

The Hinesburg Record

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Don't Miss Hinesburg's Winter Carnival

Mark Your Calendars for February 10

By Jennifer McCuin, Recreation Director

Please mark your calendar for our Winter Carnival festivities on Saturday, February 10 behind the Hinesburg Community School. This is one of Hinesburg's favorite traditions to break out of the winter blues, play in the snow (if we have some), and connect with friends.

Activities for All Ages

There will be ice skating, broomball, dog sled rides, walks lead by the Hinesburg Land Trust at the Bissonette property, sled or wagon rides offered by the Russells at Lyman Park, a snowman-building contest, and maybe even a surprise or two.

Annual Waffle Breakfast and Auction

The Hinesburg Nursery School is teaming up again with the Winter Carnival festivities to bring you their Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction on Saturday morning, February 10. So, forget about serving breakfast that morning and head down to the HCS Cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for some fine waffles and bacon.

Don't Forget the Dinner Theater

The Dinner Theater will make its fourth performance on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Hinesburg Community School Gym.

More Information

Please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net to inquire if there (Continued on page 4.)



Town Holds Forum on Police Services

By Sandy Lathem

The Hinesburg Selectboard sponsored a community forum on January 3 at Town Hall in an effort to help define community goals and objectives regarding local police services. The meeting's format was structurally organized to allow several Town representatives to provide information about the Hinesburg Community Police Department, to answer general questions about the information presented, and to capture citizen input through facilitated small group discussions. The two and one-half hour meeting was attended by approximately 70 people and facilitated by Cindy Cook and a group of assistants.

Why Now?

Chair Rob Bast began the meeting with a short explanation of why the Selectboard felt a community forum on this topic was warranted. Bast said that it has been over a decade since citizens first expressed the need for community policing and the police department was first established. He reminded the audience that the philosophy of this new department was grounded in "community policing," a belief that policing is more comprehensive than strict law enforcement and includes a wide range of community activities such as youth mentoring, school career days, participation in Neighborhood Watches, medical first responses, minor fender benders, and many other types of community service.

Bast stated that during the past year, the police department had felt shorthanded and as a result, they presented the Selectboard a proposal for additional services. Increased services in the police department would mean an increase in the town budget and subsequently an increase in property taxes. Because of this, the Selectboard saw an opportunity to ask the community for input. The purpose of the forum therefore was to provide residents a better understanding of the pressures felt by the police department and Town and offer community members a way to connect to the budget process and share their perspectives.

Comparison to Surrounding Towns

To provide perspective about how the Hinesburg Community Police compares to police departments in five local towns, Doug Olefson, a resident and volunteer, presented a set of graphs that compared police services on the basis of population, square mile coverage, case workload and municipal budget proportions. Olefson's comparison included the towns of Richmond, Williston, Milton, Shelburne, and Vergennes. Olefson felt that Richmond compared demographically most closely to Hinesburg due to its similar population (4,712 residents as compared to 5,000 in Hinesburg) and area of coverage (31.8 square miles in Richmond as compare to 39.8 square miles in Hinesburg). In comparison with Richmond, Olefson reported that Richmond supports 5 full time equivalent (FTE) officers who handled a 2006 case load of 948 cases, whereas Hinesburg supports 3.5 FTEs who handled a case load of 1,043 cases in 2006. Richmond's budget for police personnel is \$325,700 as compared to \$264,225 in Hinesburg. Olefson surmised that Hinesburg's police budget would require an additional \$150,000 to match Richmond's budget. Throughout the presentation, Olefson illustrated that Hinesburg Community



Doug Olefson



Chris Morrell

Police department was under funded compared to surrounding towns. Additional graphs describing the type and number of services performed by the department were also presented.

Comparison to towns like Charlotte were not included because they do not have a local police department and police services are covered by the Vermont State Police. Bristol was not included because the local police department serves only the Village and not the full town which is covered by the Vermont State Police.

Following this presentation, a few residents challenged the underlying rationale for the towns selected for comparison. Olefson's response was that these towns had existing police departments and therefore data was available. Some residents wanted to know more about Charlotte and Huntington, neighboring towns that do not have police departments, and felt that information about these towns must also be included to provide a more complete understanding of the ways different communities deliver police services to their residents. Nonetheless, the attendees were appreciative of the effort Mr. Olefson had contributed by gathering and presenting this information.

Concerns About Understaffing

Police Chief Chris Morrell addressed the audience and presented his case for why additional funding for the community police is necessary. He reported that the department had hired Jim Walton, the former Public Safety Commissioner, to review the department and make recommendations. Walton's report confirmed that the department was understaffed and advised Morrell to advocate for more manpower.

