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Hinesburg Departments Rally to the Rescue

The rains came, the snow melted, the wind blew, and the power went out for many citizens of Hinesburg on Wednesday, January 18, 2006. A state of emergency was announced.

The Town highway crew and the Fire Department members (aided by Charlotte Fire and local residents) directed traffic, helped some residents evacuate their homes, and tried to return some normalcy to a potentially dangerous situation.

The repair to the roads will take many days, but once again we herald our heroes in the two departments for their selfless help.



Hayden Hill Road washout about 100 yards from the North Road intersection.



Another Hayden Hill Road washout about 500 yards from North Road.



High water on Charlotte Road flooded fields along the way.
PHOTOS BY ED MCGUIRE.

Brothers Combine Talents to Continue a Hinesburg Family Farm

By Jean Isham, HBPA

Joseph, James and Kevin Donegan's family has been farming in Hinesburg since 1795. More recently the farming tradition continued under the stewardship of their grandfather, Howard Russell, until his death in 1983. Howard's children—mother and uncles to the Donegan brothers—have continued this stewardship of the land, thus enabling another generation to carry on a family, community and Vermont tradition. It is exciting to see members of a younger generation keeping another farm active in Hinesburg and helping in the process to preserve the rural character of this Town that so many Hinesburg residents treasure.

Joe graduated from Providence College in 2005 with a degree in public and community service and a minor in theology. He is currently serving an internship on an organic dairy farm in St. Albans.

Kevin graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School in 2003 and since that time has worked as a landscaper.

James graduated from Ithaca College in 2002 with a degree in exercise science. He then spent a year working on an organic vegetable farm in New York State.

James and Kevin are focusing on raising organic vegetables and will pursue the process for obtaining organic certification.

This past fall they prepared beds for spring planting by turning the sod by hand, adding manure and planting cover crops. They plan to grow a variety of vegetables and participate in the Hinesburg Farmer's Market next summer. In addition, they plan to develop a small CSA (Community Sustainable Agriculture) for 2007. Another major focus for the vegetable growing is to meet family produce needs.

Joe's primary goal is to start milking cows in 2008. To reach that goal, he will start buying and raising Jersey calves this spring with the expectation of having a maximum milking dairy of twenty cows. His plans are for an organic dairy farm, initially selling the milk to Organic Valley. If he can meet the regulatory challenges, he also plans to sell organic raw milk. How and where will Joe milk the cows? He plans to acquire a mobile solar milking parlor. This is commonly done in New Zealand and Australia and even in California. Those operations are generally large and what he is proposing would be small. Alternatively, he may develop a tie area in the existing Russell barn. If he goes the mobile route, he plans to set up the mobile parlor in the barn for the winter months. As Joe put it, he has not done all of his homework in this area yet, but that is the direction he is heading.

Joe also wants to diversify but keep the cows as the centerpiece. Still in the exploratory stage is raising pastured beef and pastured poultry. Another satellite project he has started to experiment with is growing Shitake mushrooms, which is also a forest management tool. Logs are used to grow the mushrooms, and it takes two to five years for a log to play



Joe Donegan plans to use horses to bring in his organic crops, just as the Russell family has done for generations in their sugaring operation.



James Donegan of the Russell Family Farm introduces one of Hinesburg's younger citizens to the art of sap collection in early spring 2004.

out. The mushrooms break down the organic matter in the log and that stays on the property. In this manner the soil is nurtured. If logs or firewood are sold, then the organic matter is removed from the land.

This year the Russell Family received a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Services to fence the meadow they own on the Charlotte Road. They have allotted five acres of this meadow land as a riparian buffer for the LaPlatte River and will be planting trees in the buffer area this spring. The remaining portion of the field will be used for pasturing and/or as a hay field. One of the challenges for this operation is the finite amount of contiguous pasture on the main farm which will dictate keeping the cow numbers low.

Looking ahead, Joe does not believe that fossil fuel for agricultural use will be used as it has been in the past; it will just not be economically feasible. They are planning to use horses to get in their crops, just as they use horses for gathering sap in the sugar woods. Joe noted that the small dairy is not going to bring in a whole lot of money, so his focus will be to reduce



Horses on the Russell Family Farm provide more than just a scenic backdrop. PHOTOS BY JEN BRADFORD.

outside purchases and pay as he goes.

The maple sugaring operation which involves all of the Russell families will, of course, go on. Many residents of Hinesburg consider this part of the Hinesburg culture and an annual rite of spring. All of the members of the Russell family enjoy this opportunity to work together with their friends and neighbors in this endeavor.

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LETTERS

T O T H E E D I T O R



Impressed by the turn-out, discouraged by the proceedings

First of all I want to thank everyone who attended the recent Wednesday night forum on the expanded village district. It is comforting to live in a town where the axle of civic engagement is still greased by everyday people. All too often our culture relegates local governance to history books and grandparents' stories of "the way things used to be," while decisions that affect all of us are increasingly made by an interested minority. Wednesday's turnout proved that that's not the way Hinesburg has to be.

When our children's educational curriculum is exclusively made by publishing corporations, without the input of the local PTO, our children become someone else's creation. Likewise, when we let individuals make development decisions that will affect Hinesburg's built, natural, and social landscape, our town becomes something less than "ours." I think it is safe to wager that the large attendance at the meeting indicates that many Hinesburg residents are still personally invested in their community and are genuinely concerned about its future. As a new Planning Commission member, I stood in the back as the meeting opened, eagerly awaiting community input that I would be able to act upon. Unfortunately, I was disappointed that neither the format nor the timeframe allowed those who attended to adequately express concerns, desires, or dreams.

Those who attended the meeting might recall that Alex, our town planner, said that developers and landowners control development, while towns create the rules of engagement. In theory, Alex's statement might be correct; towns aren't in the business of pounding the nails and mixing the cement of each new house, nor do they keep land open by haying or grazing animals. But I still worry that the control that certain individuals have in shaping the future of our town is often over-emphasized. I personally believe that the "rules of engagement," meaning town zoning and subdivision regulations, affect the character of a town more than private entrepreneurial initiative. And it is you and I who create the zoning and subdivision regulations of our town; we determine how many houses may be built on a per acre(s) basis in different parts of town, the kind and location of business, areas of significant natural resources, etc.

The reason I'm nit-picking here is because I feel that too few of the comments at the forum spoke to what we want Hinesburg's village area to be like. Maybe it was because the limited meeting time didn't facilitate elaboration. After Robert White, the fellow facilitating the forum, presented the various village expansion sketches there wasn't a whole lot of time left for community input. What followed his presentation was mostly clarification questions. I had the liberty of previously viewing the sketches, but I know that most people had not. It is hard to process a whirlwind tour of several village planning ideas and then offer creative criticism all while vying for airtime by waving a raised hand.

The Village Expansion ideas that Robert White presented were created in a one-day planning session with a wide variety of experts and some local citizen participation. They are perhaps good ideas, perhaps bad, or a mixture of the two; I am not writing to pass a value judgment on them specifically. I am more concerned with process. The bottom line is that zoning and subdivision regulations are supposed to allow what we have collectively determined to be appropriate development. Changing or expanding the village district should only happen if it enhances Hinesburg.

Consider our Town Plan's vision statement: "Hinesburg will plan its growth and manage its resources so that our town continues to be a desirable place to live and work. It will enhance the Village area, maintain its rural character and provide for environmental sustainability. These efforts will be guided by community input. It will strive to offer the highest quality social, educational, recreational and economic opportunities, and a variety of housing options."

This is the bar against which we should be measuring and creating ideas for an expanded village district, as well as the rest of our town.

While someone like Bob White can suggest tools for actualizing vision, no expert can clarify our vision for our town. We are the experts on what we value. The extent to which our values affect Hinesburg's landscape depends on our continued participation. We as the Planning Commission must continue to work to encourage participation from all interested parties in order to synthesize a collective vision. Feel free to contact us by phone, email, or by attending meetings. If you want to contact me personally, my phone number is (802) 355-6395, and my email is JosephRusellDonegan@gmail.com. The Planning Commission's at-large email address is hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net, and the Town Hall's phone number is 482-3619. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month, while the Village Steering Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month.

And if we are not creative in the result, let's at least be creative in the process; if Hinesburg is going to be cookie-cutter "suburbanized," God forbid, let us at least create that outcome for ourselves instead of complaining about the "inevitable." I am looking forward to working with you as we discuss and create our Hinesburg of tomorrow.

— Joseph Donegan

Hinesburg's Growth

Let's help Hinesburg grow healthy food, forests and families. Does growth have to be defined by numbers of houses per acres, traffic congestion, and dollars added to the grand list or as inevitable? Why does the village have to expand? How can we make sure Hinesburg is the place we will still want to call our home ten or 30 years from now? We need to be planning for our own future not just for those who want to move here. These were some of the thoughts and questions I heard expressed after the January 4 Village Forum held by the Planning Commission. From these responses I think many people walked away not quite satisfied with the process but eager to both learn more and to then offer ideas and opinions.

We are fortunate that so many citizens chose to attend and want to be involved. Many of the comments both at the meeting and after reflect that we care about each other's well being, the land and our future. It is not only land use but also the sense of community that will be the outcome of new regulations. It was discouraging that so few people had the opportunity to speak and that the format did not allow for more dialogue. Although the Planning Commission intended to gather input that night that would then direct them to begin drafting regulations at their bimonthly meetings it will be a loss if they don't reevaluate that course of action.

With such a strong turnout of citizens eager to listen and participate, the Planning Commission has the opportunity to adapt their process to be more inclusive and to be sure that everyone can be heard. I encourage us all to stay involved and to be sure that the process becomes a dialogue. There are no legal requirements dictating a timeline so both the Planning Commission and concerned residents can continue to share ideas and more fully understand and utilize all the tools that are available to us to design and build our community.

— Andrea Morgante

Another Nordic Ski Team Thank You

As reported in the December Hinesburg Record, the CVU Nordic Ski Team gratefully acknowledges the donations of gifts and services from local businesses and individuals for their annual silent auction fund raiser.

In addition to those previously listed, Lee Hemingway of Every Body's Massage in Hinesburg generously donated two gift certificates which received top bids and helped the team reach their goal. Thank you again!

— Jean C. Masseau, on behalf of
The CVU Nordic Ski Team Members

Thank You

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent me cards for my 95th birthday. I received nearly 100 cards and I will enjoy reading them over often as I begin my 96th year. I am truly blessed with my family and so many good friends. Thanks to all.

— Mildred Aube

Reminiscences of a Family

One of the best things our parents ever did was to buy a house in Hinesburg in 1952. The small, three-bedroom home

was located in the south end of the village. It had a large backyard bordered by two hayfields, currently the site of the Lyman Meadows development.

Grace and Rolfe Chickering were pleased to find that the neighbors to the south were acquaintances from the Northeast Kingdom, where Mom and Dad grew up. Charles and Evelyn Webster also had three children (at that time), and over the years the two families grew up in each others' yards. Two houses down was the Charles Yantz family, with three daughters, and to the north the Francis Harvey family had several children. Sharlene Thurston (Palmer) lived across the road. The baby boom was evident in our end of town.

If one of the mothers became concerned about the whereabouts of one of her children, all she had to do was stand in her backyard and give a shout. The missing child would soon be found.

Our house was located within walking distance of the school. We would always come home for lunch: Campbell's soup, a glass of milk, cookies, and Bob Barker and "Truth or Consequences." This was especially beneficial for those of us who were very shy. A dose of security helped us to get through the day. We never realized we were probably missing out on some good playground experiences.

We were also allowed by the classroom teachers to run home during the middle of the day to get something we had forgotten. Usually a friend would come with us. Fortunately the cookie jar was always full and Mom was always there! We could easily make it home and back to school in under ten minutes—how times have changed.

It was only a short drive to the airport where Dad was a pilot for the Air National Guard. We children loved driving in with Mom to pick up Dad at the airfield when she had the car for the day. Dad would buzz the house in his airplane to let Mom know he was ready to come home. One of our favorite photos is taken from Dad's plane looking down at our house. Mom and Evelyn are standing in the yard in their dresses and aprons, looking up at the airplane, toddlers at their feet. Our yard looks bare with no trees. The white picket fence behind the house encloses a small play area. Our end of the village looks rural. There is no hint of the development that will come in the 1970's—no restaurant, no condos.

Hinesburg has always shown a strong sense of community. When we were growing up everyone went to the public events, such as sports, dance recitals, concerts. There was even a series of "minstrel" shows which provided a venue for local talent. Photos from these events are most interesting for showing the people in the audience: crew cuts, bobbie socks, teased hair on well-known residents who grew up here.

CVU was one of the first union high schools in the state and we were proud but apprehensive to be going there. In 1965, Sharon gave the last valedictory address of Hinesburg High School. Lorene was on the first squad of cheerleaders at the new school. Both Janet and Lorene learned the exciting sport of field hockey. Students from Hinesburg entered the union with a strong sense of identity: We were the defending state soccer champs! There was so much energy and enthusiasm at the new school. We received a great education there.

About this time, Marilyn and Pat Palmer moved into the Yantz house with their daughters. Their family was a welcome addition to our community, especially since Marilyn was also from the Northeast Kingdom.

The younger Chickering children, Mark, Mary Ellen, and Heidi went to the "expanded" elementary school where their mother worked in the library. They enjoyed playing with the Webster, Palmer, Riggs, and Mead children, as well as many other friends too numerous to mention.

We always felt safe here, and we were safe. We would spend hours playing in the woods, or off on our bike or horse. Kids today aren't allowed so much unrestricted time. Everyone looked out for each other, and probably knew more about their neighbors than they should have, but that was small town life.

When our parents were faced with the challenges of declining health it was such a relief and comfort to know that various neighbors and friends were keeping an eye out for their well-being. So many people helped Grace and Rolfe in so many ways: rides to appointments and meetings, lending a hand with yard work, stopping by for visits, phone calls, running errands, and numerous offers of help.

Just knowing you were willing to help meant so much. Thanks to you, our parents were able to remain in their own home until a few days before their deaths. They say it takes a community to raise a child. It also takes a community to help people face old age with dignity.

Thank you, Hinesburg. Thank You, neighbors and friends.

We want to express our gratitude to the people of Hinesburg whose help enabled our parents, Grace and "Chic" Chickering to live independently in their own home the last couple of years as their health was declining.

We know many of their neighbors went out of their way to offer assistance and make life a little easier for them. We are indebted to all of you.

As most of you know, Dad passed away on November 11, 2005 (Veterans' Day) and Mom on New Year's Day (January 1, 2006). They both always insisted they would live at home the rest of their lives, and with the assistance of so many people, they were able to do so.

Special thanks go to: Sharlene Palmer, Marilyn and Pat Palmer, Mona Giroux, Doug and Betty Lantman, and Doug Mead.

— Sharon Moller, Lorene, Janet, Mark, MaryEllen, and Heidi Chickering.

Please Help Make 2006 a Happy New Year for Haitian Kids

On March 11, a group of 14 volunteer doctors and nurses from Fletcher Allen will be traveling to Desab, Haiti to set up health clinics to provide assistance to people in need. Since 1991, "Project Haiti" has been an on-going effort assisting a development project in the Desab region in the mountains north of Port-Au-Prince.

The teams of Project Haiti have worked side by side with the people of the Desab region to cap a spring, build school classrooms, a bakery, and a community clinic. They have helped maintain a six mile dirt road, planted trees, sponsored a meal program for school children as well as a revolving loan program for the village women.

My focus will be working with the young children, and we are asking for donations of a variety of things: soccer balls (they love to play soccer!), a pump for the soccer balls, baseball gloves, school equipment, like chalk or chalkboards, colored pencils (the crayons will melt), construction paper in different colors (they have never seen it), or anything else you can think of. If you have anything of these sorts, please consider donating to the Haitian children. These kids hardly have clothes to wear.

If you don't have these materials, consider making a \$5 or \$10 donation to the funds that we are raising for these communities. Checks are tax deductible and can be made out to: PCH/Desab Clinic. My mailing address is: Roxanne Butler, 1290 Pond Road, Hinesburg, 05461.

I can come and pick up the equipment donations personally, or you are more than welcome to drop them off at 1290 Pond Road. Please feel free to call me at 482-3216 or 734-7358. Thanks so much for your consideration.

— Roxanne Butler

Let the Community Decide

"Landowners control development", Hinesburg's town planner Alex Weinhausen stated at the January 4 public meeting on the village plan. Though this seems to accurately reflect the opinion of Mr. Weinhausen, it's not necessarily true. Hinesburg has just ratified its new Town Plan, and town government has yet to publicly debate and draft legislation to enact the vision for the next decade. We still can participate in a process to ensure that Hinesburg grows in ways that match the desires of the community at large.

Weinhausen insists that his role is to facilitate development on behalf of landowners and developers. He expresses disappointment and frustration when we citizens show up and express the opinion that maybe building the village "out" is not the path to a safer, more comfortable Hinesburg.

The record of hearings and public meetings on the subject indicates that many Hinesburg residents, including most people I've heard say something quite different: Let's improve what we have before we expand the village. Build up, not out. Fill in the spaces we have, and fix what we've got.

Planning for growth in Hinesburg doesn't have to mean making the same mistakes Williston and South Burlington have made. We have a chance to build on a real community, not simply to build pass-through conveniences for commuters en route to Burlington. We have a chance to preserve a small town with a village we can be proud to call home, not a place where everyone has to drive and kids aren't safe walking to school. We can get our officials acting on our collective, democratically-decided behalf—even (and especially) municipal appointees.

I've attended many meetings of various boards and nearly every public hearing on the town plan and on the subject of development, and I've heard that townspeople want a walkable village, local business in places currently occupied by dilapidated private structures, and to preserve Hinesburg's sense of community. It only makes sense that townspeople want a hometown, not a sterile bedroom community for Burlington.

The Hinesburg Land Trust has several initiatives underway

to help show that growth doesn't have to be rapid, and results don't have to be regrettable—including the Russell Family Farm project to protect 63 acres of trails and managed sugarbush right in the heart of the village that will protect against overbuilding the southern part of the village, which, if overdeveloped, could only exacerbate our already worrisome traffic problems.

We can influence our town government to explore creative options like using land purchase funds to buy and sell prime real estate for local, responsible business development. And we can improve the land we already own as citizens. Let's be sure there aren't any behind-closed-doors meetings of town officials and landowners that could impact the resources we all own. If we prioritize our future clearly, to give our politicians and business leaders a clear direction for where we want Hinesburg to go, we can avoid the kind of sprawl, waste, and traffic that have destroyed states like New Jersey, Florida, and Arizona, not to mention killed the sense of community in towns right up the road from us.

Attend hearings, show up at planning commission meetings, and write letters. Remind our town officials and appointees understand that their "vision" may not match up to what citizens want, and need, to build a safe, comfortable, sustainable Hinesburg.

— Craig Chevrier, Board Member,
Hinesburg Land Trust

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



By Missy Ross

Town Meeting Day is Coming — Register to Vote Now

Town Meeting Day is coming soon, and for those of you who are not yet registered to vote and are interested in participating in town meeting, you must register by February 27, 2006. You can do this by stopping by the town clerk's office and filling out the simple voter registration form. Please bring your Vermont driver's license if you have one. If not, you must provide either a Vermont I.D. card or the last four digits of your social security number.

These are new requirements under the federal Help America Vote Act, which seems like an oxymoron since it is now more difficult to register than before. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., except Wednesday, when we are open from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the CVU auditorium. You will be receiving your town report in the mail in February. If you don't receive one, you can pick one up at our office.

