years, using students' home territories as a teaching tool has really taken off. Research shows that place-based education leads to higher levels of student engagement and achievement than conventional textbook approaches do. When learners develop strong bonds with their communities, they are more likely to work to improve them."

Specifically geared toward people working in the Northern Forest region, Promise of Place's goals included:

- Linking educators from schools, public agencies, community programs and non-profit organizations with other community members and specialists to create a place-based education network for ongoing collaboration;
- Strengthening a shared vision through the presentation of current work and philosophies;
- Building knowledge and skills through concrete teaching ideas and experiences; and
- Developing ideas for realizing the promise of place-based education in the Northern Forest region and beyond.

The Northern Forest—which at 26 million acres is the largest remaining forest in the East—is an ideal setting for teachers who want to use place-based education to thoroughly engage their students.

With Native American and French cultures mingling with traditions of European immigrants and a centuries-old history of working the land, the region offers teachers wonderful living examples for their students: oral history projects rely on elder residents for memories of logging camps and community traditions; rock formations tell stories of how glaciers shaped the land; traditional craftsmen can still teach the arts of basket making, wooden boat building, carving, and weaving; storytellers use humor and drama to sustain legends that are generations old; and musicians bring cultures alive with song and dance.

The Northern Forest Center, a nonprofit organization, mobilizes people to build healthy communities, economies and ecosystems by working together across the Northern Forest region.

Shelburne Farms is a 1,400-acre working farm, non-profit environmental education organization and National Historic Landmark whose mission is to cultivate a conservation ethic.

The Conservation Study Institute's Center for Place-based Learning & Community Engagement was established by the

National Park Service to create opportunities for dialogue, inquiry and life-long learning to enhance the stewardship of parks, landscapes and communities. The Center is a partnership with the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park and Shelburne Farms.

## Youth Hunting Fact & Fiction

Fewer kids are hunting, but some of the reasons might surprise you.

A research report titled "Factors Related to Hunting and Fishing Participation Among Today's Youth" was released last year. Conducted by Responsive Management, and commissioned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the findings support what many of us have suspected for a long time. For instance, kids who hunt now are more likely to hunt in the future, especially compared to adults who take it up later life. However, the study also found that some of our assumptions are false. They include:

**Myth:** Kids from single-parent households don't hunt.

**Fact:** A youth from a single-parent household is more likely to hunt than a youth from a traditional two-parent family. This seems counterintuitive. However, single parents may be especially sensitive to spending "quality" time with their children. This likely extends to the child's extended family, including uncles and grandfathers. Mentorship is key.

**Myth:** Kids are hearing bad things about hunting in school.

**Fact:** Most kids aren't hearing anything about hunting in school. Only 22% of youth said they remembered their teacher or guest speaker even mentioning hunting, and of that, only 7% remember anything negative being said. Most students don't even know what their teacher thinks of hunting and of those who do, only 15% suspect their teacher opposes it.

**Myth:** Kids don't go outside anymore.

**Fact:** While fewer kids are hunting and fishing (and also playing baseball, softball, and football), more kids are mountain biking, hiking, camping, climbing, snowboarding, and ice skating. In some cases, participation in these activities has increased by several hundred percent.

**Myth:** They would like it if they tried it.

**Fact:** There is currently no great pool of kids who want to hunt. The kids who are interested in hunting are hunting, and they tend to be white, rural males. The lack of interest, however, does not translate into opposition. The study found that, "while more youth tend to support hunting, than oppose it, the research suggests hunting is not a top-of-the mind issue." Support for hunting tends to be lower in youth than adults, but this is probably more of a developmental, rather than philosophical issue. The study found support for hunting steadily increases with age.

**Myth:** "Success" must be guaranteed.

**Fact:** Hunting satisfaction among young hunters is most related to having fun and being with family and friends. Confidence, as it relates to skill, is also important. That is where hunter education and mentors fit in. Young hunters need positive reinforcement.

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"The actions of a few individuals have serious implications for all hunters," said Christopher Saunders, Hunter Education Coordinator. "It only takes one case of bad behavior to close public access to private land."

Vermont's game wardens frequently respond to complaints about trespassing, driving off established roads with ATVs, and shooting from motor vehicles and public roads.

No matter how many hunters are actually involved, these incidents can only hurt the image of hunters and hunting.

"This should be common sense," said Saunders. "How would you want your own property treated?"

Remember, how we conduct ourselves on private lands today holds the key to whether you and future generations of hunters will have access tomorrow.

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**E-mail:** [billandfaithneil@gmavt.net](mailto:billandfaithneil@gmavt.net)  
**Communications:** Pastor Bill Neil can be contacted at 482-2284.  
**Website:** [www.TroyConference.org/unitedchurchofhinesburg](http://www.TroyConference.org/unitedchurchofhinesburg)  
**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m.  
**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.  
**Children's Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m.  
**Family Christmas Eve Service with carols and candlelight:** Saturday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Christmas Eve Service with Choir and Holy Communion:** Saturday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m.

**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.  
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**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:**  
**Sunday Morning Worship:** 10:30 a.m.  
 Nursery provided  
 Kids Corner (puppets and songs)  
**Sunday Evening Service:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

**Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church**

**Pastor:** Reverend David Cray, SSE  
**Residence:** 425-2353, email [desse@aol.com](mailto:desse@aol.com)  
**Hinesburg Rectory:** 482-2290, web page: [www.vermontparishes.org/StJude](http://www.vermontparishes.org/StJude)  
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10:**

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11:**

Hinesburg Artists' Series Christmas concert, 7:00 p.m., St. Jude Church.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12:**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13:**

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14:**

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

Hinesburg Trail Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lower level or second floor of Town Hall (listen for the chatter). Meetings are open to all.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15:**

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

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19:**

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

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20:**

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

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

Contact HBPA President Tom Matthews at 496-8537 for information or to make reservations

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21:**

First Day of Winter.

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22:**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25:**

Christmas Day.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26:**

First day of Hanukkah. Kwanzaa begins.

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27:**

HCS School Board meeting, 6:00 to 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, DECEMBER 28:**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31:**

New Year's Eve.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1:**

New Year's Day.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2:**

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

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

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

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3:**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4:**

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5:**

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

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9:**

Advertising and News Deadline for January 28 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10:**

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11:**

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

Hinesburg Trail Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lower level or second floor of Town Hall (listen for the chatter). Meetings are open to all.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12:**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16:**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17:**

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

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Matthews at 496-8537 for information or to make reservations

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18:**

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19:**

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

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23:**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24:**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25:**

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26:**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28:**

January 28 issue of The Hinesburg Record published.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30:**

Deadline for filing with Town Clerk nominating petitions for town office to be voted by Australian ballot in March.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2:**

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6:**

Advertising and News Deadline for February 25 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.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14:**

Hinesburg Nursery School Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., HCS Cafeteria.

Hinesburg Winter Carnival, All Day, HCS.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25:**

February 25 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. Evenings as needed. 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 Trail Committee:** Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Frank Twarog, Chair.

**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 Tom Matthews ([tmathews@gmavt.net](mailto:tmathews@gmavt.net) at 802-496-8537 for information or to make a reservation.

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

**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.

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

**Web Pages:**

**HCS:** [www.hcsvt.org](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.