Morrell stated that when a police department becomes undertaffed morale deteriorates and police officers, who are stressed by too many competing duties, become less focused and eventually burn out. Proactive policing ceases to exist and loss of cooperation between officers begins to occur. He (Continued on the page 5.)



Community forum, January 3, 2007

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR



Thank You from the Miner Family

Our heartfelt thanks to all for your sympathy and kindness at the time of John's death.

We are grateful to everyone who came to express their condolences in person, all those who sent the beautiful cards and also those who sent donations in his memory to the Respite House.

It was such a wonderful tribute to him and a great comfort for us.

— Jean and the Miner Family

Skiers Say Thank You

Thanks so much for all of your support for the CVU Nordic Ski Team during our recent silent auction at CVU, November 20 and 21, in which we raised over \$4300! About forty-five CVU students participate in x-country skiing, and the silent auction is critical in enabling the team to buy needed supplies to support the efforts of these students.

We appreciate the community members who purchased items during the silent auction, and the community members who donated goods and services to be auctioned off during the event. In particular, a special thanks to CVU High School, Silvia Geiger, Lantman's, Mike Stearns, Good Times Café, and Jean Carlson.

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

— The CVU Nordic Ski Team Members

Selectboard Announcement

I'm writing to announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the Selectboard in the March election. This March will mark the end of my fourth term as a Selectboard member. While at times I find the decisions difficult, I continue to be interested in serving on the Board and tending to the business of the Town.

The future of the Hinesburg Community Police (HCP) is the hot topic of the moment. I support maintaining HCP's current level of service; however, I don't believe that is possible without increasing staff. Current staffing is inadequate for the level of service provided. If increased staffing is not supported, reductions in the service provided are inevitable.

The latest revision of the Town Plan calls for the preservation of agriculture and forestry natural resources. The Subdivision and Zoning Regulations need to be revised to more closely align with the Town Plan. This calls for the creation of mechanisms within these regulations for assuring that agricultural and forestry natural resources will remain intact for use by future generations.

Constructing the recreation path remains a personal goal. As maddening as it is to be tolerant of all the delays in bringing the project along, persistence will ultimately prevail and the path will be built. The latest review by the State Agency of Natural Resources should be the last major design challenge. Construction beginning in the spring of 2008 is likely.

Please support me with your vote on March 6.

— Jon Trefry

The New Alternative Music for Teens

I want to thank all the kids who turned out for the Friday the 13th Christian Rock Dance at St. Jude Church. It was great, with about 45 attendees! Christian Rock? What's that?

Christian Rock is the new positive genre of music which is gaining momentum. Parents, have you listened to the lyrics

of today's "popular" music? It's about #%\$@&^ words and sexual innuendos—we're talking at 12-year-olds.

This prompted me to offer an alternative—really rocked-out danceable music with positive messages; messages of hope, love and change. Whether it's just changing an attitude for a time, or changing the world, I think most people would admit that it is indeed time for a change, to promote a little more modesty in our youth, and an attitude of positive empowerment. Do you realize the impact music has as an influence on kids?

Well, here I am attempting to fight the tide. This is not a "join our church night" it is about clean fun, complete with a laser and lights, rocked-out music and positive messages.

If you are curious, you can sample these artists' music at www.amazon.com: Switchfoot, Relient K, Stellar Kart, Starfield, Sanctus Real, Jeremy Camp, Hawk Nelson, David Crowder Band, Third Day, and TobyMac (to name some, DJed by yours truly). We even had some Napoleon Dynamite music and sound clips at the last dance. Tentatively, there will be another dance sometime after the holidays. Everyone is welcome!

— Maura Kelley

Balance for Hinesburg (Something Smells with the New Sewer Upgrade)

As Hinesburg evolves, it is important to remember that growth should not be the only barometer used to measure progress. There needs to be a balance not only between the existing residents and a growing population, but also between property owners in the village core and outside of it. Hinesburg's rural tradition, culture and landscape should be considered more than simply a museum on display.

I fear that the current development boom has seriously jeopardized the balance. Existing residents should not have to bear the many costs associated with new growth in Hinesburg. If the growth cannot support itself, it should not happen.

The tax increase to the entire town associated with the current wastewater treatment plant upgrade/expansion proposal would be an unfair burden on existing taxpayers. The December issue of The Hinesburg Record states the following as rationale for having homes that do not use town sewer pay for it: "All residents of the Town benefit from the wastewater plant providing for the needs of the community—schools, businesses, smart growth within the village area etc.—so all residents should help pay for it." The costs associated for the schools and businesses using town sewer are already paid for by the entire town through our school taxes and purchases from Hinesburg business. This is the appropriate way of managing the cost of the sewer system.