Dog Licenses Due by April 1

It's that time of year again when all dogs residing within the Town Of Hinesburg must get their new licenses. Please have your owner bring in a copy of your current rabies certificate so that we may issue you a 2006 license. The fees are \$7 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$11 for all others. This fee includes the \$2 rabies surcharge instituted by the State last year, with those monies dedicated to a rabies eradication program. We'll have a treat waiting for you if you come in and wag your tail.

The Hinesburg Community School grades 1 and 2 voted once again this year on the dog tag shape. The hands-down winner was the dog biscuit, with second place going to the fire

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Advertisement	News	Publication Date
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March 13	March 13	April 1
April 10	April 10	April 29
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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, February 6, 2006.

For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-2540 or email: hrrsales@gmavt.net.

News and Calendar Deadlines

We encourage you to submit news and calendar items as soon as possible. The deadline for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is Monday, February 6, 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. You may also use the drop box at the Giroux home at 327 Charlotte Road.

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hydrant. Therefore, your pet will be adorned with the biscuit this year and the hydrant next year.

Homestead Declarations Due by April 15

Don't forget to file your HS-131 or Homestead Declaration form with your 2005 income tax return or anytime prior to the April 15 filing deadline. You must file this form in order to have your property classified as residential. You cannot file for a property tax prebate unless you have filed the Homestead Declaration form. I can't impress upon you enough how important it is that you make sure you have filed. In previous years, you were allowed to "late file" until December 31 if you had neglected to do it in a timely manner. The state has changed the deadline for late filing to July 15 for the coming year. This means you will not be able to change your classification after July 15 and may lose your opportunity to file for a property tax prebate. You can file the Homestead Declaration on-line at www.state.vt.us/tax and may do so anytime prior to the April 15 deadline. Do it today! Remember, there is a penalty of one percent of your education tax for filing after the April 15 deadline, so file early just to be safe.

VT Income Tax Forms Available

We have Vermont income tax booklets available in our office. We do not have Federal income tax forms available. The Carpenter Carse library does have some federal forms available. Please check with them if you are looking for federal forms.



Vacancies on Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission

There are currently vacancies on the Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission.

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

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

Public Meeting Park & Ride Facility Options

The Hinesburg Selectboard invites residents to share their thoughts and ideas regarding options for a Park & Ride Facility in Hinesburg at a public meeting on Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ground Level Conference Room of the Hinesburg Town Hall.

The Town has requested funding assistance from the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) to help identify potential sites for a Park & Ride Facility. The goals of this study are to find a location which could:

- provide a convenient place for carpooling for Hinesburg residents and others passing through;
- provide a central parking area for commuter shuttle buses to use as a pick-up and drop-off point; and

- if possible, provide a parking area that can serve multiple, compatible uses—e.g., commuters during day, business or community event overflow in evening and on weekends.

Although a variety of options are being evaluated, special emphasis is being given to the town-owned lot located behind the fire station on Route 116 for one Park & Ride location, since it appears to be well situated to meet the above goals.

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.

Village Steering Committee Makes First Recommendations

**George Dameron,
Chair, Village Steering Committee**

The December 12, 2005 edition of The Hinesburg Record published two pieces on Hinesburg Village. In the section, "Hinesburg Business," Jean Isham strongly and eloquently argued that as we contemplate future changes in the village, we should also remember that "living and working in close proximity has some distinct advantages for both the residents and the Town". In the "Letters" section, in the first of a series of reports to the town about the work of the new Village Steering Committee, I described the charge and the composition of the VSC and outlined our first priority: transportation issues, with particular attention to sidewalks. Walk-ability, "bike-ability", traffic calming, the establishment of a trails system—all of these are necessary aspects of the kind of village where proximity to work, business, and residence is possible.

The first three meetings of the Village Steering Committee on October 26, November 8, and December 13, 2005, therefore, began to focus on walk-ability, connectivity, safety, and traffic calming. The overwhelming sentiment expressed by Town residents at the recent January 4 Community Forum was in favor of these very same measures and goals.

Consistent with its charge, the Village Steering Committee has so far generated two advisory recommendations that it has passed on to elected and appointed governing boards and commissions of the Town. First, urging that a complete sidewalk infrastructure be completed within the village as soon as is feasible, the VSC has recommended the following priority list for the future construction of new sidewalks:

- the west side of 116 from Charlotte Road to Silver Street,
 - the south side of 116 from Silver Street to Community School and Lyman Meadows Road,
 - the north side of 116 from Lyman Meadows Road to Hart and Mead and Friendship Lane,
 - the east side of 116 from Commerce Park to Mechanicsville Road,
 - the north side of 116 from Lyman Meadows to Friendship Lane,
 - the east or west side of 116 from Commerce Park to Ballard's Corner (CVU Road), and
 - Richmond Road to Triple-L trailer park.
- Second, the VSC has recommended that United States and Vermont flags be displayed in front of Town Hall (facing Main Street) on a regular basis.

The Village Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday every month at 7:00 pm in the third floor meeting room of Town Hall. Everyone is welcome. In future reports in The Hinesburg Record, the VSC will outline for Hinesburg residents the recommendations that it makes to our town government to enhance connectivity, walk-ability, safety, and proximity within the village.

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HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

November 21 – January 2

By Stewart Pierson

Budget Planning for the March 2006 Annual Meeting

The main focus for the Selectboard during this time period has been preparation of the budget to be presented to voters at Town Meeting in March. Following are some highlights of these budget meetings.

Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission reports a possible gift of land by Wayne Bissonette to the Hines Cemetery on Gilman Road. In other cemeteries around the town, repairs are needed to fences and monuments. These repairs will be funded through the endowment fund. The Commission expects routine maintenance costs to increase approximately 4% for the coming year.

Carpenter Carse Library

The Carpenter Carse Library seeks a 5% increase in its request. Use of the Library has leveled off at roughly 16,000 visits a year. In addition, the community is increasingly using the public meeting room.

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission will be reviewing natural resource inventory information in order to form a plan for Hinesburg's forests, wetlands, streams, fields, and other undeveloped areas (often referred to as "open spaces"). They will be working with the Planning Commission in 2006 to put together this plan and review related policy implications. The Conservation Commission is requesting a budget increase of 2.9%.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Department is having another banner year with program enrollments continuing to increase. Moving the skatepark to a more suitable location is a primary goal for 2006.

Agency Budget

The Agency Budget provides funds for a variety of community and regional services. The Selectboard will do further research on guidelines and accountability for the various agency requests that are received.

General Administration

General Administration includes the budgets for Selectboard, Town Agent, Town Administrator, Computers/Copiers/Fax, Town Clerk & Treasurer, Board of Civil Authority, Elections, Auditors and Delinquent Tax Collector. These budgets show very few changes for the coming year, with the exception of anticipated increases related to impacts of the town-wide reappraisal, which will be completed this summer. The Delinquent Tax Collector, Jan Bedard, reports the following outstanding delinquencies:

2001	\$700
2002	0
2003	\$3,000
2004	\$26,000
2005	\$259,000

These are slightly better than previous years at this date. The elimination of the penalty has not had an adverse affect on collections. The Selectboard lauded Bedard's friendly but persistent work in collecting these delinquencies.

Department of Buildings & Facilities

The Department of Buildings & Facilities includes municipal buildings, parks, streetlights, sidewalks, wastewater treatment and water supply. Highlights of these budgets include funds for continued work on Phase 3 of the landscape improvements and paving at Town Hall, as well as needed

improvements to the interior of Town Hall, such as replacement of the carpeting on the ground level and the wood floor in the main hall. Funds are included to continue the planning and construction of important sidewalk connections throughout the village.

Wastewater treatment and water supply are supported through user fees, and not by tax dollars. The department is anticipating the addition of one new staff person due to increased workload. Older water lines require a preventative maintenance approach to avoid emergency repairs. This is most evident on Commerce Street, where replacement of deteriorating saddles and valves is planned prior to additional emergency repairs. An upgrade to the wastewater treatment system is being planned, and will incorporate state of the art thinking so that development of new homes and businesses may continue.

One of the largest concerns regarding wastewater treatment is the illegal infiltration of storm water from sump pumps and roof drains in village homes into the system. The inflow to the lagoon doubles during periods of heavy rain, proving that storm water is being directed into the wastewater system. The removal of this storm water load from the system would allow additional allocations for new growth with the existing lagoons. Identifying exactly where the storm water originates is a time consuming responsibility for Steve Button and Rocky Martin. A systematic process for this purpose will begin this year.

The existing fee structure for wastewater treatment and water supply does not meet costs, so a revision of the structure and an increase in fees is anticipated.

Listers

The Lister Budget shows a modest increase in order to address the completion of the town-wide reappraisal. The town-wide reappraisal is a two year project, which will be completed this summer, and is required by State Statute under Act 60 to ensure that property values conform to Fair Market Value. Funding for the reappraisal (approximately \$120,000) has been provided by the State of Vermont.

Planning & Zoning

The Planning & Zoning Budget also shows a modest increase to reflect some special projects. These projects include developing a capital budget and impact fee structure, continued planning for the village area, developing a natural resources overlay district and examining rural area density against present zoning ordinances. A review of the current permitting fee structure was suggested.

Highways

The Highway Budget is the single largest budget, and normally represents approximately 30% of municipal expenses. Items being discussed for consideration in this budget include repaving sections of North Road and Hollow Road, reconstruction of a section of O'Neil Road, installation of guardrails on Hollow Road, reconstruction of the hill by the cemetery on Silver Street, paving the remainder of Pond Brook Road, purchase of a fuel storage cabinet, 22 ton jacks, a new excavator to replace the Drott, and a new loader to replace the existing loader, as well as increases in fuel and supply expense due to increased costs.

At the time of this writing, work is continuing on this budget and decisions on which of the above items to include in the budget have not been made. Check your Annual Report for the final version of this important budget. Plans for a new highway garage have been delayed due to negotiations with Chittenden Solid Waste regarding the relocation of the Drop-Off Center. No additional funds for this project are included in the budget for the coming year. The Highway Department continues to be budgeted for five employees. The current staffing level remains at four employees and efforts to secure an additional employee continue.

Community Police Department, Fire Department and First Response

The Community Police Department proposed few changes in the budget for the coming year. Dispatch expense will increase slightly, and funds for CAD (a state-wide computer information system) are being requested. CAD provides valuable access to needed information, and CAD expense has previously been covered by grant funding.

Beginning this year, the Fire Department and First Response budgets will be combined into one budget to better reflect the shared expenses of these two services. There are

minor increases in these budgets to reflect increased fuel and utility costs, and to better reflect actual expenses.

With an eye towards long range planning, especially in light of the increasing development in Hinesburg and the growing number of calls for specialized service, the Police and Fire Departments have begun a collaborative brain-storming process. Thought is being given to creating a shared space for these two departments in an expansion of the existing fire station. With proper planning, other community interests might be served as well, through the creation of a community parking area and a new location for the skate park. Potential exists to fund this facility expansion through the sale of the corner lot (where the police office is currently located) for commercial development. While this concept was discussed during the budget planning session, there are many steps necessary before it could become a reality, and funding for this proposal is not included in the budget for the coming year. The Police and Fire Department will work with the Planning & Zoning Department to further evaluate this idea.

The Animal Control Budget is unchanged from the previous year. Hinesburg is one of seven adjoining towns that are served by Animal Control Officer Earl Dionne. He reports 57 Hinesburg calls in the past 11 months, mostly for wandering dogs. These dogs are often unlicensed but he has been able to get them licensed and returned home. He is considering initiating a dog census which would be done by volunteers, canvassing dwellings to insure an accurate listing of dogs in Hinesburg.

The E-9-1-1 Budget also remains unchanged from the previous year.

The budget for the Fire Warden was presented by Steve Gutierrez, who has served as the Fire Warden for the past two years. He reports 700 burn permits were issued over the past year, up almost 100 from the previous year. Most of these permits were issued for weekends, and no fire outbreaks occurred as a result of these permitted burns. The Fire Warden Budget is unchanged from the previous year.

Routine Business

- Warrants for bills payable approved
- Minutes for previous meetings approved
- Trial balances accepted
- Listers request for changes to the Lodged Grand List approved
- Private road names of Wheatly Road, Birdie Drive and White Tail Ridge approved
- Wastewater allocations for Hinesburg Hillside (Barone/Frisbie Development on Mechanicsville Road) and Hinesburg Auto Sales approved
- Amendment of Traffic Ordinance (speed limit on CVU Road) approved
- Appointment of Robert Dimke as Town Auditor approved
- Telephone answering service for Animal Control Officer approved (\$15 per month)
- Re-appointments of Greg Waples and Clinton Emmons to DRB approved
- Re-appointments of Jean Isham, Kay Ballard and Johanna White to Planning Commission approved
- Re-appointment of Dawn Dugan to the Recreation Commission approved
- Resignation of Rocky Harlow from Recreation Commission accepted
- 2006 VTrans Certificate of Highway Mileage signed (mileage remains at 60.8 miles of class 2 and 3 roadway)
- 2006 Animal Housing Agreement with Humane Society signed
- Four-way stop at the intersection of Lavigne Hill Road and Buck Hill Road West approved
- Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire for Green Street LLC Project signed
- Request to work in the Town's right-of-way by WCVT approved
- Bid for professional audit services awarded to Fothergill, Segale and Valley
- Bid for repairs to the pedestrian bridge over the canal awarded to Parent Construction
- Appointment of Glenn Place to the Cemetery Commission approved.

Listers' Office Finishing Reappraisals, Inspecting New Homes

By Holly Russell

It is a very busy time for the Listers this year. We are near the end of conducting our town-wide reappraisal. The data collectors from M.P. Bailey Associates are finishing up the site visits and now Lister Marie Gardner is entering the data from each parcel in town into the computer.

On top of doing the reappraisal, we are also doing inspections of the many new houses in Town and updating any other properties that have received building permits and completed those projects.

There have also been several subdivisions of properties approved by the Development Review Board and these will be updated on the Town Tax Maps by Grassroots GIS, Inc. The values of these properties will be revised accordingly.

Once all these updates have been entered into the Grand List and reviewed by the Listers, we will be mailing a Change of Appraisal Booklet to all properties in Hinesburg. It is our intention, at this time, to mail out this booklet in May and then have a week of Pre-Grievances. During this time, the Listers and their Assistant will be available to answer questions about the new values and correct any errors in the data. There will then be Official Grievance Hearings in June.

This has been a very time-consuming process and much work has been done by the members of the M.P. Bailey team and by Marie and Holly in organizing and entering the data that they have collected. We wish to thank all those property owners that have been cooperative to the data collectors and the Listers.

Planning News

By Alex Weinhausen,
Director of Planning & Zoning

Village Growth Community Forum—WOW!

The Planning Commission and I were incredibly impressed with the strong turnout for the January 4 community forum on village growth options and ideas. What an outpouring of interest from the community! It was standing-room only as we had approximately 140 people packed into the Town Hall for this forum. It was very heartening to see so many people who clearly care so much about Hinesburg and our village area.

Project consultant (Robert White of ORW) provided a review of growth ideas, primarily those generated at the November 4 design charette. He also described how properly planned village growth can function with some zoning examples (house spacing, setbacks, etc.) and some design examples/pictures from other areas. Community members provided feedback on the issues important to them and some thoughts on the land use ideas presented.

Big issues brought up by forum attendees include: (1) Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks—it's time to make the village area walkable with safe, connected pedestrian/bike infrastructure; (2) Need more area for increased economic activity and commerce; (3) Want new development to be on the Hinesburg scale in keeping with our rural village; (4) Want to preserve historic buildings and cultural integrity; (5) Worried about impact of new development on traffic patterns, especially as it relates to pedestrian safety.

For more information on the forum and the overall village growth project, see the Planning/Zoning page of the Town website (www.hinesburg.org). Once here, click on "Planning Projects", and then the "Village Project". Check back on this page frequently for updates, schedules and additional information on this and other planning projects.

Village Growth Project – Next Steps

Through the spring (and undoubtedly into the summer), the Planning Commission will be discussing the particulars of the various village growth scenarios. Each meeting will concentrate on a topic (e.g., balancing neighborhoods and commerce) or a particular focus area (e.g., existing village core, Ballard's corner area, etc.). YOUR feedback and ideas are still very much wanted and appreciated, so please plan to attend one or more regular Planning Commission meetings as we move

Hinesburg Winter Carnival 2006 Schedule of Events

Fri. Feb. 10th At: St. Judes Parish Hall

6:00 – 8:00 ****FOOD FEST**** Bring your favorite dish to share, eat for free!

Sat. Feb. 11th At: Hinesburg Community School

8:00 – 11:00 **Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction by Hinesburg Nursery School**

9:00 – 11:00 **3 on 3 B-ball tournament (show up and play!!)**

9:00 – 11:00 **Ice Hockey and open skate**

10:00 – 12:00 **Dog Sled Rides**

10:00 - 12:00 **Snowman building contest (bring your own accessories)**

11:00 – 2:00 **FUN on the Ice Rink!! Including Broomball, contests, relay races**

12:00 – 2:00 **Snowmobile rides from the Iroquois Snow Beavers**

12:00 – 1:00 **Snow golf**

12:00 – 2:00 **Dog Show: obedience & tricks (in the cafeteria)**

1:00 – 3:00 **X-Country skiing guided by Colin McNaull**

Also look for these events during the day:

- ** 4-H Club bake sale & refreshments at the warming hut by the ice rink
- ** Iroquois Snow Beavers selling hotdogs and drinks by rear entrance to School
- ** Face painting in Cafeteria (Hinesburg Girl Scouts)
- ** Games at the Ice Rink (Hinesburg Cub Scouts)
- ** Quilt Display by Hinesburg Quilters (Cafeteria)

New this year!!!

Horse Drawn Sleigh rides at Lyman Park in the afternoon – Given by the Russell Family

6:30 pm Dinner Cabaret Theater

Tickets on sale at the Hinesburg Rec. Office.

Sun. Feb. 12th At: St. Judes Parish Hall

4:00 pm - Grace Cloutier, world renowned harpist and South County Chorus. Donation accepted.

forward. Commission meetings are where policy matters are discussed and choices are made about which issues to pursue. Commission meetings are always on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Town Office. Agendas detailing the topics up for discussion are posted around town and on the Town website the Friday before the meeting. As always, feel free to contact me at the Town Office (third floor or 482-3619 or hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net) or get in touch with one of our nine community Planning Commissioners.

Center Road Feasibility Study Complete, Park & Ride Study Commences

Transportation planning (both for pedestrians and vehicles) has gotten a lot of attention here in Hinesburg in the last few years. Recently, we completed work on a feasibility study to explore options for a new Town road for local, low speed traffic and pedestrian use in the center of the existing village core. This work, funded by the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO), is preliminary only, but will provide additional information as we consider solutions to traffic challenges in the village area. The report can be downloaded from the Planning/Zoning page (see "Planning Projects") of the Town website.

Next on our list is a CCMPO funded study to look at possible Park & Ride locations in Hinesburg. Both the CCMPO and the State Agency of Transportation recognize that Route 116 is an important corridor with growing traffic volumes, as more and more people are forced to commute longer distances due to the cost and availability of housing. A Hinesburg Park & Ride facility (one or more) has the potential to serve both the local community as well as area commuters looking for a way to save on ever increasing gas prices. If you have ideas for Park & Ride locations, or simply want to hear more, please consider attending a public meeting on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office (see meeting announcement in this issue of *The Record*).