New costs associated with a sewer upgrade should be shouldered by the new homes and businesses that will use that increased capacity. If continued new development cannot pay for the upgrade, then perhaps continued new development is not in the best interest of the town. After all, if rural property cannot support an appropriate septic system, the property is not allowed to be developed!

As for the argument that the entire town benefits from an expanded sewer system, I believe this a very narrow view to take. The entire town benefits by rural homeowners not consuming part of the existing sewer capacity, thus leaving it for community schools, businesses, etc., but no one is considering tax help for those same homeowners who pay \$20,000 to \$30,000 for their private well and septic systems.

Keep the sewer upgrade costs where they belong, and stop digging ever deeper into the pockets of the already over-taxed property owners of Hinesburg. It is the ability of these folks to continue to shoulder the tax burden placed on them that allows space to remain open for the entire town to enjoy. That rural culture is, after all, why most of us chose Hinesburg to live in the first place.

— Scott J. Brunetto

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.

Hinesburg Record News

By Sandy Lathem

Directors and Officers for 2007

The Hinesburg Record held its annual meeting on November 9 at the home of June Giroux. The annual meeting is called each year to elect directors and officers and to review the financial health and organizational structure of the paper. At the meeting, Sandy Lathem and Lisa Beliveau were re-elected as directors for another two years. Kevin Lewis and Mary Jo Brace continue in their current terms which expire in November 2007. The directors elected Sandy Lathem to serve as Board President, Kevin Lewis as Vice President, Lisa Beliveau as Secretary and Mary Jo Brace as Treasurer.

Knox To Become HCS News Coordinator

Denise Giroux stepped down as the News Coordinator for the Hinesburg Community School. We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Denise for her tireless dedication and commitment in covering the news at HCS for many, many years. HCS news will now be covered by Betsy Knox. The Hinesburg Record would like to thank Betsy for her willingness to coordinate HCS news, and we look forward to working with Betsy and HCS to ensure full coverage of events and activities concerning the community school.

20th Anniversary Committee

The 20th Anniversary Committee will hold its monthly meetings on Thursday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of June Giroux. We continue to welcome any one who would like to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary next year. Volunteers are needed to coordinate activities such as the July 4 parade, a volunteer potluck dinner, and editorials that reflect on the changes that have occurred in Hinesburg over the last 20 years. If you are interested in participating in any way, please contact Sandy Lathem at 482-2714 (or email slathem@gmavt.net) or June Giroux at 482-2350 (or email JuneGiroux@aol.com).



NOTICE

Vacancies on Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, Village Steering Committee, and Development Review Board

There are currently vacancies on the Hinesburg Recreation Commission, the Hinesburg Conservation Commission, the Village Steering Committee and the Development Review Board.

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

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

Slow Down and Buckle Up — Safe Winter Driving Reminders

Much of Vermont has begun to experience some of its first snowfall accumulations, creating potential hazardous driving conditions. The Vermont State Police would like to remind all motorists to plan and operate accordingly to the changing conditions throughout the approaching winter season to avoid traffic crashes.

Road conditions can change quickly as the temperature and precipitation change.

In the case of an emergency dial 911.

Motorists should operate responsibly by being sure to:

- Plan your trip appropriately anticipating any delays and/or reduced speed.
- Adjust speed under the existing conditions to maintain control of the vehicle at all times to avoid striking objects on or adjacent to the roadway. Speed limits are designed for ideal conditions; daylight, dry surface and good visibility.
- Leaving sufficient space between vehicles in order to safely stop or take any necessary evasive action.
- Clear all snow and ice from the vehicle prior to travel.
- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving with winter (snow) tires, wipers and washer fluid, heat working, good battery, flashlight, etc.

Motorists can call 511 for travel information or log on to www.511vt.com

Towns Will Share \$100,000 To Study Ancient Roads

By David Mace

Towns looking to resolve the sometimes thorny issue of “ancient roads” will be getting some help in the form of state grants to help locate the long lost highways.

A total of 22 Vermont towns will receive state grants totaling \$100,000 to research and map “ancient roads” in an effort to resolve potential legal disputes over the sometimes forgotten roadways.

The grants are the result of a law agreed to by the legislature and Governor Jim Douglas last session to address the issue, which has the potential to complicate real estate transactions because of the impact of uncertain ownership on mortgages and titles. “These funds will help towns research and map highways, trails, and unidentified corridors,” said John Hall, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs. “That will help inform their public review process as they determine whether these roadways should remain as town assets or revert to private ownership.”

Act 178 was a compromise between those who felt ancient roads should remain public assets, and those who believed the town should no longer retain public rights to unused lands that may not have been maintained or used as roads for years and that have been presumed by landowners to be privately held. The law allows towns to identify and add to their town highway map all town highways and trails that it decides to retain as a public right-of-way and establishes a public discontinuance process for roads that a town’s legislative body determines are no longer desired as public rights-of-way.

In Chittenden County, Hinesburg has been awarded \$4,328 and Huntington has been awarded \$5,000. Towns have until July 1, 2009 to add unmapped town highways that lack physical evidence of their use onto their town highway map to keep those roads active. After that, unmapped highways become “unidentified corridors” that the town is not required to maintain and that will be discontinued on July 1, 2015 unless the town acts to reclassify the corridor as called for in existing law, a process that can include landowner compensation. Act 178 also lets towns that are satisfied with their existing highway map to effectively discontinue all roads that do not appear on those maps, following a process that includes public notice and public hearing.

Voters or landowners can petition local officials to save highways from discontinuance or request that they designated as trails before July 1, 2009. Municipalities applying for grants—up to a maximum of \$5,000—were required to submit a plan for a public outreach and research process. The Department of Housing and Community Affairs’ Planning Division received applications for nearly three times as many grants as they were able to fund, so recipients were chosen randomly by geographic area.

To learn more about the program, please visit: <http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/Planning/AncientRoadsGrantProgram>.

Hinesburg Highway Department Welcomes New Employee



Jeremy Steele Joins Highway Department

with his wife Heather and their son Cameron.

Hinesburg Highway Department crew members Tom Boivin and Steve Miller, along with Foreman Mike Anthony welcome new employee *Jeremy Steele* to the Highway Department—just in time to deal with the winter snow plowing season. Jeremy has several years of experience as a truck driver, and is also a volunteer for the Hinesburg Fire Department. Jeremy lives in Hinesburg

VCRD Completes Hinesburg Visit as Action Plans Unfold

The Vermont Council on Rural Development conducted its final phase of the four-month-long Community Visit Program in Hinesburg on December 14. Maintaining the high level of participation experienced throughout the program, a large number of residents turned out to get down to work in four task forces selected by community vote last month.

Residents met with experts in the four areas: Farm Conservation; Multigenerational Community Center and Teen Center; Buy Local and Specialty Farming; and Sustainability and Energy Planning to decide specific action steps, in order of priority, to move their projects forward. Participants also brainstormed resources, both human and financial, that will be needed.

Committee members in the Multigenerational Center group ranged from middle school students to retirees. The group listened attentively as Bobette Scribner, who spearheaded Bradford’s successful community center shared her experience. The Buy Local committee considered ways to build on the farmers market and bring local products into prominence in schools and the community. The Sustainability and Energy Planning group—the largest committee—generated a long list of ideas and substantial resource opportunities. The Farm Conservation committee will begin by communicating with local farmers and landowners to determine their needs.

According to Bonnie Smoren, Executive Assistant at VCRD, “Our time in Hinesburg has been tremendously rewarding. We have found Hinesburg to be a particularly dynamic community and we are confident that committees will continue to work with energy and ingenuity toward their goals.” Residents who are interested in serving on a committee should contact Community Visit Chair Carl Bohlen at 482-3372.

VCRD will return to Hinesburg six months and 12 months following the Visit to meet with committee chairs, learn about progress being made, and provide additional support if needed. The organization conducts just two Community Visits per year throughout Vermont. Hinesburg is the sixteenth community to participate, and the first Chittenden County town.

For more information about VCRD, visit www.vtrural.org.

Multigenerational Center Committee Begins Work, Invites Input

By William R. Neil

The new Task Force on a Multigenerational Center for Hinesburg has begun its work. We are one of the four Task Forces that resulted from the Community Visits with the Vermont Council on Rural Development.

Our vision is for a multi-purpose community center that would serve senior citizens and youth. It would provide a variety of activities including films, theater, music, recreation, and serve as a center for elder services and teen activities.

We are forming small action groups. We will be visiting multigenerational community centers in other towns. We hope to apply for a Planning Grant from the Vermont Community Development Program. We will explore relationships with partners who might be able to offer programs at the center. We also hope to begin soon to provide teen activities in a variety of locations.

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The Hinesburg Record

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Email submissions to: therecord@gmavt.net.

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Deadlines for 2007

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March 12	March 31
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May 7	May 26
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August 6	August 25
September 10	September 29
October 8	October 27
November 12	December 8

Advertising Deadlines

The deadline for submitting advertisements for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is February 5, 2007.