Submitted by the

Hinesburg Community Police Department

Two Charged with Criminal Driving while Suspended

On December 13 Officer Gutierrez charged Ryan Timmerman, 25, of Essex Junction with operating while his driver's license was criminally suspended. The charge resulted from a premise check of CVU High School late in the evening.

On December 15, Officer Gutierrez stopped Robert Sheridan, 37, of Hinesburg for an equipment violation. A computer check showed his license was criminally suspended and the license plates on his vehicle did not belong on that vehicle. Sheridan was cited into District Court on the driving while suspended charge and issued traffic tickets on the other two charges.

Burlington Woman Charged with False Pretense

Officer Susan Albert has charged Jamie Hoben, 30, of Burlington with two counts of False Pretense. The charges are the result of her allegedly cashing two checks totaling over \$700 at a Hinesburg store in July. Police had been seeking Hoben for several months on the bad check charge and were finally able to have her cited by Windsor Police when she was lodged at the Windsor Correctional Facility.

Shoplifting Leads to Charge

Hinesburg Community Police charged Stephen A. Morehouse, 48, of Hinesburg with Retail Theft. Chief Morrell reported that the staff of a local store observed Morehouse hide some items to avoid paying for them as he passed the cash register. He was detained and turned over to police who cited him for an appearance at a later date in District Court.

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Hinesburg Man Charged as Area-Wide Burglar

Hinesburg Community Police Officer Mike Wharton has charged a local man with multiple burglary charges in Hinesburg. Keith Burdo, 25, is accused of entering the Laundromat and Chinese restaurant in Firehouse Plaza, as well as the Green River Chocolates building in Commerce Park. In some cases he burglarized the business multiple times.

In addition Burdo is facing burglary charges in Colchester, Essex and Williston. The charges are the culmination of several weeks of intense investigation by those municipal departments, Hinesburg Community Police, members of the Vermont State Police and Bennington Police Department.

A break in the case was Burdo's arrest, as well as an accomplice Kelli Shea, also of Hinesburg, on a larceny charge for stealing a donation jar from the checkout counter of a local convenience store.

A Rash of Crashes on January 5

Chief Chris Morrell reported that there was a rash of crashes and vehicles off the road on Thursday, January 5 as a result of slushy road conditions. On Pond Road a highway truck had to help a school bus navigate the hill. On Shelburne Falls Road one vehicle ran off the road and struck trees. It in turn was struck by another car that had been following too closely.

Several cars were off the road on Silver Street and one woman spun around and struck a utility pole at the intersection of Coyote Ridge Road. A bus and a car had a near miss on Texas Hill Road and both slid off the road as they took evasive action.

Joseph Owen, 20, of Hinesburg lost control of his pickup truck on Mechanicsville Road and went off the road, down an embankment and through a section of fence at the Quinn Farm. Owen suffered minor shoulder injuries. He was examined at the scene by the Hinesburg Fire Department. Morrell ticketed Owen for operating while suspended for the eighth time.

Fingerprint Cracks Cold Cases

Edward Rich, 39, no known address, has pled guilty in District Court to three felony burglary charges. The charges are in full satisfaction of many burglaries Rich committed throughout Chittenden County. Rich was sentenced to seven and one-half to 15 years in prison.

Two of the burglaries were daytime residential burglaries in Hinesburg during 2002. A key piece of evidence was a fingerprint on a piece of stereo equipment that was lifted by Officer Barbara Brisson at one of the burglarized homes.

Hinesburg Community Police Officer Barbara Brisson and Police Service Dog Tiger (shown below) receive an award from Vermont Governor Jim Douglas. During the past summer Brisson and Tiger located a woman who had overdosed on drugs and had gone off into the woods in Charlotte. She was found by Tiger and rushed to the hospital where she made a recovery.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HINESBURG COMMUNITY POLICE



By Jennifer McCuin, Recreation Director

New Year, New and Improved Winter Carnival

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone is settling into 2006 and enjoying the winter season with some sliding, ice skating, skiing, or snowshoeing.

If you haven't had any of those opportunities, don't despair. There will be plenty of time to play in the snow behind the Hinesburg Community School during the Winter Carnival on February 11.



Don't miss one of Hinesburg's favorite traditions to break out of the winter blues, play in the snow, and connect with friends. There will be ice skating, broomball, dog sled rides, snowmobile rides, a snowman-building contest, some snow golf, and maybe even a surprise or two.

This year the Hinesburg Nursery School is teaming up with the Winter Carnival festivities to bring you their Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction on Saturday morning, February 11. So, after being fueled by a hot and tasty breakfast, you can participate in all of the other carnival activities.

The Dinner Theater will make its third annual performance on Saturday evening at 6:30. All proceeds of the dinner and performance will be donated to the Hinesburg Artist Series and the Food Shelf.

Men's Basketball...

...Continues at 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 Recreation Office, but make checks payable to Lee Huselbos.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is an ancient exercise system originating from Taoist traditions. Develop your "chi" or internal life energy by regular practice and you will improve your balance and coordination, as well as calming the mind and increasing mental focus. You will also achieve a sense of wholeness and inner peace. Mike Prehoda, who is able to guide students from beginner to advanced, offers this wonderful class. You may join anytime, but classes run for six-week sessions.

When: Thursdays

Where: Town Hall

Time: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Fee: \$40

Please register through the Recreation Dept. Checks are payable to HRD.

Driver Education

Kevin Browne will offer this essential class for students pursuing their driver's license. This class is for those who already possess a driver's permit. Driving time will be scheduled outside of classroom time. It is necessary to attend every class. Be sure to bring your driver's permit to class on the first day. Kevin provides the option to test for the driving exam. He can be contacted when the student turns 16 to arrange for the exam.

Where: First floor conference room in Town Hall

When: March 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 30, April 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 13

Time: 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$575

Please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net to enroll.

Exploring Hinesburg after School

Let Paul Wiczoreck and James Donegan lead you on a tour of Hinesburg's countryside after school. Explore old graveyards, visit the Russell Sugar House, tap into the Town Forest, take in some views on top of Buck Hill, just to mention a few.

Recruit some friends and discover some cool spots in town.

Who: 5th through 8th graders

When: Wednesdays; February 1, 8, 15, and 21.

Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Meet at HCS Cost: FREE

Please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net to register.

Young Rembrandts Cartoon Drawing Class

Learning to draw can be lots of fun, especially if you're creating silly characters, funny expressions, and drawing sequences that tell a joke. This delightful program combines YR's innovative step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matters that engage children, their sense of humor, and their vivid imaginations. Come join the fun. Giggles are guaranteed.

Who: Ages seven through 12 years

Where: Living Arts Room

When: Thursdays; February 16, 23, March 9 and 16

Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$32.

Valentine Workshop

Kids will create their very own Valentines with a special touch. Alice Trageser will provide assistance and inspiration in making these heartfelt cards. Create your own Valentines, with a little time to spare before the holiday!

Who: 2nd through 6th graders

Where: Art Room

When: Wednesday, February 8th

Time: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$7.

Valentine Cookie Decorating

Join Wendy Frink of Blackberry Hill Bakery for this after school Valentine cookie decorating extravaganza! Each participant will custom decorate a dozen heart-shaped cookies using various frosting tip techniques in assorted colors, along with colored pareils. After decorating their cookies, each student will customize their own bakery box container to house their creations.

Who: 1st through 8th graders

Where: Living Arts Room

When: Friday, February 10

Time: 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$12

Maximum of 12 students.

Creating with Clay

Join Alice Trageser in learning new clay techniques and improving on the ones that you know. Students will have fun making a variety of creatures to containers. What a fun and creative way to spend an afternoon.

Who: 5th through 8th graders

When: Wednesdays; March 8, 15, 22 and 29

Where: Art Room Fee: \$35

Minimum of six, maximum of 12 participants.

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: Children aged two-and-a-half to five years

When: Tuesdays; March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11

Time: 10:00 to 10:45 am

Where: Town Hall Cost: \$45.



CSWD News

CSWD Offers Free Exchange on Mercury Thermometers

It's cold and flu season again, and that means many of us will be reaching for a thermometer to check ourselves or our loved ones for fever. But those of us with mercury-containing fever thermometers have a health and environmental danger lurking in our medicine cabinet.

The Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) offers a free exchange program to help eliminate that danger. Chittenden County residents may bring their mercury-containing fever thermometer to CSWD's Environmental Depot and trade it for a new digital version. The Depot is located at 1011 Airport Parkway in South Burlington, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Most hospitals and medical offices eliminated mercury-containing thermometers, and many pharmacies have taken pledges to no longer sell them. Mercury poses significant human health risks, attacking the nervous system, liver, kidneys, muscle and vision. Even the small amount contained in a thermometer becomes extremely dangerous if the thermometer is broken in a small, unventilated space.

Environmentally, thermometers are considered one of the largest sources of mercury improperly discarded as municipal waste, estimated at 17 tons per year nationally. One gram of mercury from a single improperly discarded thermometer can contaminate all the fish in a 20 acre lake, or poison millions of gallons of water.

Let CSWD help you keep yourself, your family and our environment healthier and safer. Drop off your mercury thermometer and take home a digital one—FREE. Call 872-8111, or visit cswd.net for more information.



Donegan Wins Environmental Award

Roger Donegan, chief steward of Burlington Electric Department's International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and George Clain, president of IBEW Local 300, are joint winners in the Environmental Excellence in Pollution Prevention category of the Governor's Environmental Awards. They worked diligently to bring to light the human health and environmental hazards of "clean" creosote-treated poles, which hadn't been the treatment of choice in the Northeast for a number of years but were being reintroduced by a national utility. They accepted the award in early December in a ceremony in the House Chamber at the State House.

Mr. Donegan, environmental compliance officer at BED, said, "When these creosote poles were installed, there were incidents of chemical exposure with dermal injury resulting. Creosote is classified as a restricted-use pesticide. IBEW requested that NIOSH (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health) conduct an occupational health hazard evaluation, and IBEW successfully petitioned the Public Service Board to open a formal docket."

Mr. Donegan testified before the board, warning of the hazards of creosote to human health and the environment; he added that not only is exposure to the skin hazardous, but creosote also has a phototoxic effect, which means that it is worsened when exposed to sunlight, which is often the case.

IBEW members evaluated a lot of information on utility poles, which showed that "clean" creosote presented unique hazards to the workers, the public and the environment. Compared to another, more acceptable pole (pressure treated with pentachlorophenol), the creosote treatment standard requires ten times more chemical pesticide to be retained by the wood to be effective.

Because of this work, the poles have been discontinued from use along utility rights of way in Vermont.

**January 28
Healing Workshop
Featuring Voice
Sponsored by
Holistic Body Therapy
of Hinesburg**

"Sounding the Listening Heart: singing circle with Karen Sutherland" will be held on January 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Town Hall. Vocal and movement exercises will focus on fostering vocal freedom with an eye toward heightening self confidence and expression within the group singing experience.

Registration is \$100. Call (802)453-3795 or e-mail karensu@sover.net to register.

NRG Systems Honors Senator Jeffords for Environmental Service

NRG Systems recently honored Senator Jim Jeffords for his environmental service in a ceremony held at the company's manufacturing facility in Hinesburg. The company paid tribute to Senator Jeffords for his work on renewable energy issues and his commitment to promoting "green" buildings on a federal level.

"NRG would like to honor Senator Jeffords' service to the



NRG Systems President and CEO Jan Blittersdorf talks with Senator Jim Jeffords at a recent ceremony in the senator's honor. PHOTO COURTESY OF NRG SYSTEMS

environment and his support for renewable energy and wind energy in particular. His commitment to the environment has been demonstrated through his leadership on the Committee on the Environment and Public Works and his green building legislation," said Jan Blittersdorf, President and CEO of NRG Systems. During the ceremony, Senator Jeffords met with NRG employees and toured their new facility.

"Green buildings protect our natural resources and promote the health and well-being of their occupants. They can save our country billions of dollars in energy and other costs and they are an environmental investment in our future. Congratulations to NRG for committing to Vermont's environment and industry, and for being a model for others to follow," Senator Jeffords said.

NRG is celebrating its one-year anniversary in the 46,000 square foot manufacturing facility and office building. The building has been awarded gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its energy-saving and environmental design. The building makes use of earth- and human-friendly materials and uses one-fourth of the energy used by conventional buildings of the same size. NRG's building is one of only four industrial facilities in the world to receive this designation.

NRG Systems Receives Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

NRG building recognized for environmental stewardship and resource protection

NRG Systems received the 2004-05 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in Environmental Stewardship and Resource Protection in a ceremony at the statehouse recently with Governor Douglas. NRG received the award for their recently completed green manufacturing facility and office building.

"We are honored to accept this award for our new manufacturing facility," said Jan Blittersdorf, CEO and President of NRG Systems. "As a renewable energy company, we are deeply committed to furthering the use of clean, safe energy sources and reducing our impact on the planet. We also

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The NRG building received gold LEED certification from the U.S. Green Buildings Council. LEED, Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design, is the national standard and rating system for high performance (green) buildings. NRG's building is the first in Vermont to receive this level of certification and one of four industrial buildings worldwide.

The super-efficient 46,000 square foot manufacturing facility, which operates on renewable energy from the sun, wind and wood pellets, uses one-fourth the energy of similar-sized buildings. The building features dozens of skylights and operable windows designed to take advantage of natural light, allow for natural ventilation and provide employees with views of the surrounding rural setting. Earth- and human-friendly materials were used throughout the building, including low- or no-VOC stains, paints and adhesives, stained concrete flooring, certified wood and recycled glass bathroom tiles. The building also features a third-floor endless swimming pool and fitness area.

The Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence were established in 1993 to honor Vermont individuals, organizations, institutions, public agencies, businesses, and industry using innovative approaches to reduce or eliminate the generation of pollutants and wastes at the source. The winners are selected by a panel of judges appointed by the Agency of Natural Resources.

Hinesburg's NRG Systems is a home-grown Vermont company started in Bristol in 1982. NRG wind energy assessment systems can be found in more than 110 countries, serving electric utilities, wind farm developers, research institutions, government agencies, universities and homeowners. NRG recently received the Business of the Year Award from the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce. For more information on NRG Systems, Inc., visit www.nrgsystems.com.

Lamoille Valley Transportation and UVM Partner in Biodiesel Fuel Program

Lamoille Valley Transportation (LVT), a Vermont motorcoach charter-company located in Morrisville, has announced a partnership with the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension, Rubenstein School for the Environment and Natural Resources, Vermont Tourism Data Center, and the Vermont Biofuels Association. This partnership will launch the world's first research and certification program linking Biodiesel and other alternative fuels with the motorcoach industry. Exemplifying its commitment, LVT has begun operating their entire fleet of charter motorcoaches and school buses on a blend of Biodiesel, a cleaner-burning diesel fuel made from natural, renewable sources such as vegetable oils.

As a partner in this groundbreaking environmental initiative, LVT will receive technical assistance from UVM and derive benefits from a UVM driven "Green Coach" marketing and certification program, and a "Biodiesel User" logo which can be placed on the sides of buses, letterhead, and marketing materials.

With a philosophy of caring and a seasoned team of drivers and mechanics, owners Norm and Noreen Prive have helped grow the school bus company they started in 1986 into one of the most respected operators of luxury motorcoaches in New England. Norm stated, "Although this fuel costs a little more, the switch to Biodiesel demonstrates our commitment to preserving the environment. It says to the many groups we

transport throughout Vermont and New York, that we care." Prive also noted the new fuel will help keep his engines clean, reduce the need for oil changes, and decrease harmful emissions. In addition, "if our environmental philosophy attracts more customers, that is also good for business!"

Dave Kestenbaum, Senior Program Manager for the University of Vermont's Tourism Data Center stated, "We here at UVM, the 'Environmental University', are consistently looking for ways to help businesses protect the environment while creating jobs and improving their bottom-line. By developing integrated programs like this Biodiesel initiative, we are helping Vermont businesses reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels and make the statement that they are stewards of the environment."

Because Biodiesel is a product that can be produced by farmers both inside and outside of the Champlain Valley this project can connect, support, and create new economic opportunities in rural areas. Once demand for Biodiesel grows, the landscape that draws people to the region may also be used to grow crops that provide fuel for their vehicles. One day tourists might stop at a farm, fill up their tanks and take a tour of a biodiesel production facility to learn how the fuel is produced.

Kestenbaum believes Vermont's rich farming history, strong tourism economy, and environmentally conscious businesses make the state the ideal starting point for this program. During 2006, Kestenbaum envisions expanding the program to motorcoach operators nationwide, with UVM and Vermont as the leaders.

The American Bus Association (ABA), the nation's foremost motorcoach industry trade association, has already taken notice. "During a time when the bus industry has seen fuel prices soar, LVT's commitment to conserve fossil fuel is a step in the right direction," stated ABA President Peter Pantuso.

For more information about the Biodiesel program or to make a booking for a Biodiesel school bus or luxury motor coach please contact UVM's Tourism Data Center toll free at 1(866)318-9516.

VBSR Sponsors a Look inside VPR

What: VBSR Networking Get-Together

When: Tuesday, February 7; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Vermont Public Radio, Colchester, VT

Cost: \$7 for VBSR Members, \$10 for Non-Members

Since its debut in 1977, Vermont Public Radio has been a part of everyday life for thousands of Vermonters. A valuable resource, VPR reaches statewide and beyond, helping to reinforce a sense of community among Vermonters. Now one of the most successful public radio stations in the country, VPR is known for its award-winning regional news, local commentators and in-depth weather forecasts.

Members of Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility and the public will gather for a networking event at VPR's state of the art studios. Mark Vogelzang, VPR's President and General Manager, will talk about how public radio works and the importance of independent media, followed by News Director John Van Hoesen presenting a behind-the-scenes look at how the news is produced.

VBSR members, other business people and the general public are welcome to attend. The fee is \$7 for VBSR members, \$10 for non-members. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is appreciated.

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The Viking Voice

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The Students: HCS Dream Team (grades 7 and 8)
The Teacher: Mr. Tom Darling
The Assignment: Students tackled “The Red Wheelbarrow” by William Carlos and found a host of symbolism and meaning in this, one of the most recognizable American poems of the 20th Century. “Many disagreed as to what that meaning might be, but every student found significance in Williams’ simple words,” said Mr. Darling
The Goal: “More important,” Mr. Darling added, “each critic did a great job backing their ideas up using the text, an essential element in putting forth any argument.”

The Forgotten Wheelbarrow

By Jonathan Mills

A wheelbarrow is an important part of any farm or garden and in “The Red Wheelbarrow” by William Carlos Williams he sneakily points it out.

He points out that we take for granted things that are important, a wheelbarrow for example. It is most obvious in the opening line, “so much depends upon a red wheelbarrow”. Right there it is written that a wheelbarrow is important on any farm or garden to bring in the vegetables, to bring out the animal feed and so on. When he writes, “glazed with rain water” it is meant, as a wheelbarrow is metal, that the wheelbarrow will rust showing obvious neglect. And then he finishes with, “besides the white chickens”, showing that more neglect is shown, when left by chickens they will inevitably relieve themselves on the the wheelbarrow causing even more harm to wheelbarrow.

But why should anyone care about this odd poem? Because it points out the overlooked fact that we should care about everything, important or not, or otherwise it just may not be there anymore and you could be in trouble, because you don’t miss your water, till the well runs dry.