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 submitting news for the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record* is February 5, 2007.

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

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

To Submit News & Calendar Info

Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 (junegiroux@aol.com) 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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Volunteers

The Hinesburg Record volunteers coordinating publication of this issue included:

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The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 12 at the Town Hall third floor Conference Room. All are welcome. For more information you may contact the Chair, Bill Neil, at 482-2284. You may also email our group by sending a message to morgante.pell@gmail.com.

Hinesburg Participates in St. Michael's VT Local Roads Program

By Maureen Dakin

Pictured are Michael Anthony, Hinesburg Highway Foreman, and Hinesburg Town Administrator Jeanne Kundell Wilson. Anthony was recognized on November 29 for completing requirements of the Management Academy sponsored by the Vermont Local Roads Program at Saint Michael's College in Colchester. He was required to demonstrate various management skills and develop a policy or program for use in the workplace.



Michael Anthony receives recognition for completing requirements of the Management Academy sponsored by Vermont Local Roads Program.

According to Sally Collopy, Co-Director of the Vermont Local Roads Program, "The Management Academy was created in response to many requests by supervisors and other municipal leaders for training and education."

From January through October, nineteen graduates from sixteen Vermont communities and the Agency of Transportation participated in ten full-day workshops that focused on a variety of management and leadership skills.

Topics for the Management Academy included Vermont State Road Law; Developing Policies and Ordinances; Supervision; Managing a Highway Department; Creating a Culture of Safety; Setting Goals and Objectives; Developing Teamwork; Personnel Policies; Effective Communication; and Making Effective Presentations.

The Vermont Local Roads Program at St. Michael's College is one of the 57 centers sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration's Local Technical Assistance Program and the Vermont Agency of Transportation. The center provides information, training and technical assistance to Vermont cities and towns.

HINESBURG SELECT BOARD

Submitted by Jeanne K. Wilson

Watch Your Speed! Limits along Route 116 to Change Soon

At the request of the Hinesburg Selectboard, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) conducted an engineering study of the speed limit on Vermont Route 116 through the Hinesburg village area. The Selectboard had requested that VTrans consider reducing the speed limit from the current 35 m.p.h. to increase safety for both pedestrians and motorists and to strengthen the "village center" feel of the area.

At a meeting of the Vermont Traffic Committee on January 8, the change of speed limit was approved. The new speed limits on Vermont Route 116 will feature a transition from the 50 m.p.h. limit to 40 m.p.h. at the CVU Road intersection, a transition from 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. at the Commerce Street intersection and continuing at 30 m.p.h. through the village. The speed limit will then transition from 30 m.p.h. back to 40 m.p.h. at Friendship Lane on the southern end of the village, and from 40 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. just south of Buck Hill Road West. The new speed limit will become effective as soon as the new signs are installed by VTrans.

As part of the approval, the Vermont Traffic Committee requested that the Town be proactive in publicizing and enforcing the new speed limit. So, make note of the pending change and watch your speed!

Ancient Roads Committee

The term "Ancient Road" is a common name for a legally established town highway that, due to numerous factors and the passage of time, have become largely impassable and, in many cases, unobservable. These ancient roads do not show up on town highway maps, but have not been formally discontinued by the town either. Disputes over the legal status of these so-called ancient roads caused a problem for the real estate industry (realtors, title insurers and attorneys, banks, etc.). As a result, in April of 2006, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 178. Act 178 establishes a process and timeline through which these ancient roads can be researched, identified and mapped. Ancient roads which are not identified and mapped will be assumed to be legally discontinued.

The process of researching, identifying and mapping these ancient roads is necessary in order for the Selectboard to make an informed decision regarding the retention of public rights-of-way for potential use as future trails. The Town applied for, and was awarded, a small grant to help cover the cost of a consultant to train a team of volunteers to work on the research process, which as outlined in Act 178, must be completed by the spring of 2009. This timeline will require a unified volunteer effort and an aggressive schedule.

The Town is fortunate to have had a number of volunteers step forward and express an interest working on this project. At the January 8 meeting, the Selectboard appointed the following residents to serve as the Ancient Roads Committee: George Bedard, Ann Brush, Elizabeth Lee, Suzanne Richard, Howard Russell, and Ann Thomas. The efforts of this team will be greatly appreciated.

Planning News

Ronnie and Dave Estey Build off the Grid

By Johanna White

Ronnie and Dave Estey have embarked on a journey that would test the average person's courage. They have almost

completed building their dream house on some 30 acres of beautiful land off Leavensworth Road here in Hinesburg.