A Red Wheelbarrow Message

By Leanna Muroski

Do people realize the things they take for granted, when they are so important? The poem, “the Red Wheelbarrow” by William Carlos Williams has a meaningful message about how people take things for granted. Williams said, “so

much depends upon a red wheelbarrow.” What he says makes people recognize how much people depend on the little things, like wheelbarrows, and how they help us and make life easier. Williams also said, “glazed with rainwater”, and that makes it sound as though people take the wheelbarrow for granted, and instead of taking care of it they leave it out in the rain. In the last stanza he says, “besides the white chickens.” Williams is creating the feeling that chickens are just ordinary and that people would pass them by, with the wheelbarrow next to them, and not really acknowledge them. People depend so much on these little things, but never

wheelbarrow glazed with rain water. . .” The wheelbarrow was left outside in a raistorm. So now it sits there, wet and yet beautiful. The glazed rain represents calmness and peace. “Glazed with rain water beside the white chickens.” He is picturing for us a farm, for by the wheelbarrow walks common farm livestock. The white and pure chickens stray near this wheelbarrow, that sits on the land that it provides for. This wheelbarrow,



Mr. Darling and Ms. Konowitz's Dream Team discusses issues of importance at their weekly team meeting.

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acknowledge them. Without them we would not be able to do certain things. If the wheelbarrow were to break, you would not be able to carry soil to the garden, and without soil in the garden you would not be able to plant food. The chickens would have no food. The system would break down.

People never really realize how much they depend on these little things; they always worry about other unimportant things.

Beside the White Chickens

By Isaiah Cory

Different authors have different voices. The way one

writes is like the way one speaks; everyone has a different sounding voice. In the poem “The Red Wheelbarrow” by William Carlos Williams, his voice is that of someone writing what he sees. Williams was a doctor, so it seems he would be more inclined to write of that which is physical and of fact.

If that is the case, then the reason for the poem would be to create an image. This image would be one of contentment and peace. Like an artist would paint a picture, Williams writes this poem, “So much depends upon a red

Williams saw it and was appreciating it by putting it down on paper. The fact that the meaning of “The Red Wheelbarrow” is not seeming to be a deep one, may be the reason why so many people can both love and hate the works of William Carlos Williams.

Down On The Farm

By Ellen Reinhardt

In the poem, “The Red Wheelbarrow,” William Carlos Williams writes about a wheelbarrow on a farm. Mr. Williams is trying to make the reader picture this scene. In the beginning of the poem it talks about the red wheelbarrow, and at the end it mentions chickens. Usually chickens and a wheelbarrow would be used most on a farm. The red wheelbarrow is also outside because in the third stanza it says, “glazed with rain water”.

The owners of the wheelbarrow forgot about it and left it out in the rain propped up against a fence with a pen of white chickens right beside it. William Carlos Williams created this poem so that the reader would have a picture in their head of what he sees and is describing.

I think he wants the reader to see in a different perspective and make the person who is reading the poem try to guess and brainstorm the possible scene he wrote in “The Red Wheelbarrow”. The scene that the poem describes depends on the person who is reading it. Therefore someone could have described the scene as, “... a red wheelbarrow inside of a shed with the window open so the rain went in. As for the chickens, there is a chicken coop right beside the shed”.

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The Left Behind Project

By Jenn Dunn

Have you ever wondered what the wheelbarrow stood for in the poem, "The Red Wheelbarrow"? The wheelbarrow is a symbol that a project was put on hold. Williams writes, "So much depends upon the red wheelbarrow." The wheelbarrow is set aside in the rain, waiting for its next new challenge.

A wheelbarrow is a tool designed to make things easier. It helps transports things from here to there. This wheelbarrow is waiting for a dry day to so it can get back to work. Williams writes in the next line, "Glazed with rain." This means that rain had come. The rain stopped a project from taking place, and so the wheelbarrow was set aside. Sometimes you plan out this big project, and you get started on it. Then out of the blue something comes up that makes you put the project on hold. Like in this poem. We don't know what the project was that was happening, but we do know that it was important. It could have been a project that would have made the biggest difference, but was just never done.

Life's Wheelbarrow

By Emma Eddy

In the poem "The Red Wheelbarrow," William Carlos Williams is explaining the life cycle using metaphors. He is explaining that everything depends on something else when he says "So much depends upon the red wheelbarrow" because everything depends on something in the life cycle.



As William Carlos Williams writes, "glazed with rain water," he makes a connection to the water cycle and how it ties in with the life cycle, by keeping plants and animals alive and giving water for humans and animals to use. By writing "Beside the white chickens" William Carlos Williams gives an example of the life cycle and how it works, because the chickens depend on the red wheelbarrow to bring them food to keep them alive, while the humans depend on the chicken's eggs to feed them, and the humans push the red wheelbarrow.

Overall, William Carlos Williams is explaining to everyone who reads his poem "The Red Wheelbarrow" that we all depend on something and something depends on us.

We All Depend on It

By Nick Blumen

In the poem, "The Red Wheelbarrow" by William Carlos Williams, the family on the farm relies on the red wheelbarrow to do a lot of things. My first evidence is when he says "So much depends upon a red wheelbarrow". This shows that the red wheelbarrow is important to the family that owns it.

My next evidence is when he writes "beside the white chickens." This shows that they have chickens, which usually means they are on a farm. My final evidence is when he writes "Glazed with rain water". This means that they are not using it because it has rained and they can't do their chores because it is wet.

One reason that we should care about William Carlos Williams and his poem "The Red Wheelbarrow" is that we rely on farmers for a lot of things like food. When they can't work, we don't get any food from them. This means that hundreds of people depend upon the red wheelbarrow.

The Most Essential Tool

By Henry Sengle

The message William Carlos Williams was trying to say is that the wheelbarrow is part of a small circle of life on the farm where the wheelbarrow is, and also the same thing that he wrote in the first two lines of the poem, "so much depends upon a red wheelbarrow."

The wheelbarrow would probably be used for everything from transporting heavy objects to a bird bath for the chickens. The wheelbarrow may also be important because it could be a shelter for the chickens, and it keeps the chickens alive. When the chickens survive they lay eggs, people eat eggs and people feed the chickens, and the chickens survive ("glazed with rain water beside the white chickens").

The wheelbarrow must be so important that even when it's raining it is left because it will probably be used again before it stops raining. The wheelbarrow is essential to a farmer's job; he greatly relies on it, so much depends upon it. He couldn't work without it, just like a writer couldn't do his job without a pencil and a piece of paper.

What He Is Trying to Say

By Jake Berino

In the poem, "The Red Wheelbarrow" by William Carlos Williams, Williams is trying to say that the red wheelbarrow is a minority, and the rain is the taunts and



7/8 Language Arts teacher Mr. Tom Darling prepares for class.

insults that the other "normal" people in that society throw at him. The other "normal" people are the white chickens, but so much depends on people who are different.

Williams writes, "A red wheelbarrow, glazed with rainwater." The red wheelbarrow is the minority and the rain water is the taunts and insults that the normal people call him because he is an outcast, a minority. "So much depends on a red wheelbarrow"--Williams is saying that so much depends on people who are different because if nobody was different everybody would be the same, and if everybody was the same, everybody would not be able to depend on the person who was different to do what they could not. For example if there was a weak person who was really smart they would have to depend on the big strong person to do what he could not, same with the strong person, just the strong person needs somebody to think for him.

"Beside the white chickens." The chickens could be the "normal" people in the society who don't like the minority or the red wheelbarrow because it is different. So what why should you care? You should care because this is what Williams could be trying to say, this could be his message to you, but I doubt it.

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Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers' homes. The February 15 selection is *The Glass Castle*, by Jeanette Walls. The March 15 selection is *Snow*, by Orhan Pamuk. Meetings are held in readers' homes and start at 7:30 p.m. Please phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on the March meeting.

Regular Library Events

Toddler storytimes for children up to three years of age will be at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays, February 7 and 21. Walk-ins are welcome.

YA Book Buying Group, Thursday, February 16 at 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.

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 Carter, Jimmy, *Our Endangered Values*
 Eco, Umberto, editor, *History of Beauty*
 Feldman, Noah, *What We Owe Iraq: war and the ethics of nation building*
 Halberstam, David, *The Education of a Coach* (NE Patriots)
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 Lee, John R., *What Your Doctor May Not Tell You about Menopause*
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It Was a Very Good Year – Thanks to You!

It is always a good feeling to start a new year at the library, to plan new programs, order new books, and generally take stock. The many accomplishments of 2005 were the result of the work of each and every member of the Library Staff and Board of Trustees, with the strong support of Town officials and local library users. We have many people to thank for their generous help, in the form of donations of time, ideas, library materials or cash. We also thank those who wish to remain anonymous. The following is a list of individuals and groups whose contributions improved library services:

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ECHO's Open Door

Echo at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain is offering discounted access to Vermont's Lake Aquarium and Science Center. Ours is one of the Lake Champlain Basin libraries to be given an ECHO pass to lend until October 31. The pass is valid seven days a week for up to two adults and three youths; with the pass everyone in your party will pay \$2 each for admittance. We are pleased to be able to make it easier for all to visit ECHO. Let's all become better stewards of the Lake Champlain Basin! A fun visit to ECHO is a great way to start.

Pothole Cures

The library staff and trustees want the public to know that we have heard your complaints and will soon patch the potholes in the road leading to the library. The responsibility for this short, heavily traveled road is a joint one; now it is the library's turn to patch the holes. As we have said before, we are working on a more permanent solution to the problem. We look forward to the day when all can trust that a trip to the library will be "smooth sailing" with no need for careful navigation.

February Exhibit

During the month of February library visitors will find a collection of Native American baskets exhibited in the display case. Don't miss a chance to enjoy viewing this beautiful collection of baskets from the Hupa tribe, courtesy of local resident, Bill Stirewalt.

Upcoming Winter Events

Youth Activities

Story Hours for preschool and up: February 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 11:00 a.m. For ages three and up. Pre-registration is helpful.

Get Framed!: Tuesday, February 14, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Children ages five and up are welcome. Come to the library and have your picture taken! Then, use your picture to create a beautiful frame to take home. Refreshments are cupcakes for you to decorate and a nice refreshing glass of fruit juice to go with it. Please pre-register.

Pajama Storytime: Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. The theme is Corduroy, based on the book by Don

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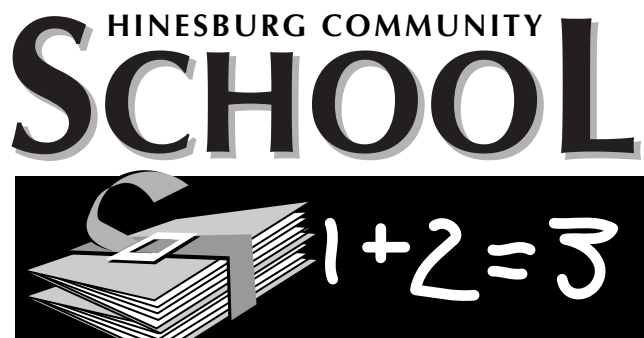
Knitters' Circle: The popular Knitters' Circle will meet on two Wednesdays in February. Come join the group; it will keep you in stitches on those cold winter evenings! Learn something new while enjoying the craft. Call the library for details.

Chase the Winter Blues Away! Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Join us to hear Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson perform ballads of the British Isles in a musical style they call "retro folk." This talented pair of folk musicians has toured throughout New England and the east coast and has released two CD's. "How refreshing it is to find an artist who still believes in the power and beauty of a well-written song. Rebecca Hall is that kind of an artist." (Fufkin.com) Her original songwriting combined with Ken's arrangements brings beautiful stories to life. Don't miss this!

Organic Gardening with Ron Krupp: Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. Vermont organic gardener Ron Krupp will inspire us to dream about gardening again. Ron is the author of *The Woodchuck's Guide to Gardening* and is working on his second book *the Woodchuck's Guide to Sustainability Farming, Food and Politics*. He has also been the gardening commentator on Vermont Public Radio for the past eight years. Please mark your calendars and join us for this lively discussion on organic gardening.

Quotation of the Month

"We must be the change we wish to see."
- Mahatma Gandhi



Compiled by Denise Giroux

HCS Calendar

February

- 8: CSSU School Board Meetings, CVU; General session 6:00 p.m., Individual town board sessions from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at CVU
- 11: HNS Winter Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction, 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (bidding closes at 10:30 a.m.), HCS cafeteria
- 11: Winter Carnival, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., HCS campus
- 14: In-service, half-day of school, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- 27, 28: Winter Vacation, no school

March

- 1-3: Winter Vacation, no school
- 6: Staff Day, no school
- 7: School resumes
- 13: Annual HCS Budget Vote meeting, 7:00 p.m., HCS gym

General School News

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

Supportive Classroom Leads to New "Code of Conduct"

Faculty, staff and students have been working with Timothy Fox from the University of Vermont on the implementation of the Supportive Classroom. The purpose of the Supportive Classroom program is to enhance individual achievement and reduce behavior issues. The goals of the Supportive Classroom are for students to:

- Participate as valued and respected community members,
- Achieve their personal best, and

- Engage in positive, respectful and cooperative behaviors.

Since August, faculty, staff and students have been creating a "Code of Conduct" that supports the core concepts of Responsibility, Trust, Sharing and Respect.

After several drafts and numerous discussions we are proud to share with you the Hinesburg Community School Code of Conduct. This code of conduct is for all members of our school community; students and adults.

Hinesburg Community School Code of Conduct

School-wide Norms for Promoting Belonging among All Students, Staff and Families

Responsibility

- Be reliable—do what you are supposed to do
- Be accountable for your choices and your learning
- Strive for personal improvements
- Be safe and keep others safe

Trust

- Act with integrity—have the courage to do the right thing
- Be honest—do what you say you will
- Communicate directly and respectfully with and for others

Sharing

- Be willing to share ideas and feeling
- Be compassionate—kind to self, others and the environment
- Be courteous and help others in need

Respect

- Be considerate—honor the ideas and feelings of others
- Everyone is equally important
- Practice self-control—deal peacefully with conflict

January 20 In-Service Focuses on Writing

The focus of the half day in-service on January 20 was Writing Portfolio Scoring. The purpose of this was to:

- Provide time for teachers to score student writing;
- Provide time for teachers to use the writing benchmarks at their grade level;
- Provide opportunities for dialogue among grade level teachers about student writing;
- Provide dialog about the "next steps" for instruction as a result of what we learned from the student work.

This in-service was organized by our Literacy Coordinator, Betsy Knox, with support from members of the Language Arts Committee (Angela Stebbins, Tom Darling, Pat O'Brien, Cheryl Eichen, Carol Hinsdale, Ruth Hopkins and Nancy Behun).

Support staff worked with Timothy Fox on implementation of the Supportive Classroom strategies on the playground and in the cafeteria.

Congratulations to Our Alums!

Congratulations to past HCS students for making the CVU Honor Rolls! The faculty and staff at Hinesburg Community School are proud of you.

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that is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month in the school cafeteria from 8:00 until 8:30 a.m. Baked goods and juice are available for free and coffee/tea can be purchased in the kitchen for 75 cents. This social activity is meant to allow parents and community members, and available faculty and staff, begin their day with conversation and discussion about whatever is on your mind. You may bump into someone that you've been meaning to talk to. You may get updates on the latest school happenings. What a great way to stay in touch. Come and join the crowd on February 1!

School Mentor Program Thriving

By Ginny Roberts, Coordinator

One year ago, Connecting Youth hired Ginny Roberts to start a Mentoring program at the Hinesburg Community School. The program now has 15 mentor matches with 5th through 8th grade students. Adults meet with their mentee once a week during the school day for an hour to play games, create art projects, play outside, or explore a new interest.

Hinesburg mentors include; Earla Sue McNaul, ChiChi Fields, Carolyn Delaney, Mary Crane, Lisa Primo, Kenneth Brown, Kris Merchant, Donna Hale Glisson, Meaghan Cunningham, Diane Telford, Beth Sengle, Jane Gage, and James Donegan.

Mentoring is designed to support middle school youth in achieving their potential through a close, personal and supportive relationship with a caring adult. Research on mentoring shows that this relationship gives kids improved performance in school, enhanced self-confidence, and increased ability to avoid risky behaviors. Hinesburg students are nominated by teachers and guidance staff and paired with an adult for a minimum of one year.

There are still children waiting for a mentor. Interested adults should call Ginny Roberts at 482-2106, ext. 368. Volunteers receive ongoing training and support throughout the year.

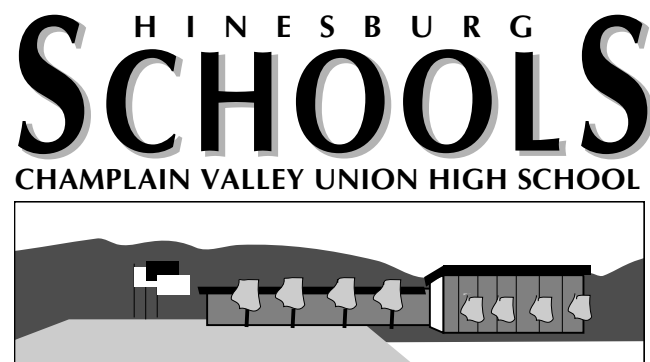
2006 Hinesburg Reading Celebration

By Chris Varney, Library Media Specialist

HCS is looking for the 2006 Hinesburg RIF Readers! Students at HCS will be participating in the annual Hinesburg Reading Celebration during the month of February. They will begin this event with our final RIF (Reading is Fundamental) book distribution during the second week of February.

All students will be able to select a free, new book and begin a couple of weeks of reading fun. They will keep track of the time they spend reading at home on RIF Reader entry forms. These forms will be submitted into a drawing from which the two 2006 Hinesburg RIF Readers will be chosen. The winners and the runners-up will receive extra RIF books as prizes.

Students will also be participating in Silent Reading, RIF Teas, book trivia contests, and other fun reading activities at school during this celebration.



For Current News, please visit: www.cvuhs.org
Calendar

February:

- 7: Junior/Parent College Workshop, 6:30 p.m.
 - 8: School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 104
 - 9: Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - 11: ACT Test Date
 - 14: Junior/Parent College Workshop, 6:30 p.m.
 - 15: Career Fair, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 - 16: Half-Day In-service; school dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
 Dessert with Leadership, sponsored by Friends of CVU,
 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - 24: Registration Deadline for April 1 SAT 1 testing
 - 27: School Closes for Winter Break
- March:**
- 3: Registration Deadline for April 8 ACT testing
 - 6: CVU Annual Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
 - 7: School resumes
 CVU Budget Vote in respective towns
 - 21-23: Statewide NSRE Testing for all 10th Graders

Parent Information Session for 2006-2007 Course Registration

The Guidance Department of Champlain Valley Union High School will be holding a parent information session about course registration for the 2006-2007 school year.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 144 (the Performance Center) at CVU. Parents of students in grades 9, 10, and 11 are encouraged to attend.

During the first segment of the meeting there will be an overview of the process which will be used for devising students' schedules for next year. In the second part of the meeting, parents will meet in groups by the grade level of their student to hear specific information about next year's curriculum for their son/daughter.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please don't hesitate to contact the Direction Center (482-7137). This will be an excellent opportunity for parents to have their questions answered as they are in the process of discussing next year's academic program with their children.

Winter Access Classes

The Winter Access Classes are currently posted at cvuhs.org. Hit the link for Access to CVU to check out the 100 winter choices. All are welcome.

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VT Governor's Highway Safety Program

During the week of April 24, the Youth Safety Council of Vermont will provide 140 Vermont teenage drivers with an opportunity to participate in a pilot program to study the effectiveness of an Advanced Driver Training program.

The training is free to 15, 16 and 17-year old students on a first come, first served basis. Registrations are now being accepted.