The remarkable thing is the fact that no electric lines follow the drive up to their home, and their dream house is only 1100 sq. ft. in size. They are producing electricity from photovoltaic panels on their roof. The Esteys say that even when clouds cover the sky, as happens here in Vermont from time to time, electricity can be generated. One of the components in making it work is the size of their home which is important to green development and energy efficiency. Dave and Ronnie are building what they need and thereby conserving resources and reducing the development footprint on the land. They have used the best insulation and purchased the highest energy star appliances available and also have plans for installing solar panels for supplying hot water.

When I asked what made them decide to go solar, Dave quickly smiled and said, "money. I'm a money person and when Green Mountain Power gave us an estimate of \$30,000 to bring in power, we started to look elsewhere. Chuck Reiss put us in touch with Don Schroeder, an expert in solar energy, who works out of Colchester. Don gave us an estimate of \$22,000 for the solar components that would produce the electricity we needed."

Don assured them that they would not be changing their lifestyle. He said, "don't change your lifestyle for solar, rather let solar change your lifestyle."

They are using propane gas to supply heat, hot water and cooking needs. Ronnie and Dave say the overall savings in all their power needs is estimated to be 75% of their current costs. The upfront load in building solar is about 20% more than conventional construction. However, the savings begin immediately. They also say there is nothing to be afraid of—it can be done!

It was a joy to see and hear their enthusiasm for the new life they are beginning. I learned a lot in our conversation and felt a surge of optimism for the direction the Planning Commission is considering by introducing green building initiatives. We were inspired by three speakers at our November 29, 2006 meeting: Maura O'Dea and Tom Henglesberg of Vermont Green Builders Network, and Chuck Reiss of Vermont Builds Green. At the December 13, 2006 meeting the Planning Commission followed up on their discussion and gave Alex Weinhagen instructions to draft rezoning language with a variety of energy efficiency and green building provisions. This is a truly exciting time to be attending Planning Commission meetings, hard as that is to believe.

Winter Carnival

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are tickets left for the performance. All proceeds of the dinner and performance will be donated to the Hinesburg Artist Series and the Food Shelf.

Casino Night

Precedes Winter Carnival

By Tom Giroux

As a kick-off to this year's Winter Carnival, the Hinesburg Recreation Board and the Lions Club are teaming up for exciting fun and entertainment.

Never played roulette, poker, or craps before? No problem! We will have smiling dealers available who will be happy to teach you. There will be tables available for both the experienced and first time players, so that everyone will enjoy the experience.

A \$10.00 admission charge gives you \$200.00 worth of chips and hors d'oeuvres from Lantman's Store. Additional chips, for those less lucky, may be purchased, as well as sodas. The evening concludes with fireworks. Money raised will go to support the Winter Carnival and the Fourth of July.

This is a limited seating BYOB event, so advanced purchase of your "hot seat" is highly recommended. This can be done at the Recreation Office or by calling Tom at 482-2894 or James with the Lions at 482-2152.

So get your friends and neighbors together. Come try your luck (or talent) at the Hinesburg Fire station on Friday, February 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to start off the Winter Carnival Vegas style.

Advance thank-you's go out to the Fire Department, Lantman's Best Yet Market, and Giroux Body Shop for their help in this event.

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Submitted by The Hinesburg Community Police

The included events represent only a sample of the services provided by the Hinesburg Community Police.

Richmond Man Lodged

On Monday, December 11, Brian Garvey, 38, of Richmond was lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Facility. Chief Chris Morrell, the arresting officer, reported that the arrest was the result of a complaint that Garvey had contacted a Hinesburg resident by telephone in violation of a relief from abuse order. Garvey was to be arraigned on the charge the following morning in District Court.

Hinesburg Woman Charged with DUI

Officer Barbara Brisson charged Joanne Boutin, 48, of Hinesburg with driving while under the influence of alcohol after she ran her car off the road on Gilman Road on December 15. The incident came to police attention when a passing motorist spotted Boutin stuck in the mud and called them.

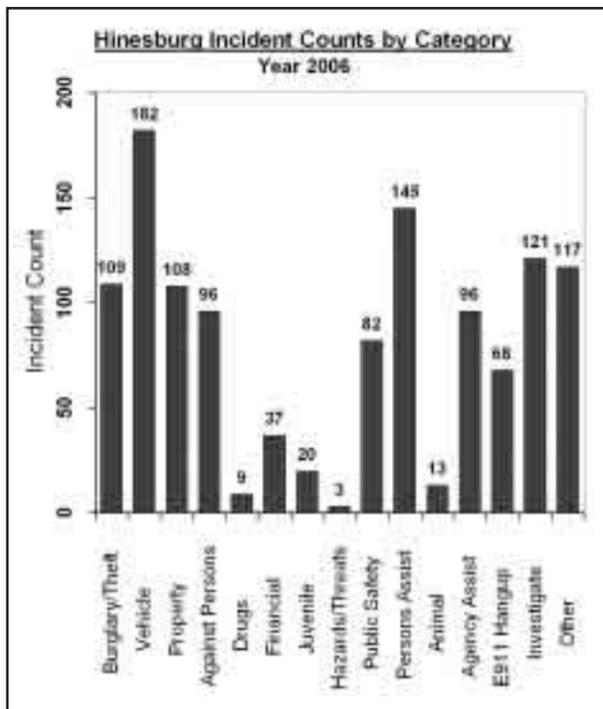
Woman Injured in Head-On Crash

A Shelburne woman was injured in a two-vehicle crash on Charlotte Road about 3:00 p.m. on December 19. Officer Kim Conant reported that Maureen O'Sullivan, 51, was headed westbound on Charlotte Road. She lost control of her car on the snow covered highway, slid across it and collided with an eastbound vehicle operated by Frederick Ziegler, 50, of Charlotte. Hinesburg Fire Department responded to the scene and treated O'Sullivan. She was transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michael's ambulance.

This was the first of a total of seven crashes handled by Hinesburg Community Police that were caused by a fast moving snowstorm that coated town highways within minutes.



Veterinarian Rich Armstrong and Kristy Haas demonstrated treatment for an injured limb on Coach, a Golden Retriever. Armstrong is Assistant Chief of the Hinesburg Fire Department and an E.M.T. The fire department provides medical first response to residents of Hinesburg and St. George. The fire department has long recognized that to many people, their pet is a family member. When they are injured in a crash or fire, they often will not leave until they are sure their pet is being cared for. Armstrong provided the training to the firefighters to allow them to better serve residents and residents' pets, and to make sure firefighters consider their own safety when treating injured pets. HINESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT FILE PHOTO



Graph by Doug Olefson.

Hinesburg Man Nabbed for DLS

On December 30 a Hinesburg man, 36 year old Joseph Lopez, was arrested by Officer Michael Wharton after he observed him driving on the highway. Wharton received information from Department of Motor Vehicle officers that Lopez was operating his vehicle with improper registration plates while he was criminally suspended. Lopez will answer the charge at a later date in District Court.

Old Warrant Finally Catches Up With Man

A Pennsylvania man who returned to Vermont was arrested by Officer Michael Wharton on December 30. Wharton responded to a report of a suspicious person at a resident's home south of the village and found Douglas Handley, 52, in his car there. A routine computer check showed Handley had an outstanding warrant since 1999 for possession of marijuana. After arrest he was lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Facility.

Two Injured in Crash

Two people were injured in a crash on Vermont Route 116 at the foot of O'Brien's Hill on Saturday, December 30. Officer Kim Conant reported that Brenda Currier, 46, of Bristol, lost control of her car and slid off the east side of the highway and overturned. Her son Mark Currier, 19, a passenger in the rear of her car was also injured.

Both were treated at the scene by Hinesburg Fire Department and then they were transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michael's and Charlotte ambulances.

Minor Injuries in Rear End Collision

Only minor injuries were reported in a two-car crash on Saturday afternoon on January 6. Officer Kim Conant reported that a Megan Price, 52, of Charlotte was southbound on Vermont Route 116 and was preparing to make a left turn on to Postiche Road. Her car was struck by another car operated by Jonathan Fisk, 21, of Grafton as she slowed to make the turn.

Hinesburg Fire department responded to the crash and treated the injured, all of whom declined transport to the hospital. Conant ticketed Fisk for following too closely.

Man Arrested Twice for Stealing From Scrap Yard

Deputy Chief Fred Silber and Officer Michael Wharton arrested John Haire, 27, of Shelburne for two different counts of stealing from a local scrap yard. Police allege that on two different nights in the past month, Haire had entered the scrap yard and stolen scrap metal. He then took the scrap to another yard and received payment for it.

Hinesburg Helps State-Wide Traffic Effort

Hinesburg Community Police pitched in to help keep crashes down over the holiday period. On four different nights Hinesburg Community Police dedicated an evening to proactive traffic patrol. Three of the evenings were spent in the Hinesburg-Shelburne area and one was spent in the city of Burlington. Revenue from speeding tickets these evenings is returned to the host municipalities. The effort is paid for by federal highway safety money.

Most significant is the fact that, despite four evenings of mixed weather, there were no crashes reported during the hours the patrols were in effect.

Town Forum

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reiterated the fact that good police work takes time and that investigating burglaries and other criminal offenses demand focused and dedicated effort.