Registrations are expected to be generated from open enrollments and high school participation. Students must have a learner's permit and must be enrolled in a 2006 spring semester Driver Education Program. Two sessions will be conducted each day, with 14 students enrolled in each session.

The program will be held at the Knapp Airport in Berlin and is conducted by Stevens Advanced Driver Training. The pilot program is being funded by interested corporations, businesses and individuals throughout Vermont. The Vermont Association of Domestic Property and Casualty Insurance Companies is a major contributor to the study.

Co-operative Insurance Companies of Vermont, with headquarters in Middlebury, has offered this hands-on driving program to its members and to the public at large since 1997. Co-op officials indicate that the training has been extremely effective and advocates that every teenager should experience this type of training before or during the Graduated Licensing period.

The company is confident that this study, coupled with its own experience, will indicate that the training compliments Vermont's traditional Driver Education programs and will help reduce teen crashes, especially for the first year driver.

The morning sessions will run from 8:00 a.m. to noon, with afternoon sessions running from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., and will cover a variety of topics and hands-on exercises including straight-line braking with ABS brakes, steering and maneuvering in emergency situations, how to avoid tailgate collisions, and presentations by experienced driving instructors on other related topics, including the effects of alcohol, drugs, and being distracted on the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

In addition to the safety aspects of this course, another benefit is that some insurance companies offer a discount on their automobile insurance premium rate for drivers who complete this course.

According to statistics from the Vermont Department of Public Safety, 19% of all motor vehicle accidents involve drivers in the 16- to 20-year-old range, and 17-year-old drivers are the age group most likely to be involved in a motor vehicle crash.

Tom Williams, Vermont Manager of AAA of Northern New England, also believes in this program. "As Vermont manager for AAA Northern New England, and member of the Youth Safety Council of Vermont, I support this pilot program as a way to complement and enhance traditional drivers' education in the state."

Chief Chris Morrell of the Hinesburg Police Department, who also is a member of the Youth Safety Council board, has discussed this program with many students who have participated. "In exit interviews with previous students, the part that sold them was learning how it feels to deal with emergency situations when your adrenaline is pumping and you have only a few seconds to react.

Again, space is limited and will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested parents, students or school representatives seeking more information are invited to call Fletcher Brush of the Youth Safety Council or Renee Larocque at (800) 388-6638, ext. 3501 or ext. 3399.

School Choice for 2006-2007

CVU participates in a 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 those other schools are allotted on a space-available basis in a lottery in early February.

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

Hinesburg Nursery School



Winter Carnival – Waffle Breakfast/Silent Auction – You: Same Place, Same Time

By Jen Bradford, HNS President

We at the Hinesburg Nursery School are all about making life simpler. Our play-dough is homemade. Our stories are all short and sweet and filled with color pictures. Our "Circle Time" actually takes place on a circle-shaped rug (well, okay, technically it's an oval, but our kids are three and as far as they're concerned, an oval is nothing but a squishy circle, but my point still holds and I'm now guilty of digressing from the whole issue of simplicity. You see how easy it is to get caught up in the complexities of the world...).

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Yep, he'll be there again this year. PHOTO BY SYLVIE VIDRINE

How, you wonder, can a group of preschoolers and their parents help you to combat the pervasive sense of overwhelm that threatens to sink our society? The answer is, of course, simple.

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Never fear. We at HNS are looking out for you. No longer will you need to enjoy Winter Carnival on a Saturday only to shake yourself awake the following morning to attend our wildly popular Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction. Those days are gone. Sleep in a little extra on Sunday morning, because we're cooking you breakfast on Winter Carnival Day—Saturday, February 11.

Come to the HCS cafeteria any time between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. to enjoy our delicious breakfast of Belgian Waffles, strawberries, whipped cream bacon, bagels, coffee, and more goodies than I can tell you about in one simple sentence.

And while you're there, free up another day in your weekly schedule by taking care of your Valentine's Day gift needs at our Silent Auction tables. Past auctions have yielded tremendous finds in the areas of fine jewelry, massages and spa treatments, golf and ski passes, book and CD collections, artwork—even romantic gifts like heating oil, groceries, carbon monoxide detectors and "green" lawnmowers.

The crown jewel of the Silent Auction this year is a week's stay at a Vail condominium. Those in the know say that people go to Colorado for the winters, but they stay for the summers. Place the winning bid and you'll know why...

Silent Auction bidding begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.

Eat a good meal, place a few bids, let the kiddos relax at our craft tables and visit with everyone's favorite Big Red Pal—then head out to the world of fun that the Winter Carnival Committee has planned for us all. On Saturday, February 11 the Hinesburg Community will truly come together. What a great thing that is—and we hope that you will be a part of it.

Winter Waffle Breakfast/Silent Auction at a Glance

Saturday, February 11 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Bidding closes at 10:30 a.m.

HCS Cafeteria

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free. Family price \$17 (2 adults, 2 kids)

Continuing Education Champlain College Launches Online MBA

This winter, Champlain College is launching an online MBA that turns the traditional MBA curriculum on its ear.

While many institutions are scrambling to incorporate real-world applications into their MBA curricula, the Champlain MBA was designed from the ground up on the following premise: the challenges faced at work are truly intertwined with what is learned in class. This intentional integration is at the heart of Champlain's innovative program, according to program director Dr. Don Haggerty.

The Champlain MBA is designed specifically for career-minded people looking to benefit from integrating their coursework with their work-based challenges," he said. "This integrated process will form the core of a student's learning and will serve as a springboard toward better job performance." Integration can be applied across many career fields and industries, such as marketing, accounting and healthcare.

Challenges in the workplace cover a range of topics, but most MBA programs treat these as isolated problems rather than related issues. Champlain's Master of Business Administration program breaks the mold by linking these learning experiences through something Haggerty calls "Integrated Reflective Practice."

Champlain MBA courses begin on February 27, and the College is now accepting applications.

With the flexibility of an entirely online program with 24-7 accessibility, busy professionals can decide for themselves when they will access coursework and participate in discussion threads with classmates from across the country. Champlain College was a pioneer in online education and its courses feature a high degree of interaction between faculty and fellow students via the Internet.

Each Champlain MBA course has been built around a work-integrated project that represents no less than 25 percent of the course's workload. "What's different is that the courses are

designed to serve the needs of the project rather than stapling the project on the back end of the course," Haggerty said.

Along the way, students in Champlain's program will achieve a set of competencies that are comparable to other MBA programs, but that's just the beginning. Because of integrated Areas of Practice in the courses and the applied nature of all the projects, a student's level of understanding and ability to apply learning is expected to exceed that found in a typical MBA program.

Hinesburg Resident among First to Take Advantage of New Program

Both Erin Lynn and John Boomhover have taken their first courses toward a Champlain MBA. Lynn, of Hinesburg, recognized how the program could open doors in her career as an assistant controller at S.T. Griswold in Williston. "Accounting is relatively specialized and I believe that being exposed to a much broader range of business thinking and experiences will make me a more valuable employee," she said. "The way we do business is changing rapidly and staying abreast of these trends is crucial."

Champlain's curriculum is based on six core Areas of Practice that are threaded into each course: Global, Organizational and Personal Values-Driven Leadership; Human Resources and Organizational Relationships; Measurement and Process Improvement; Innovation Through Information; Financial and Economic Resources; and Customers, Markets, Sales and Marketing.

To get Champlain MBA students in tune with the program's learning philosophy, students will take a one-credit course called Integrated and Reflective Practice. They'll learn about the importance of work-practice and experience as a basis for management development, as well as learning styles, action learning, dialogue, communication, personality types and team communication.

Applicants to the Champlain MBA are required to be currently employed or have a link to an organization that can be the focus of their in-class projects, assignments and activities. Because of the direct integration, employees and employers both benefit because there is no transfer time between what is learned and what is done at work.

An applicant's undergraduate degree does not have to be in business or management; Champlain has designed two MBA start-up courses for those without a degree in those fields.

Known for its long history of practical business education and for being a pioneer in online education, Champlain has built its MBA program to aggregate both of these strengths. This is the College's second online master's degree. The first—the Master of Science in Managing Innovation and Information Technology—began in Fall 2002.

Champlain MBA tuition is \$505 per credit and most courses are three credits each. Classes begin February 27. Call (888)545-3459 for more information or visit <http://www.champlain.edu/master>.

CCV Program Helps High- School Students Try College Tuition-Free

This spring semester, Vermont high school juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to participate in the Rise to the Challenge program offered by the Community College of Vermont (CCV). This program has two components: a free Introduction to College Studies class, followed by the opportunity to take a second course tuition-free.

The Rise to the Challenge program, funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant, allows high school students to take CCV's free "Introduction to College Studies" class at any of the College's twelve statewide locations.

Upon successful completion of the class, students may apply for a voucher to fund a second course at any of the Vermont State Colleges, including the Community College of Vermont, Castleton, Lyndon, Johnson and Vermont Technical.

"Introduction to College Studies is a 13-week course designed to help students develop skills necessary to succeed at the college level," says Gail Albert, Coordinator of Academic Services at CCV. "We work on note taking, studying, test taking, time and stress management, and a number of other skills." Although CCV does not grant college credit for Introduction to College Studies, many area schools do grant their students high school credits for the course.

The program is for a limited time, with vouchers available through summer 2006. For more information on Introduction to College Studies or the Rise to the Challenge voucher program, contact your local CCV office or visit www.ccv.edu.

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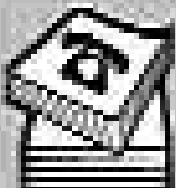
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Criminal Justice Veteran Teaches CCV Course

This spring semester, criminal justice expert Anne Cucinelli, will be sharing her rich and extensive knowledge as the instructor of the Community College of Vermont's (CCV) online course, "Criminal Law." The course is designed to provide students with an overview of the judicial process by examining its history, structure, and operation. Classes are held entirely online beginning on Monday, January 23.

Instructor Anne Cucinelli brings a lifetime of service to the community and experience in the field to the instruction of this class. Throughout the course, she will cover topics such as the evolution and development of criminal law; common law versus statutory crimes; elements of a crime; parties to a crime; criminal responsibility; and defenses to criminal culpability. Selected portions of the Vermont criminal code will also be examined.

"Ms. Cucinelli's professional experience, ranging from local Vermont courts to federal agencies and private sector consulting for the Department of Homeland Security, enriches students' learning," says CCV Coordinator of Academic Services John Christensen.

Rena Degraan, a past student of Cucinelli's appreciated the instructor's knowledge and attentiveness to students. "Anne is a wonderful instructor who is very thorough and extremely attentive. She checked in with each student very regularly and responded to everyone quickly. She has a wealth of knowledge to share and I look forward to taking her classes in the future," Degraan said.

Cucinelli holds a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement from Northeastern University; a master's from Anna Maria College, and a doctoral degree from Vermont Law School. She has worked as an FBI Special Agent, as Chief Investigator for the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board, and as a state prosecutor, as well as a contractor for the US Department of State, providing counter-terrorism surveillance detection training to U.S. embassy and consular staff worldwide. She is currently a non-practicing, Vermont-licensed attorney but works as a licensed private investigator, and is a principal in Victoria Rose Consultants, a Vermont-licensed investigative and counter-terrorism training firm which she owns jointly with her husband.

Cucinelli teaches a variety of criminal justice, political science and paralegal courses at CCV, at Woodbury College, and at Norwich University. She has been sharing the benefit of her professional experience with CCV students since January 1994, and was one of the College's first online instructors back in 1996.

CCV has an open admissions policy for anyone who can benefit from taking courses. Registration for this and all CCV spring semester courses is currently underway on the College's website, www.ccv.edu. Students who have completed CCV's admission process and returning students are eligible to register and pay for courses entirely online.

Those who have not completed the admissions process may begin by submitting a free, online admissions form, available at www.ccv.edu. No essay, SAT scores or application fee are required.

Financial aid is available to qualified students. Those interested should call their local CCV to schedule financial aid counseling. At \$163 per credit, CCV's tuition is the lowest of any college in Vermont.

Established in 1970, CCV is Vermont's second largest college providing quality, affordable education to nearly 10,000 students each year through its twelve locations: Bennington, Brattleboro, Burlington, Montpelier, Middlebury, Morrisville, Newport, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, St. Johnsbury and the Upper Valley.

For more information, call any CCV location or visit www.ccv.edu.

Brothers Combine

(Continued from the front page.)

James noted that the three brothers enjoy the outdoors, working together and physical labor; to them these projects mean much more than just work. James feels that the idea of working and living with his brothers is a relief from the familial isolation that most people beginning new careers experience.

In order to ensure the availability and viability of this land for now and in the future, the Russell family is in the process of conserving sixty-three acres of the land through the Vermont Land Trust. This conservation effort will also preserve the forested hillside which provides the scenic backdrop to the village, as well as a beautiful trail network accessible from the village and available to all residents. Our appreciation to the Russell family for this enhancement to our Town.

Organizations

Hinesburg: a Walkable Community

If there is one thing that Hinesburg residents can agree on, it is their desire to be able to walk safely in the town. At the January 4 Village Planning Forum at the Town Hall, over 125 residents gathered to discuss future development within the village district. The two terms that were repeated over and over by many residents were "connectivity" and "walkability."

Residents overwhelmingly expressed their desire to be able to walk in the village without risk of injury from the fast moving cars along Route 116. Moreover, many people simply stated that they wished they could move from one point in town to another without having to get into their car.

In 2004, the Hinesburg Trails Committee was established to ensure that all of Hinesburg's residents could enjoy outdoor recreation on the town's many public lands. Whether it is a winter snowshoe, a summertime jog, or an early spring cross-country ski, Hinesburg's residents can explore literally miles of expansive trails across our public lands.

The Trails Committee seeks to ensure that Hinesburg can indeed become the "walkable community" that residents want it to be.

In the past year, members of the Trails Committee have greatly expanded the trail network within the Town Forest, begun the development of an interconnected network of trails within the woodlands of the inner village, and outlined new connections between town lands.

Much more can be done to make Hinesburg into a town that can be traversed on foot, snowshoe, ski or bicycle.

If you share an interest in a community where sidewalks, foot trails and paths are a way for residents to travel, to connect with each other and to enjoy, please consider attending a meeting of the Trails Committee.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall. There are no membership requirements or election process—simply show up once or show up every month. Any level of participation is encouraged and appreciated.

Please look for a flyer at Town Meeting on March 6 that will include maps of the town's public lands and links on Hinesburg's town website for more information on the Trails Committee. If you have any questions, please contact the chair, Frank Twarog, by email at ftwarog@hotmail.com.

Did You Miss The "Barn Dance"?

The Hinesburg Land Trust-sponsored "Barn Dance" on December 3 was a huge success. Monkton residents Pete and

Karen Sutherland provided the music, and caller Mark Sustic gave instructions for the contra style dances.

About 150 people, of all ages, came out for this event, filling the Town Hall to near capacity. The benefit event raised about \$1,000, specifically to help with the conservation of the Russell Family Farm. Thanks to all who came.

If you weren't galloping around the hall with us back in December, there will be another chance to partake in the dancing, and support the Land Trust. The next dance in the HLT series is Saturday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Mary Ann Samuels will be calling, Billy Drislane will be playing fiddle, and Karen Downey will play guitar. The dances will be similarly geared toward the inexperienced. Refreshments will once again be provided.

Questions? Please email James Donegan at Doneganmaple@hotmail.com. See you there.

Order of Eastern Star Shines at Holidays

The "UnPredictables" of Hinesburg have been entertaining again this season, singing at eight Senior Homes this season. There are generally 15-18 members of LaPlatte Chapter #64 in



Pictured are Dick Preston, Rod Churchill, Moe Humphrey, Judy Humphrey, Ellie Carpenter and Wilma Preston singing in Vergennes.



"Warming up" are Rod Churchill and Moe Humphrey (on guitars), Dick Preston, our leader (behind Rod and Moe), and singers Judy Humphrey, Ellie Carpenter and Wilma Preston. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ELLIE CARPENTER



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Hinesburg who go around singing and making smiles come to the residents at various places in the Burlington area.

LaPlotte Chapter #64, Order of the Eastern Star in Hinesburg was busy between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The UnPredictables had eight performances at area senior centers and nursing homes.

Their next performance will be at the February 11 meeting of AARP in South Burlington.

They also helped the Masons give a Christmas party for the Hinesburg Nursery School.

The organization has had a good beginning to a new year, as they held a special meeting on Sunday, January 8 to initiate three new members. They are James and Gloria Warden and their daughter, Lindsey. The afternoon began with a soup and sandwich lunch, and included a cake to welcome our new members.

All are welcome to the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, February 22 for our Annual Spaghetti Supper at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment by the Green Mountain Banjos will follow the supper and is always a good time. The event is open to the public—we will collect a free-will offering.

VT Masons Donate 1004 Phone Cards to Troops Overseas

Freemasons from across Vermont have donated more than \$7,000 this year to purchase 100-minute phone cards to be distributed to American Troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans. The cards are issued through USO Centers and allow military personnel to call home to loved ones completely free of charge. Each donation of \$7 purchases one 100-International-minutes card with absolutely no percentage going to an administrative fee. This is the second year that Vermont's Masons have conducted their "Operation Phone Home Drive" and currently the two-year total is over \$12,000 in card donations.

According to John R. Campbell, Jr., Vermont's Grand Master, "card sales were encouraged at each of Vermont Freemason's thirteen District Meetings across the state during the months of September and October. Masons from Island Pond to Bennington enthusiastically supported the program as a large percentage of the members are veterans. At one meeting held in Williston more than \$2,000 in cards were purchased in one night. We all feel we are doing something very worthwhile to support our troops."

The Freemasons continue to sell these cards in honor of our troops and will personally acknowledge anyone who wishes to purchase one. Information can be obtained by calling (800)479-3975. Many returning veterans have praised the Masons and other organizations who distribute these cards near the front lines where they are greatly appreciated. The cards offer a communication life-line to relatives back home.

Hinesburg Friends of Families

By Ginny Roberts, Coordinator

Parent Training to Begin Feb.1

The Nurturing Parenting Program will be starting in Hinesburg on Wednesday evenings beginning February 1. It is an educational program for parents that includes the whole family. Trained facilitators work with parents on ways to improve communication with their children, how to set limits, discipline without spoiling or spanking, and other parenting issues. Children take part in their own educational group and the youngest children are provided with childcare. A homemade family dinner is served each evening as part of the program. The emphasis on the program is to give parents the tools and support to become more effective parents. The program is geared toward parents with children ages four through 12.

This program is free and open to families in Hinesburg and surrounding towns. It will be held at the Hinesburg United Church on 12 consecutive Wednesdays starting February 1. Each session begins at 5:45 p.m. and ends at 8:15 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625 for information or to register. This program is funded by Connecting Youth, Hinesburg Community Resource Center and Prevent Child Abuse Vermont.

Playgroup for Young Children and Parents

Wednesday mornings at the Town Hall are abuzz with toddlers playing with young friends and parents enjoying the company of other parents as they sit with babies in their arms.

It's the Hinesburg Friends of Families Playgroup that meets weekly to support new parents and give Hinesburg's youngest citizens a chance to socialize. Coordinated by Brandy Thorpe, activities include free play, circle time and plenty of animal crackers.

On January 8, Girl Scout Troop 483 spent the afternoon giving the toys a good cleaning and organizing the toy shelves. It's great to have their support!

For more information about playgroup or any other HFF Programs, call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625.

Still Tme to Submit Grant Requests to SCHIP

In the first year of its existence, SCHIP (Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg Interfaith Projects) gave grants ranging from \$500 to \$2000 for such community needs as youth and mentoring programs, community food shelves and fuel assistance.

The second round of applications for grants is now due

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and new applications for grants must be submitted by January 31. The original deadline of January 1 was extended to allow for the holidays.

The grants are for community-building and human services. Anyone with ideas that will help their community may pick up a simple application form at any of the Town Clerk's offices in Shelburne, Charlotte or Hinesburg, or at SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop next to the Town Center on Route 7 in Shelburne.

If an applicant is not an official non-profit organization, the application may be submitted through one of the churches or towns, or through an existing non-profit agency.

For information call SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop at 985-3595.

Masons' Cribbage Tournament to Benefit VT Students

By John S. Parenteau

The Grand Lodge of Vermont will hold their annual Cribbage Tournament on February 11 at the Masons' Lodge in Hinesburg. There will be prizes to the winners and lunch is provided. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. Price is \$5. Top prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Papa Nick's Restaurant.

The event, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Vermont, is the first leg of a statewide Cribbage Tournament. The second phase of the tournament is in Williston and the finals are in Barre. All the money raised through this event is to support the Vermont Freemasons' Scholarship Fund.

This scholarship program is for Vermont High School Students. Last year the Vermont Freemasons presented 50 scholarships to Vermont students.

So Cribbage Players from Hinesburg and surrounding areas, let's see what you got, and help a Vermont Student.

Please reserve a spot!

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

Health News

Moving Tips

By Dr. Lewis First

Parents have been *moved* to send me questions about how they can help their children prepare for a family move to a new place. Let me see if I can pack up some information that you can take with you regarding this topic.

While a move can certainly be disruptive for parents, it can also be a major stressor for children who may not have been part of the decision and may not understand why their world needs to change so dramatically. To prevent this from happening, I would suggest the following:

First, no matter what the reason (good or bad), try to keep a positive attitude about the move to help reassure your child.

Second, don't hide the fact that the move is occurring. Instead, talk to your child early and often, and include your child in the planning process as much as possible. This can help your child feel less like the move is being forced upon him/her. If the new home is nearby, take your child to see it ahead of time—along with the local playground and school—so he/she can get excited about what lies ahead. If the new home is farther away, try to get some pictures that you can show to your child.

If your child is an infant, don't worry. He/she is more interested in you than the move. If he/she is a toddler, make sure that it's clear that your packing up the toys doesn't mean that you are throwing them out. Also, try to keep some of the old furniture so that your toddler sees something familiar in the new house. Don't try to make the switch from crib to bed during the move, and also avoid trying to toilet train your child at the same time. Those kinds of upheavals will just add stress for both you and your child.

School-age children and teens may have the hardest time with the move, and they often may not want to move until the school year is over. If this is in any way possible, it's a good idea. If not, listen to your children's concerns and respect them, and acknowledge that it is a difficult time for you, too. Arranging return visits to the old neighborhood or exchanging letters and pictures with friends can help make the transition go more smoothly.

Try to keep all schedules and routines the same before, during, and after the move, and have your child's room set up first so he/she can see that their things are the same...just in a new setting.



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.

Inspired to Quit: Resolve to Stop Smoking in 2006

Instead of battling the freezing Vermont winds to smoke, make it your New Year's resolution to put out your cigarette and come in from the cold.

The Vermont Department of Health provides a variety of resources to help Vermonters quit smoking, which include free phone coaching through the Vermont Quit Line (1-877-YES-QUIT), free online help at Vermont Quit Net (www.VermontQuitNet.com), and quit coaching through the Ready, Set...STOP program at your local hospital.

"We've found that having coaching that helps smokers get ready to quit—on the phone, online, or in person—is very helpful. Services like the Vermont Quit Line and the hospital programs, which offer proven quit coaching and free or lower-cost nicotine replacement products (NRT), can double the chances of success," said Vermont Department of Health Commissioner Paul Jarris, MD. "Many Vermonters have come forward to share their success stories in the hope that they will inspire their friends and neighbors to quit smoking."

Here are just a few of the many personal stories shared by Vermonters from around the state who have quit smoking.

Ronald, a Brattleboro-area resident, retired early to pursue his life-long goal of becoming a landscape painter. Smoking two-and-a-half packs a day was wearing on Ronald's wallet and getting in the way of his dream. Quitting smoking gave Ronald the extra money he needed to take a "Business of Art" class, which helped him transform his dream into his livelihood.

Before calling the Vermont Quit Line, Debbie of Bakersfield smoked two-and-a-half packs a day. She always felt tired and couldn't walk up the stairs without getting winded. After quitting, Debbie has never felt healthier and better about

If, despite these ideas, your children are still having trouble adjusting after a month or so, please talk to your child's doctor, who can help you decide if further counseling is necessary.

Hopefully you'll find tips like these to be *moving* when it comes to needing to move your family to a new place.

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herself. She is more confident and has a new passion for exercise—she works out for at least one hour every day.

Nona of Wilmington was tired of always being outside smoking when her friends were inside having fun; once back inside, she'd be thinking about her next cigarette. Nona realized that smoking was controlling her life, so she decided to quit. Now, she can enjoy her time with friends without stopping to smoke.

When Robert, a Rutland resident and avid deer hunter, was smoking, he easily lost his breath and got tired when he was hunting. His taste buds were also missing many of the flavors, so he couldn't fully enjoy the fruits of his labor. After quitting, he found that once again he could enjoy hunting and savor the taste of venison. And now he can hunt for hours without getting tired.

These four Vermonters and many others have used the Vermont Quit Line or the Ready, Set...STOP program and free or discounted NRT products like patches and gum to help them quit smoking. To hear more Vermonters share their tips and motivations for quitting, as well as their stories about how smoking impacted their lives, log on to the Vermont Department of Health's animated Tobacco Stories website (www.TobaccoStories.org).

Approximately 96,000 adult Vermonters smoke, and an estimated 750 people in the state die from smoking-related diseases (including heart disease and cancer) every year.

VT's Flu Season Has Officially Started

The Vermont Department of Health confirmed a case of Type A influenza in Windham County on January 13, the first confirmed case this year.

The flu season typically begins each year in December or January, and may continue through April. Last year, the first confirmed case was in early December.

Flu symptoms include fever (usually high), headache, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and body or muscle aches. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea are symptoms that can occur but are more common among children than adults.

The Health Department is encouraging all Vermonters to limit the spread of influenza by taking common-sense precautions such as staying home from work if you are ill, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

Other actions everyone can take to stay healthy and keep illness from spreading include:

- wash your hands well and often with soap and water
- use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- keep hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth so that germs don't have a way in.

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- put the tissue into the trash

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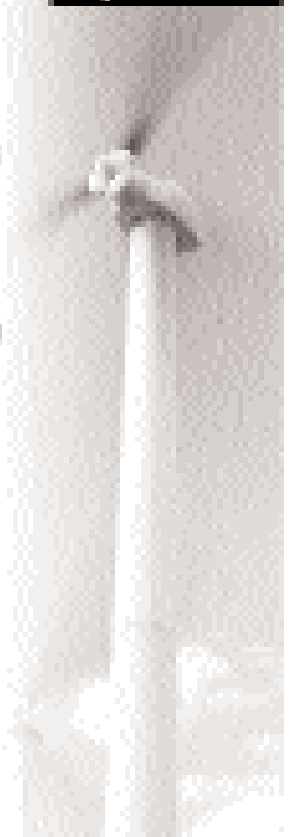
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Unlike the common cold, influenza can be life-threatening. Each year over 36,000 people in the U.S. die from complications of the flu.

A flu shot in the fall is still the single best way to prevent becoming sick.

"The flu may have been a bit late arriving this year, but it is not too late to get a shot this season. Everyone who wants to be vaccinated should be able to by contacting their physician's office," said Dr. Cort Lohff, state epidemiologist for the Vermont Department of Health. "Seniors, young children, pregnant women, health care workers and anyone with serious chronic illnesses like heart disease, diabetes or asthma should get vaccinated."

Although the first confirmed case was from a provider office in Windham County, it is likely there are additional flu cases in other areas of Vermont.

For questions about influenza, visit the Health Department's website at www.healthyvermonters.info.

ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

World Renowned Harpist to Perform in Hinesburg

The Hinesburg Artist Series is proud to present harpist Grace Cloutier in concert Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg.

Grace trained at The Juilliard School, Yale University, and in France. She has performed solo, chamber, and orchestral repertoire within the major concert halls of the United States and Europe. In addition, Grace has given performances in the Middle East and will soon perform in Asia. She will give her Carnegie Hall debut in Spring 2006.

Grace will be joined by the South County Chorus. The concert will make a great finale to the Winter Carnival Weekend. Admission is free, with donations appreciated.

Farmer's Night in Montpelier Features Hinesburg Groups

The Hinesburg Community Band, South County Chorus, In Accord and Jon Gailmor will be the featured performers at Farmer's Night in Montpelier on Wednesday, February 1. The Hinesburg-based groups are sponsored by the Hinesburg Artist Series.

Hinesburg Artist Series Celebrates Ten Years of Performing

The Hinesburg Artist Series Concert will present the South County Chorus and Artist Series Orchestra in a performance of the Mozart Requiem in celebration of their ten-year anniversary.

The anniversary concert will be held on Sunday, March 26, at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg at 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to be a supporter or sponsor of this event, please call Rufus Patrick at 482-3010.

VYO Winter Concert

The Vermont Youth Orchestra (VYO) will hold its winter concert, "Floating World: Music From the Far East," on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Flynn Center for Performing Arts.

The VYO collaborates with renowned violinist Midori and presents a new work by Middlebury composer Su Lian Tan in this concert of music steeped in Asian heritage and Far Eastern culture.

For tickets, call (802)86-Flynn. Tickets are available at the box office on the day of the show. For more information, call (802)655-5030.

Too Good to Miss

Compiled by June Giroux

"Copenhagen: A production", by Michael Frayn, directed by Stephen Golux, featuring Donald Grady, Mark Nash, and Melisa Loirie, will be presented January 25 to February 5 at Flynn Space in Burlington. Call 86-Flynn for tickets, www.vtstage.org for information. Science, politics, morality, and friendship all come together in this fiercely intelligent and deeply human play.

Table tennis tournament: Champlain College's Table Tennis Club faces the UVM Table Tennis Club in a tournament on Saturday, January 28. IDX Student Life Center at Champlain College, 262 South Willard Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More info: 865-5466. Spectators welcome! Free.

"No Exit": Champlain Theatre presents "No Exit" by Jean-Paul Sartre. Adapted from the French by Wes Donehower and directed by Joanne Farrell of Champlain's faculty on February 2-4 and 8-11. Sartre's one-act tells the story of two women and a man who are placed in an extreme situation in a confined environment. The play is a rich and compelling study of the individual's struggle to define oneself according to one's deeds. Featuring actors John David Alexander, Jason Briody, Alexandra Sevakian and Annemieke Wade. Tickets are \$14 general admission; \$5 students. Reserve tickets at: 651-5962. Performed in Champlain College's Alumni Auditorium, 375 Maple Street, at 8:00 p.m.

Improv Comedy Night: Champlain Theatre presents Improv Comedy Night on February 18, where students take suggestions from the audience to create outrageous scenes guaranteed to keep you in stitches. Information at: 651-5962. Performed in Champlain College's Alumni Auditorium, 375 Maple Street, at 7:30 p.m. Free.

Georgia O'Keeffe and Tasha Tudor Exhibitions Come to Shelburne in 2006

Shelburne Museum's schedule of new exhibitions in 2006 includes a major show of paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe and a retrospective of the art and life of children's book illustrator Tasha Tudor. The O'Keeffe exhibit, titled "Simple Beauty: Paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe" features some 20 works by one of the most accomplished and admired artists of the 20th Century and includes landscapes, still-life, and abstract paintings. No extra admission fee will be charged for this exhibition; it is open June 24 through October 31.

The paintings in "Simple Beauty" are on loan from museums and private collections throughout the U.S., including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Denver Art Museum, and the Princeton University Art Museum. Among the subjects are close-up views of flowers for which she is famous and city scenes that are less well known. Several works from private collections have rarely been on public view, and many in the show date from the 1920s when the public was beginning to recognize O'Keeffe's importance as an artist.

"Simple Beauty" is the first exhibition of O'Keeffe (1887-1986) at Shelburne Museum and in Vermont. The exhibition provides an overview of the artist's work and highlights connections between O'Keeffe and the development of American landscape painting, including painters represented in Shelburne's permanent collection such as Andrew Wyeth and Martin Johnson Heade.

Says Stephan Jost, Director of Shelburne Museum, "I am thrilled for Shelburne to host this exhibition of such an influential artist. O'Keeffe found great inspiration in nature; we hope people will come enjoy this exhibit in the Museum's beautiful Vermont setting."

Also opening at Shelburne in 2006 is "East of Vermont, West of New Hampshire: The Artful Life of Tasha Tudor", a retrospective of the whimsical illustrations of Tasha Tudor and the unconventional creative force behind them. A Marlboro, Vermont resident, Ms. Tudor's lifestyle brings to life the imaginary, peaceful 1830s New England rural scenarios she illustrated and made famous in works such as Corgiville Fair (1971). Shelburne's exhibition includes over 40 works of art, including pieces never before exhibited, and recreated scenes from Tudor's home and garden. It opens May 21, the date of Lilac and Gardening Sunday at the Museum, and continues through October 31.

Champlain Valley Exposition More than Just a Fair in 2006

"It's not just an August/September fair anymore," we hear frequently. The Champlain Valley Exposition plans for 2006 number more than 50 and there is something for everyone. Get out your calendar and save the dates.

Two major events moving to Essex Junction in 2006 include:

- Vermont Flower Show, February 24 through 26
- Vermont Quilt Festival (previously held in Northfield), June 30 through July 2.

Some favorite shows are returning bigger and better in 2006:

- Everything Equine, April 29 and 30
- Vermont Balloon and Music Festival, June 2 through 4
- 85th Champlain Valley Fair, August 26 through September 4
- NSRA Northeast Street Rod Nationals, September 22 through 24
- Champlain Valley Antiques Festival, October 7 and 8

Upcoming events also include: Shriners' Bingo (February 5), Rock Maple Snow-Cross Snowmobile Racing Series (February 11-12), Vermont Boat and Marine Show (February 17-19), State Cheerleading Competitions (February 25) and New England Dairy and Beef Expo (February 28-March 1).

Copies of the new "Special Events 2006" brochure are available at most tourist centers, restaurants, and retail outlets in Northern Vermont. Information and event updates are also available at www.cvfair.com or by calling (802) 878-5545.

VSO Contract with Jamie Laredo Extended

At the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's (VSO) opening Masterworks concert at Burlington's Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, VSO Vice-Chairman Brian Harwood announced Jaime Laredo will remain the Music Director of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra through the 2007/2008 season.

"I am delighted that Jaime Laredo will continue to provide the musical leadership of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra," Harwood said. "We certainly are fortunate to have the benefit of his great musical talents which, with his warm personality, he shares with his fellow Vermonters."

Known as one of the greatest violinists and chamber musicians in the world, and highly respected as both a conductor and teacher, Laredo (a Guilford resident) served as Artistic Advisor of the VSO for two seasons before assuming the Music Directorship in 2000.

"I'm so happy and excited that I will still be with the Orchestra," Laredo said. "The VSO is one of the dearest things in my life, a musical highlight, and I am thrilled this relationship is continuing."

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra produces fifty orchestra concerts, nearly 200 educational presentations and dozens of ensemble performances annually throughout the state. Jaime Laredo's next VSO appearances include two Masterworks concerts on January 28 and May 6 at the Flynn Center in Burlington. For more information on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, call the VSO office at (800)VSO-9293, ext. 10, or go to the website, www.vso.org.

800-year-old Chinese Ceramics Rescued from Watery Graves on Display at Shelburne Art Center Gallery

A pair of bold yellow banners and four expansive bright red lanterns swaying in the portico make it clear that something intriguing is happening inside the Shelburne Art Center Gallery.

Shelburne Art Center and Schneible Fine Art present "Treasures from Asia", an exciting and rare selection of ancient treasures from China, Japan, and Island Asia. Treasures from Asia is on exhibit January 9 through February 18.

The exhibition includes seldom-seen stone carvings and works of art in jade, ceramics, and wood priced from a few hundred dollars to many thousands. All art in the exhibition is for sale, with a percentage of the proceeds benefiting the Art Center and other nonprofit organizations.

Two limestone Ming Tiger Guardians greet visitors at the door with their peaceful countenances.

Inside the gallery, treasure finds pulled from beneath the ocean from Indonesia, China, and Japan include tea bowls, porcelain vases, and one urn with barnacles still intact. With thousands and thousands of vessels laden with precious cargo traveling Indonesian

waters during the 12th and 14th centuries, it is not surprising that a huge number wrecked in savage seas, casting their treasure into the depths for future generations to discover.

Another rare find on view is a Female "Polo Player" from the Tang Dynasty (618-907 CE). Horse and rider are culptured in terra cotta and the piece depicts one of the many privileges enjoyed by women during this period.

Exhibition highlights include a China Prancing Horse from the Western Han Dynasty (206 BCE-25 CE), a rare wooden survivor from northwest China, made of shong wood and originally found in Wuwei City; a China Shuiyue "water-moon" Guanyin Bodhisattva seated in royal ease pose and made of polychromed cedar; and a 32" high Youthful Taoist Protector "Guandi" in painted sandstone. Guandi is the patron deity of literature for having memorized the works of Confucius (purportedly having done so in a single sitting without going cross-eyed).

The Shelburne Art Center is a nonprofit arts organization that serves residents of Chittenden County and beyond. For over 60 years it has been a focal point in the cultural life of the community, offering year-round classes and programs for all ages. The Art Center's Gallery displays fine art and crafts including the work of artists from Vermont and the United States. The Gallery presents solo and group exhibits throughout the year. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information call (802)985-3648 or visit www.shelburneartcenter.org.

Vermont Humanities Events in Chittenden County

Wednesday, February 1

— **Vermont and Human Freedom**

Part of the First Wednesdays series. Historian Howard Coffin considers the history of human freedom in Vermont, beginning with the Vermont Constitution, the first to outlaw slavery. He will discuss the state's opposition to fugitive slave laws and the existence of slavery and racism in Vermont, particularly as expressed in letters sent home by Vermont Civil War soldiers. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Fletcher Free Library. Burlington, Fletcher Free Library, 7:00 p.m. Call Barbara Shatar, (802) 865-7211.

Thursday February 2

— **Music of France and Germany**

The evolution from a single, simple line of music to a more complex texture was spearheaded in the 12th Century at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. You will follow this evolution through its growth and change over several centuries. Part of the Lifelong Learning Music Series, supported in part by a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council. South Burlington Community Library, 7:00 p.m. Call Louise Murphy, (802) 652-7076.

Friday, February 3

— **The Western Abenaki History and Culture**

Who were the native people of Vermont and how did they live? This lecture examines the importance in Abenaki society of elders and children, the environment, and the continuance of lifeways and traditions. The program, presented by Jeanne Brink, will be tailored to the host organization to include discussion and demonstrations of Abenaki language, dance, games, family stories, or basket-making. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Pierson Library. Shelburne, Pierson Library, 7:00 p.m. Call Martine Fiske, (802) 985-5124.

Wednesday, February 9—

Book Discussion,

Henry David Thoreau's Civil Disobedience

Thoreau's "Civil Disobedience" was originally published in 1849 as "Resistance to Civil Government" and has influenced Mohandas Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and many others. Peter Burns leads a discussion on this classic essay. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Fletcher Free Library. Burlington, Fletcher Free Library, 7:30 p.m. Call Barbara Shatar, (802) 865-7211.

Wednesday, February 8 — Harlem Stomp, A Cultural History of The Harlem Renaissance

This multi-media presentation by Laban Carrick Hill explores the literature, poetry, art, and music of the Harlem Renaissance. It includes images and music from the period, and

features the works of Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Sargent Johnson, and Marcus Garvey. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by South Burlington Community Library. South Burlington Community Library, 12:00 p.m. Call Louise Murphy, (802) 652-7076.

**Thursday, February 16—Book Discussion,
Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes***

Part of the Memorable Memoirs series. These memoirs became classics for a good reason. Unsentimental, yet deeply moving, these life stories draw readers in and don't let them go. Led by Merilyn Burrington. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Friends of the Burnham Memorial Library. Colchester, Burnham Memorial Library, 7:00 p.m. Call Sandra Gluck, (802) 879-7576.

**Tuesday, February 28—Forts and Battlefields
from Saratoga to Chamblay**

Although Howard Coffin has led many tours of Civil War battlefields in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, he has discovered that some of the most intriguing military sites are in or near Vermont. Coffin discusses the key conflicts along the Champlain war corridor such as Saratoga, Hubbardton, Bennington, Ticonderoga, the St. Albans Raid, and such lesser known sites as Arnold's Bay, Fort Anne, and Fort Cassin. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Friends of the Milton Library and Milton Public Library. Milton Public Library, 7:00 p.m. Call Fran Ferro, (802) 893-4644.

**Wednesday, March 1—In Search of Our
Mother's Gardens**

Part of the First Wednesdays series. In celebration of Women's History Month, UVM Professor Mary Lou Kete talks about the creative spark handed down from one generation of women to the next. This talk searches for what Alice Walker called our "mothers' gardens," in the British and American literary culture from the earliest periods through today. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Fletcher Free Library. Burlington, Fletcher Free Library, 7:00 p.m. Call Barbara Shatar, (802) 865-7211.

**Monday, March 6—Book Discussion, Emily
Bronte's *Wuthering Heights***

Part of the Lovers in Love series. This series invites readers to laugh, groan, agonize and weep over the plights and delights of lovers in settings that range from the cold English moors to the lush Caribbean coast of South America. Led by Nancy M. Wright. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Wake Robin Retirement Community. Shelburne, Wake Robin Retirement Community, Hornbeam Lounge, Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Call Anne Mitchell, (802) 985-9546.

**Wednesday, March 12—Meet Eleanor
Roosevelt, Wife, Mother, and First Lady**

Elena Dodd presents a one-woman drama and historical interpretation of Eleanor Roosevelt throughout her adventures as a controversial First Lady in the 1930s and 1940s. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Brownell Library. Essex Junction, Brownell Library, 7:00 p.m. Call Penelope Pillsbury, (802) 878-6955.

Book Discussion Series, Mothers and Daughters

These novels chart the sometimes shaky bridge between mothers and daughters—and how love and understanding can help strengthen the relationship. Led by Merilyn Burrington. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by South Burlington Community Library. South Burlington Community Library, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Call Louise Murphy, (802)652-7076.

February 8, Mona Simpson's *Anywhere But Here*. March 8, Jamaica Kincaid's *Annie John*.

Book Discussion Series: Influential First Ladies

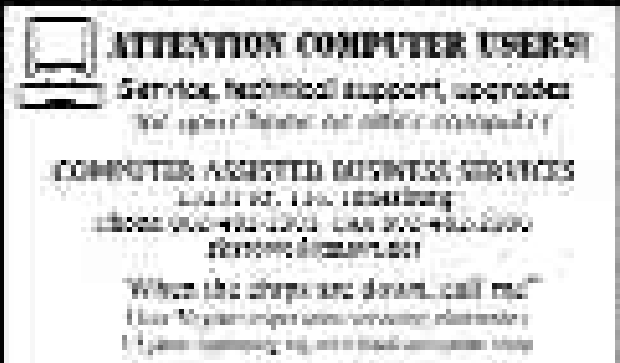
First Ladies historically may have lingered in the shadows of their husbands, but that doesn't mean they didn't wield considerable influence and authority—sometimes even virtually running the show. Rediscover presidential history through the power behind the throne. Led by Samuel B. Hand. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Brownell Library. Essex Junction, Brownell Library, 7:00 p.m. Call Penelope Pillsbury, (802) 878-6955.

February 14: Blanche Wiesen Cook's *Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume 2, The Defining Years, 1933-1938*; March 8: Phyllis Lee Levin's *Edith and Woodrow, The Wilson White House*.



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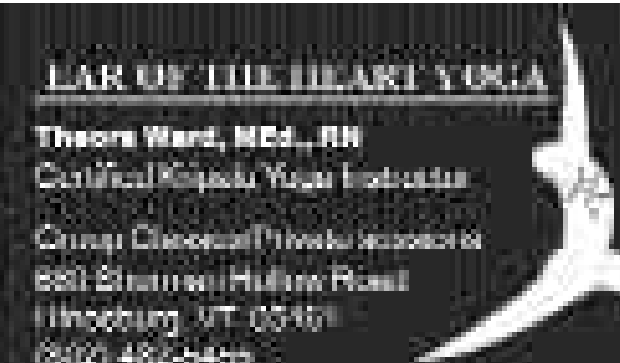
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Governor's Institutes Offers Ninth Weekend Institute

Are you a high school student with an interest in theater and performing arts? Would you like to better understand the positive side of communication and how to better communicate with everyone in your life? Does a day on Mt. Mansfield with high-tech snow testing equipment sound exciting? Here is an opportunity for any student grades 9 - 12 to spend a Governor's Institutes Winter Weekend engaged in Youth Activism, Performing Arts, Snow Studies, or Communication Arts.

Each summer Vermont high school students spend one and two weeks at the Governor's Institutes of Vermont exploring the arts, sciences, youth activism and more. For this Winter Weekend, students from all over Vermont will come together at Goddard College in Plainfield February 10 through 12. Any Vermont high school student can register to attend on a space-available basis. The cost is \$149. There is some financial aid available for those who qualify. Contact your local high school or the Governor's Institutes office for more information and registration forms.

Sports News

Iroquois SnoBeavers Open Trails, Hearts

The December meeting of the Iroquois SnoBeavers was held on the 14th. At the meeting, motions were brought to the floor on several fundraising and charitable events that the club will be holding.

The only fundraising event planned at this time is the 4th annual Calcutta to be held March 4 at the Old Lantern in Charlotte. The dinner is being catered by The Dog Team Tavern, with a silent auction to follow. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Kiley Fund. Tickets can be purchased from Kristy Brown at Ballard's Country Store for \$110 per couple.

The club is proud to announce that their charitable donation will be a \$100 purchase of fuel oil from Hart and Mead, to be delivered to two unknown families in our community.

Many volunteers have been working hard getting permission and clearing the trails. They would like to say thank you to all land owners and residents of Hinesburg for their cooperation and support. With a few more hurdles to cross and one large re-route, we hope to have the trails open to the snowmobile community again.

We would like to have a greater attendance at our meetings, and therefore all are welcome to join us at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Hinesburg Fire Station.

8th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot a Success, Benefits Land Trust

By Colin McNaull

The Hinesburg Land Trust's 8th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot, held on Sunday, November 27, fielded the most runners since the race's inception. The day started with sunshine but by race time the weather was overcast.



This year's Turkey Lane Turkey Trot had its greatest level of participation in its eight-year history of benefiting the Hinesburg Land Trust. PHOTO BY COLIN MCNAULL

The race was a success despite the rain, wind, and the chilly temperature. All of the 43 runners enjoyed the exhilarating day. We also had nine walkers and three dogs, two of which ran while one pulled its owner over the 4.25 mile course that passes by some of the land conserved by the

Hinesburg Land Trust.

The event raised \$535 for the Hinesburg Land Trust.

Nathan Fields, age 25, of Underhill, was the first person across the finish line with a time of 24:54. Caryn Etherington, age 49, of Middlebury, won the women's division with a time of 32:31.

Other winners in their age divisions were: Doug Rumsey, 30-39, Burlington; Kate Daly, 30-39, Montpelier; Jim Frazier, 40-49, Hinesburg; Doris Dewing, 50+, Hinesburg; and Meg Seaton, under 29, Hinesburg.

Bell's Maple Syrup of Hinesburg provided prizes.

Plan ahead—the 9th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot, the only "Turkey Trot" in the world to be run on a Turkey Lane, will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2006.

Charlotte (Hinesburg) Little League Readies for 2006 Season

Charlotte Little League, which includes players and coaches from both Charlotte and Hinesburg, held its annual meeting on Monday, December 5. The following officers were elected: President, Patrice Machavern; Vice President, Peter Carreiro; Secretary, Rahn Fleming; and Treasurer, Bobby Shea.

The following non-officer positions were also filled: Concessions Coordinator, Laurie Aube; Registration Coordinator, Laura Atkinson; Safety Officer, Josh Flores; Sponsorship Coordinator, Jack Barnes; Umpire Coordinator, Ed Sulva; Booster Club/Friends of CLL, Vanessa Bissonette, Julie Shea, Michelin Carroll, and Kristin Halvorson.

Open and/or unconfirmed roles include: Facilities Coordinator, Information Officer and Website Administrator. Anyone interested in becoming more involved in the organization should contact Patrice Machavern at 425-3901.

Lacrosse Clinics

The Saint Michael's College Women's Lacrosse team will hold Lacrosse clinics for girls ages eight through 17.

The clinics will focus on the technical skills of offense and defense with direction from the Saint Michael's Women's Lacrosse players and coaches.

The clinics will be held on five consecutive Sunday mornings, beginning February 5 and concluding on March 5, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the indoor Tarrant Center. The cost is \$80 for all five sessions or \$20 per session. For application information, call Carla Hesler at 654-2634 or email her at chesler@smcvt.edu.

Green Mountain Club's Snowshoe Festival Returns

After a two-year hiatus, the Green Mountain Club's Snowshoe Festival is back! The event will take place on Saturday, February 4 at GMC headquarters in Waterbury Center.

The club's South Barn burned down in a January 2003 fire, causing the organization to cancel the event in 2004. The following year the club decided to give the event a try despite the missing facility only to have to cancel it at the last minute due to a lack of snow. There's still no barn but GMC volunteers, members, and staff have enthusiastically embraced a more scaled down Snowshoe Festival for winter 2006.

"This year our intention is to recapture the smaller-scale, homespun feel of the original snowshoe festivals from the early nineties. Please join us! Snowshoe Fest remains a great event for people of all ages and skill levels," said Pete Antos-Ketcham, GMC's Education Coordinator and Facilities Manager. That means fewer offsite tours and fewer on-site vendors, but plenty of on-site activities for all ages, including demonstrations and tours, free snowshoe demos, door prizes, and hot beverages.

Several area college outing clubs will be providing demo snowshoes along with Stowe's very own Tubbs Snowshoe.

Another difference this year is that the event will not take place in January but on Saturday, February 4 in order to ensure the best likelihood of snow.

As in previous years, the daylong event is a perfect opportunity to get out with family and friends and celebrate Vermont's mountains. If you don't have snowshoes, a limited number of demo pairs will be available for free for on-site trips.

Registration is required for all off-site trips. Admission is \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers; kids under 12 are free.

For more information and to register, call GMC at (802)244-7037 or visit us on the web at www.greenmountainclub.org.

This Winter the GMC Wants to Get You on Snowshoes!

With a new snowshoe book, a new snowshoe trail, free demonstrations at this year's Snowshoe Fest, and numerous winter workshops and organized outings, the Green Mountain Club provides an abundance of opportunities to explore Vermont's winter landscape and stay fit during the cold season.

Inexpensive and easy to learn, snowshoeing is a sport that has steadily gained popularity over the last three decades. In Vermont, the winter landscape provides a rich variety of hiking experiences and outdoor adventure—and now with GMC's newest book, *Snowshoeing in Vermont: a Guide to the Best Winter Hikes*, the best novice and expert snowshoe hikes are easy to find. Complete with driving directions, parking information, trail descriptions, maps and mileages, *Snowshoeing in Vermont* includes hikes that appear in print for the first time, creating experiences for all levels to explore the sport and the state.

GMC's Education Program offers low-cost winter workshops and its annual Snowshoe Festival. This winter's workshops cover cold-weather trekking, avalanche skills, winter backpacking and camping, snowshoe map and compass, and winter wilderness medicine. GMC organized winter outings include the Women in Winter series, GMC Excursions, and outings hosted by GMC's fourteen local sections in their regions of the state.

Also new this year is the Short Trail, a half-mile footpath located behind the Club's Marvin B. Gameroff Hiker Center in Waterbury Center. The trail was completed in August of this year and provides an ideal setting for beginning snowshoers and families with young children. The trail is free and open to the public during daylight hours. An accompanying guidebook, *The Short Trail: A Footpath through History*, is available for \$1.50 at GMC's Marvin B. Gameroff Hiker Center during office hours.

Rustic, charming, and of individual character, GMC's Wheeler Pond Camps make an ideal winter getaway. Nestled in the woods of Vermont's majestic Northeast Kingdom, porch views from each cabin look over Wheeler pond toward Wheeler and Moose Mountains. Both Beaver Dam and Hadsel/Mares camps provide wood burning stoves and front-door access to plenty of outdoor recreation that includes snowshoeing, skiing, and ice climbing. The diverse terrain provides an excellent training ground for the novice or expert. With no electricity or plumbing, and at best only spotty cell phone service, guests can count on few, if any, outside-world distractions. GMC's Wheeler Pond Camps are an affordable and unique getaway for outdoor winter travelers of all skill levels.

Fifth Graders Ski, Ride for Free at Vermont Alpine and X-Country Resorts

This year marks the sixth winter season that Vermont 5th graders can ski, snowboard or cross country ski for free with a Vermont 5th Grade Passport.

Passport holders also get coupons for one day of skiing at eight other participating state programs.

There is no perfect age to learn to ski or ride—young and old alike enjoy the sport. However, children in the 5th grade are both developmentally and physically ready to successfully learn the sport. The Vermont 5th Grade Passport program is sponsored by Pepsi, Casella Waste Systems, Kombi, Rossignol and WCAX TV.

Passport holders who already ski or ride can expand their love of the sport by exploring Vermont's many diverse areas and visit resorts across the state. Both parents and children report these new experiences to be exciting and fun.

"Skiing or riding is a lifetime activity that families can enjoy together for years to come. I have fond memories of skiing as a child and as an adult still relish time on the slopes with my parents. This program offers families and kids the chance to get involved in a great sport," says Heather Atwell, director of programs and public affairs for Ski Vermont.

To receive a personalized 5th Grade Passport, students should submit a completed application including proof of 5th grade status, a small photograph and a \$10 processing fee. Passport holders must be accompanied by a paying adult. Each adult may bring up to two Passport holders. Some restrictions may apply. Passports are valid December 1, 2005 through May 1, 2006 excluding blackout dates.

For more information and to download an application, go to the "Kidzone" at www.skivermont.com or call (802)223-2439.

VT Golf Association Scholarship Fund Applications Available

Applications for the Vermont Golf Association Scholarship Fund are now available in the Guidance Department Offices in all high schools in Vermont. The Vermont Golf Association Scholarship Committee will award \$1,000 per year scholarships to ten high school seniors in the spring of 2006.

Scholarship applicants must be residents of the state of Vermont and a senior in a Vermont, Hanover, New Hampshire, or Granville, New York high school. Applicants must show a connection to golf, financial need, be in the top 40% of their graduating class or have a G.P.A. of at least 80%, and a minimum combined SAT score of 1000 and acceptance to an accredited two or four-year college or university. Applications are due by April 20.

Since its inception in 1963, the VGA Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$750,000 in scholarships to more than 300 Vermont graduates. Golfers throughout the region, the Vermont Golf Association, the Vermont Women's Golf Association, the Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association, the Vermont Senior Golf Association and local businesses donate to the Scholarship Fund. In 2005, the Vermont Scholarship Fund provided \$40,000 in scholarships to 40 college students residing in Vermont.

You can find additional golf information through the Vermont Golf Association website at www.vtga.org or through the Vermont Golf Association offices. The Vermont Golf Association can be contacted during weekday hours at (800)924-0418, (802) 773-7180, or through email at vga@vtga.org.

NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June T. Giroux

Our Newest Residents

A baby boy, *Peter Alan Stewart*, was born November 26, 2005 to Douglas and Jennee (Vorel) Stewart of Hinesburg at the Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) in Burlington.

Richard Mason and Heather Purinton are parents of a baby boy, *Everett Glee Mason*, born December 23, 2005 at FAHC.

A baby girl, *Mackenna Melissa Riggs*, was born December 30, 2005 to Timothy and Kathleen (Mack) Riggs of Hinesburg.

James and Natanya (Groten) Helak are parents of a baby boy, *Gabriel Ignacz Helak*, born January 1, 2006 at FAHC.

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.

Nichols to Present at Ocean Sciences Meeting in Honolulu

Allison M. Nichols, daughter of Carole McCay of Hinesburg and Claude Nichols of Williston has been selected to present her research project "Mechanisms of Trophic Cascade in the New England Rocky Intertidal: Interactions among Mesopredators" at the 13th annual Ocean Sciences Meeting to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii February 20 through 24.

A senior at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. majoring in biology, Allison conducted her research during the summer of 2005 at the Shoals Marine Laboratory.

Nichols Recognized During "Resident Advisor Appreciation Week"

Allison M. Nichols, the daughter of Carole McCay of Hinesburg and Claude Nichols of Williston, is a Resident Advisor

(RA) at Hamilton College for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Hamilton's Resident Advisor staff is a group of dedicated and talented student leaders who work to promote a respectful, healthy, dynamic environment in and out of the residence halls. One of the fundamental tasks of an RA is to build community on the floor or area, building, and ultimately the campus by holding regular meetings and planning frequent social events with residents as well as being available on an informal basis. As an RA, students must remain in good academic and social standing, uphold and support the Hamilton College Honor Code and maintain a minimum grade average of 80%.

Nichols was recognized along with the whole RA staff during Hamilton's Resident Advisor Appreciation Week in November. Nichols is a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School.

Red Cross Blood Donations

Donors from Hinesburg who have received their gallon pins from the American Red Cross Blood Services recently include: *Doug Olufsen*, 74 gallons, and *Janet Burnor*, seven gallons.

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.

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

Bailey Named to VT Tech Academic Honor List

Vermont Technical College announced student *Lauren M. Bailey* of Hinesburg was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2005 semester. To be eligible for the lists, students must be degree students carrying at least 12 credit hours and who have not received a failing or incomplete grade in any subject during that semester.

Make 2006 a Fresh Air Fund Year for Hinesburg Area

The New Year gives families a wonderful opportunity to make resolutions about activities they can do together in the coming year.

In 2006, help the children of New York City by volunteering to be a host family for The Fresh Air Fund. Volunteering as a family is a chance to spend time together and to introduce children to volunteerism and community service.

Since 1877, New York City children growing up in low-income neighborhoods have experienced the joys of summer in suburban and small town communities through the Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town program. By welcoming visitors into their homes during the summer, host families give Fresh Air children a break from the sometimes dangerous hot and crowded streets.

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

Master Gardener Basic Course

Registration for the 2006 Vermont Master Gardener Basic Course is now underway. This University of Vermont Extension non-credit course is offered at locations throughout Vermont only once each year and fills quickly.

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

Students who wish to earn Vermont Certified Master Gardener status are required to fulfill an internship upon completion of this Basic Course. Interns put their classroom knowledge to work by participating in established Master Gardener projects. Certified Master Gardeners are eligible for advanced gardening workshops and tours to stay up-to-date on horticultural research, learn and practice techniques like garden

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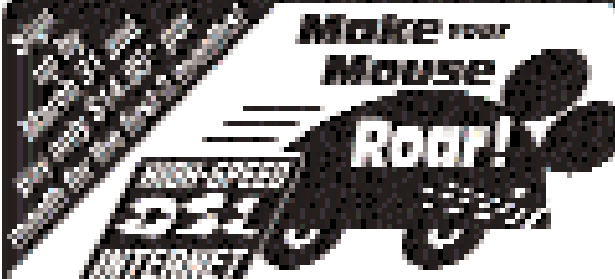


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design, and have the opportunity to network with advanced gardeners, UVM faculty, and industry professionals.

The course will be offered Tuesday evenings, February 7 to May 9, from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Vermont Interactive Television sites in Bennington, Brattleboro, Burlington, Johnson, Lyndon, Middlebury, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, Waterbury, White River Jct. and Williston.

Tuition is \$250 plus an additional \$45 for the Training Handbook (required) and all class materials. For registration or information, visit www.uvm.edu/mastergardener. Email master.gardener@uvm.edu or call (802)656-9562.

Midori to Perform with VYO

The Vermont Youth Orchestra, led by Music Director and Conductor Troy Peters, presents "Floating World: Music from the Far East" on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. Two dynamic female artists—renowned violinist Midori, and Middlebury composer Su Lian Tan—set the tone for this musical blend of culture and virtuosity.

Midori performs the Bruch Violin Concerto in G minor



Midori performs the Bruch Violin Concerto in G minor with the VYO as the culmination of a four-day residency.

with the VYO as the culmination of a four-day residency, during which time she will rehearse and perform with both the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and the Vermont Youth Orchestra. In addition to a vigorous rehearsal schedule, Midori will share meals with both orchestras, teach a master class for VYOA students, and lead arts advocacy activities. She joins the Vermont Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, January 28 at 8:00 p.m. to present Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto.

Midori made her historic debut at the age of 11 when she was introduced as a surprise guest artist by conductor Zubin Mehta at the New York Philharmonic's annual New Year's Eve concert in 1982. Since that night over 20 years ago, she has established a record of achievement which sets her apart as a master musician, an innovator and a champion of the developmental potential of children.

Midori's concerts with the Vermont Youth Orchestra and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra are made possible in part by the Orchestra Residencies Program, which aims to strengthen the ties of the American youth orchestra to its local adult orchestra, as well as to build their relationships with performers, staff and the community-at-large.

This concert also features the world premiere of the VYOA-commissioned "U Be You", written by Middlebury composer Su Lian Tan. Ms. Tan is an Associate Professor and former Chairman of the Music Department at Middlebury College. There, she is known for her unique musical perspective, connecting to her students through the exploration of popular music. Ms. Tan's work has been featured numerous times at Summargarden at MOMA, Lincoln Center and Merkin Hall, and at the Ravinia Festival. As a musician, she has appeared as a soloist and performed with orchestras worldwide. Ms. Tan has been composer-in-residence with the VYOA since the fall of 2005.

The public is invited to meet Midori in a reception held in Contois Auditorium at City Hall immediately following the performance.

Tickets may be purchased at the Flynn Center Box Office. Prices are \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, \$8 students. Tickets are expected to sell quickly for this concert. Please plan to

purchase tickets in advance. For more information call (802) 86-FLYNN or go online at www.flynnntix.org.

This concert is sponsored by National Life of Vermont. The 2005/2006 VYO season is sponsored by Champlain Orthodontic Associates, LTD.

Shelburne Players to Hold Auditions

The Shelburne Players will be holding open auditions for Tennessee Williams' play *The Night of the Iguana* at the Shelburne Town Center on Friday, February 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and on February 11 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The roles require four females and six males, ranging in age from 16 to 97. Scripts are available at the Pierson Library adjacent to the fire station.

The play, directed by Don Rowe, will be presented at the Shelburne Town Center on April 21, 22, 28 and 29. The Town Center is located on the west side of Route 7 in Shelburne, adjacent left of the fire station. For further information, call 862-7566.

Annual Statewide Theater Audition and Interviews

Calling all performers, designers, directors, technicians, and management personnel! On Saturday, March 4, hopeful Theatre Artists from all over will "strut their stuff" for a Producers' Circle consisting of 18 to 25 theatre companies, ad agents, independent producers, and representatives from area film/commercial/video companies. The Eighteenth Annual Professional Statewide Audition and Interview Day, produced by the Vermont Association of Theatres and Theatre Artists (VATTA) is sponsored by Saint Michael's College Theatre Department and takes place at Saint Michael's McCarthy Arts Center. The Producers Circle also seeks designers, technical production and management staff for summer and year-round positions in the state's theatres.

The VATTA Producers Circle members provide compensation for production personnel. Many theatre companies in and around Vermont with summer and/or year-round seasons will attend. Eight to ten producers use some form of Equity contract.

Auditions are by appointment, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and open to actors of all ages – Equity and non-Equity. College, high school, or younger students may audition for younger roles or apprenticeships. Performers are assigned a three-minute time slot in which to present two contrasting monologues plus an optional song. There will be a \$20 processing fee for Vermont residents and Vermont students; \$30 for out-of-state talent.

Tech/Design/Management interviews will be set up by advance registration. Throughout the day during breaks and from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. designers, technical and management staff visit producer tables to meet and/or present portfolios of their work. There will be a \$15 processing fee for Vermont residents and Vermont students; \$20 for out-of-state talent.

To receive full application and deadline information, contact Veronica López, Coordinator, at 802-862-2287 or via email at catalyst@gmavt.net.

Green Mountain Club's Fourteenth Annual Winter Lecture Series

For more than 90 years, the Long Trail has inspired Vermonters to seek adventure in the Green Mountains and beyond. The James P. Taylor Winter Series, named after the man who first envisioned the Long Trail, brings such adventures to you through stories and photographs. Join us for inspiring and fascinating presentations that will transport you to mountains and waterways near and far. Admission is \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers; kids under 12 are free. Tickets available at the door only. A portion of the proceeds will go to support GMC's Education Programs. More Taylor Series shows will be scheduled for late winter and spring.

Presentations in February and March will be:
Hiking the Guadalupe Ridge - Canyons, Caves, And Cactus; Friday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Lamoille Union High School, Hyde Park

Located on the border of west Texas and southeastern New Mexico, Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks rise above the Chihuahuan desert for over 60 miles. Known for the world-class caves located in this ancient Permian-age reef, the mountains also host a network of trails that lead through prickly lowlands, deep canyons, and upland

forests. This past April a group of Lamoille Union High School students backpacked this route on their spring break. Come learn everything you would want to know to embark on your own adventure: the natural history of plants and wildlife, water drops and route logistics, proper caving techniques, environmental concerns, and what not to sit on!

Climbing the Mountains of the World; Friday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. at Saint George's Room, Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe. Join mountaineers Robert Hauptman and Frederic Hartemann, authors of the recently released Mountain Encyclopedia, as they present images from around the world. The Mountain Encyclopedia is the first book of its kind and is a complete A to Z compendium of all the mountains and mountain ranges on earth. Join us for an evening of beautiful images, hear accounts of numerous climbing trips (both benign and harrowing) and see a demonstration of historic and modern mountaineering equipment.

Sponsors of the 2006 Taylor Series are: On the Loose Expeditions and Yurt Rentals, Vermont Coffee Company, Trapp Family Lodge, Saint Michael's College, Wilderness Program, Petra Cliffs Climbing Center, Clearwater Sports, Onion River Sports, Golden Eagle Resort, and Smugglers' Notch Resort. More sponsors will be added this year.

Check our website, www.greenmountainclub.org, and the spring Long Trail News for additional shows.

Extending Careers to Ease Vermont's RN Shortage

What can Vermont do now to make sure that, as our population ages, there will be enough nurses to take care of our health care needs? Nurse researchers are warning of a worrisome time ahead. A large number of nurses are reaching retirement age coinciding with the increased healthcare needs of the Baby Boomer generation.

More than three-fourths of Vermont's registered nurses are over the age of 40; of those, nearly half are over the age of 50. Currently, there are more nurses working in Vermont who are over 60 years than under 30. The looming retirement of such a large number of experienced nurses poses serious shortages. That is why attention is focusing on how to retain this age group with its considerable nursing expertise.

Mary Val Palumbo, director of Vermont's Office of Nursing Workforce, said, "These older nurses are a valuable resource. They are critically necessary to meet our future needs." At the time when many of those nurses are thinking about exiting the workforce in the next ten years, Palumbo is announcing a new "Lifetime Professional Development Program" to give new life to the careers of the most experienced nurses.

Using some \$203,000 in federal funding over three years, the program will recruit 60 nurses, age 50 to 55, who live or work in rural areas to participate in intensive workshops related to career planning. They will also be involved in a mentoring relationship with senior nurse ambassadors who have successfully continued their nursing careers. The workshops and mentors will assist the nurse participants in developing a ten-year career plan, understanding generational differences in the workplace, identifying opportunities for new roles or job redesign, and how to obtain support during transition periods. Senior nurse ambassadors have been recruited and are currently being prepared for their roles as mentors. The costs of the program are covered by the grant funds.

"We expect that many of the nurses who enroll in our program will find creative ways to redesign their work," Palumbo said. "They might leave the more physically challenging roles in nursing, but instead of going into other professions, they can choose to use their nursing experience in new and interesting ways, adding ten years or more to their careers."

Twelve participating healthcare organizations, serving rural areas in Vermont or employing nurses from rural areas, will also receive consulting services regarding career tracking and organizational policies to help retain older workers. Each organization will be visited three times during the project for an initial assessment, sharing of recommendations and one-year follow-up.

The Office of Nursing Workforce Research, Planning and Development was established in December 2001 to implement

the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Nursing Commission to respond to Vermont's nursing shortage. Funding for the Office was made possible by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Human Services. It is housed at the University of Vermont College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Nurses interested in signing up for the "Lifetime Professional Development Program" or seeking more information should call (800) 458-2741 or visit www.choosenursingvermont.org.

VSO Holds Waltz Night

For over 25 years, the Champlain Valley has celebrated the beauty of a Vermont winter evening with the ultimate black-tie affair, proving that Vermont is as chic a destination as any other. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra is inviting New England to strap on their dancing shoes and "one, two, three" at this year's Waltz Night, Saturday, February 4, at the Wyndham Hotel on Burlington's picturesque waterfront. A unique experience of dinner and dancing to the live music of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and Pine Street Jazz, the evening offers cocktails and silent auction bidding at 6:30 p.m., with dinner and dancing commencing at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will include three courses of delectable selections with a delicious Austrian theme.

All proceeds from the event benefit the statewide educational and musical programs of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. For more information via the Internet, go to www.vso.org

Think Spring!

Gardener's Supply is proud to offer more programs this spring. Seminars will feature nationally renowned gardening experts, as well as some of our favorite local gardening gurus. They'll share tips, techniques and strategies on a wide variety of gardening topics that will enhance the repertoire of the beginner and expert gardener alike.

All seminars will take place at the Intervale store location. Seating in our new seminar room is limited, so call (802) 660-3505 to pre-register, as we expect the programs to sell out early.

Saturday, February 11; Seedstarting 101, David Boucher, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., FREE

Saturday, February 18; New and Underused Perennials for Northern Gardeners, Dr. Leonard Perry, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., FREE

Saturday, March 4; How to Create a High-Impact, Low-Maintenance Perennial Garden, Kerry Mendez, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Fee: \$10

Saturday, March 11; Planting a Woodland Garden, Robin Wolfe, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Fee: \$10

Saturday, March 1; Design for All Seasons: Asian Gardens in Zone 4, Steve Burzon, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., FREE

Saturday, March 25, The Welcoming Garden, Gordon

Hayward, 10:00 to 11:30am, Fee: \$15 or two for \$20

These seminars are just the beginning of our spring series. For more information, visit our website at www.gardeners.com/seminars

"Prevent Child Abuse Vermont" Receives Charitable Grant

TD Banknorth Vermont, through the TD Banknorth Foundation, presented Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAV) with a grant for \$1,500. The grant will benefit The Sexual Abuse Free Environment for Teens Program™ (SAFE-T™). For the past 27 years, PCAV has been working to protect the health and happiness of children in our community.


The foundation's mission is to serve the individuals, families and businesses in all the communities where TD Banknorth operates, having made nearly \$11 million in charitable donations since its inception in 2002. The efforts of the foundation are coordinated locally through TD Banknorth's community relations departments and are focused on the areas of economic empowerment, youth development and community support. More information on the TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation is available at www.TDBanknorth.com.

Seventh Annual Ascutney Ski Ball to be Held February 4

Over the past six years, some of the kids throughout Windsor County have received new computer equipment, school furnishings and cultural enrichment programs thanks in part to Ascutney Mountain Resort's Annual Ski Ball, which has raised more than \$100,000 for local schools. The Seventh Annual Ski Ball is set for Saturday, February 4, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

"Steve and I started the event six years ago in response to a request from a local school, and it has become the one big winter gala event around here that people look forward to," said Susan Plaustener, co-owner of the resort with her husband, Steve. "The event has been supported by resort property owners, guests, local residents, and vendors who donate heavily to the cause. Enrichment programs like the Spanish program at Albert Bridge Elementary School would not have been possible without the Ski Ball donations. It's great to see the community rally together each year to support our local kids and their education."

This year's theme, Broadway Nights, promises to create a night filled with the magic, music and lights of a night on Broadway. The area's hottest band, the Al Alessi Band, returns



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High School Observation:
Tuesday Feb. 7/8:30-10:00 am, Charlotte Campus

Kindergarten & Grade School Observation:
Tuesday Feb. 21/8:30-10:30 am, Shelburne Campus

Please call Admissions Director Pam Graham to arrange for a personal tour any time

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In addition to the dancing, guests will enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner plus have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items. Past items have included things like ski trips to Jackson Hole, Steamboat Springs and Disney World, artwork, furniture, quilts and handmade items, lobster bake dinners, ski and snowboard equipment, weekend getaways, sporting event tickets, and more. Winning raffle tickets for the 50/50 cash raffle and a week-long summer trip to either Cape Cod or Maine will be drawn during the evening.

Tickets are limited to 200 and sell out quickly. Prices range from \$50 to \$125 and include hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour with cash bar, four-course dinner, dancing, and the opportunity to participate in the silent auction and/or the raffle. Dress is "Black Tie Optional - From Sequins to Sorrels."

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Susan Plausteiner at (802) 484-3927

Volunteer Opportunity Listings

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 opportunities 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MENTOR! MENTOR! - Below is information about two of the many mentoring opportunities in Chittenden County:

RSVP of Chittenden County's School Buddies program matches volunteers, age 55 and older, with elementary school children who are not meeting academic standards. Volunteers serve one to two hours a day, once or twice a week for the full school year and may assist children with reading, math, spelling or other academic areas. Volunteers are supervised by a classroom teacher and references and background check required.

Baird Community Friends Mentoring Program matches caring adult volunteers with children ages six to twelve who would benefit from extra support and attention. Mentoring pairs are matched based on interests, location and meet once a week to explore healthy, fun activities such as biking, cooking, board games, and local events. A minimum one-year commitment is asked. Training, on-going support, and recreational opportunities are provided. References and background check required.

PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM! - Fletcher Allen Auxiliary's Replays Shop needs volunteers to sort and tag items for resale and to assist customers with purchases in a busy and fun environment. There are immediate openings on Tuesday and Friday and the shop is open weekdays and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PLAY ALL DAY! - The Family Room needs volunteers to help with their lively, multi-dimensional drop-in play group for children from infancy to five years and their parents. Family play time takes place on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Burlington's Old North End. Play may include reading singing, tumbling, games, etc. The Family Room is also looking for volunteers to work with children at their weekly Community Culture Program for African refugee parents and children. Join an exciting team and learn about a



United Church of Hinesburg

Pastor: Pastor Bill Neil
Church Phone: 482-3352
Parsonage: 482-2284
E-mail: billandfaithneil@gmavt.net
Communications: Pastor Bill Neil can be contacted at 482-2284.

Website: 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.

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
Web: www.hinesburgcma.org
Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVU High School)
Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m., Gathering Place (classes for all ages); September - May



10:15 a.m., Worship (Nursery and Junior Church provided)

Weekday Ministries:

Men's Ministry: Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Group: Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.

Cell Groups: Meet at various times and locations throughout the week.

For locations and more information on any of the ministries, please call the church.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart
Church Phone: 482-2588
Home Phone: 482-2588
E-mail: lighthousevt@netscape.net
Web Site: 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
Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, web page: www.vermontparishes.org/StJude
Parish Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, 482- 7254/cell 373-8037
Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-2290, mariecookson@yahoo.com
Parish Bookkeeper: Kathy Malzac, 453-5393
Parish Council Chair: Donna Shepardson: 482-5015
Finance Council Chair: Joe Cioffi: 482-2251
Coordinator for Religious Education: Marie Cookson, 434-4782
Religious Education Classes: Mondays: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for grades K-8; Tuesdays: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for grades K-8
Confirmation Class: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - noon, in the

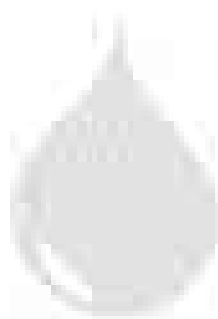


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 Feb. 6 for the Feb. 25, 2006 issue.
 Call 482-2540 for information.

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 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Charlotte
Weekday Masses:
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church
 Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance
Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

AA Meetings: Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

Groundhog Day.

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

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

Advertising and News Deadline for February 25 (Town Meeting) issue of The Hinesburg Record Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., UVM Waterman Building, Room 413.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7:

High School Observation. Lake Champlain Waldorf High School. 8:30-10:00 am. Experience Waldorf high school education first-hand. The morning will include a visit to an academic class, followed by a welcome tea and time to meet with faculty. Students are encouraged to attend. Lake Champlain Waldorf High School, Ferry Road, Charlotte. FREE. RSVP 985-2827, pgraham@lcwaldorf.org.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

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, FEBRUARY 9:

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

Hinesburg Winter Carnival, all day, HCS grounds Hinesburg Nursery School Winter Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., HCS Cafeteria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

Lincoln's Birthday.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

Valentine's Day.

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

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

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

Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

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

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

President's Day.

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade School Observation. 8:30-10:30 AM. Lake Champlain Waldorf School.

Adults can experience Waldorf education first hand. Observe Lake Champlain Waldorf School grade school and preschool-kindergarten classes in session. Time will be set aside after the tour for questions and conversations. Directions to Shelburne Campus: Shelburne Road to Harbor Road, go west on Harbor to Turtle Lane, right on Turtle Lane, past municipal buildings to end of dirt road. FREE. RSVP 985-2827, pgraham@lcwaldorf.org.

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, FEBRUARY 22:

Washington's Birthday.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1:

Ash Wednesday.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 2:

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THURSDAY, MARCH 9:

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MONDAY, MARCH 13:

Advertising and News Deadline for April 1 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

CVU Board meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 1:

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS:

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2281. E-mail: hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net. Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer.

Town Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., other hours by appointment; Town Hall, 482-2096. E-mail: hinesburgtown@gmavt.net. Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Administrator.

Town Planner Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619. E-mail: 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. 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. HBPA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Mathews (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. 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. Learn about Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.

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

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

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

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