Recommendations

Morrell believes that the department makes every effort to keep costs down and to take advantage of grants and other sources of funding. Based on national and local policies, it is clear to Morrell that the Hinesburg Community Police department is understaffed. Because of this, he has made the following recommendations to be considered by the Selectboard:

- Staffing should be increased by 1.7 FTE officers in the next budget year.
- Part time officers should receive equal pay with full time officers, but they should not receive fringe benefits as do starting full time officers.
- A longevity step system should be instituted for full time officers.
- A high speed interconnect line between Waterbury and Hinesburg should be installed until such time as the State can adapt to secure current technology.

The department should continue using part time officers who are paid the same wage as full time officers, but without fringe benefits.

These recommendations represent an increase in the budget of approximately \$105,000, an estimated \$45 increase in taxes for an owner of a \$200,000 property. Morrell concluded his presentation by holding up one carton of cigarettes as a symbol of the equivalent expense someone might pay instead of the cost of these new services.

Discussion and Reactions

In facilitated small groups, residents were able to provide feedback and reaction to the presentations. Each group was asked specific questions concerning the current level of service, whether or not there is a need for additional services, their opinion about the philosophy of community policing, and whether or not they could support one of two levels of tax increases. (Note – an expanded proposal that would increase police service to 24 hour coverage and represents a \$385,000 increase was included for discussion purposes.)

Reaction during the discussions was mixed with some people expressing full support for the increase and others expressing concern about the continual growth of the department and the wide variety of services that it attempts to support. Residents debated the amount of coverage the police currently provide (currently 16 hours per day) as well as the viability of maintaining services, such as property watches and residence/vehicle lockouts. In general, residents seemed to feel that having more information about the police services was a good idea, and in this regard, the forum served the purpose of providing citizens with more detail and awareness.

When the small groups reconvened for concluding remarks, a few residents offered final comments. Carl Bohlen thanked Doug Olefson and Chief Morrell and his officers for the work they provide but was unconvinced that an increase in the budget was warranted at this time. Bohlen suggested that more options need to be on the table and wondered if a regional approach might be considered. Bohlen said, "Before we throw dollars in the budget ..., the Selectboard has to consider all the ramifications and needs and figure out what's most important. (Continued on the next page.)

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The police department is important and there's probably a need to do something, but I'm not sure there's enough time between now and Town Meeting to look at everything objectively and look at all the alternatives and look at the most important way for the Town to go."

Chris Bataille stated that we are fortunate to live in a rural area and it's easy to become complacent about what is really happening that most of us don't hear about. He said, "I can assure you that when you need a police officer, you don't want to have to wait. It's important to have them nearby." He felt that 24 hour coverage in Hinesburg should be supported, an even larger proposal than the one being proposed. According to Bataille, "It's not even a question for me."

Scott Brunetto, a member of the rescue department, asked: "When there's a real emergency, do you really want people to wait 40-45 minutes for an officer to respond?" He cautioned that Hinesburg residents should not be naïve about our quiet little town and that the more people look at the numbers, the more they'll realize the need.

Next Steps

Comments from the small group discussions have been collated and are available on the Town Web Site (<http://www.hinesburg.org>) or at the Town Offices. The Selectboard will review comments and consider them carefully as they finalize the annual budget proposal. Bast says, "Ten years ago we had this discussion about what was important to Hinesburg ... and I know that the services we have been receiving are providing immeasurable value to individuals in this community." Bast recognized that there is not much time before Town Meeting for more research, but assured the participants that the Selectboard will be hard at work this month to consider the proposal and input from residents. Further questions and comments concerning police services may be emailed to Chief Morrell at hinesburgpd@gmavt.net.



By Jennifer McCuin, Recreation Director

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone is settling into 2007 and not getting too discouraged by this very strange winter! It is certainly bizarre not to be experiencing freezing cold temperatures and lots of snow. I am crossing my fingers that we'll turn the corner and get our winter just in time for our discounted Smugglers Notch pass Sundays in February and especially for Winter Carnival! See front page article for details.

Smuggler's Notch Discount Lift Tickets

Youth Lift Tickets/Rentals/Lessons: \$10 each
 Adult Lift Tickets/Rentals/Lessons: \$20 each
 Helmet Rental: \$6
 Checks are payable to HRD.
 When: Sundays - February 4 and 11

Register and pay through HRD by Thursday at noon for Sunday. Lesson time is noon, unless otherwise noted. Children must be at least six years old for a lesson through this program. If you are interested in a rental and/or a lesson, please register by Tuesday. You must complete a rental form, which is available on the table outside of the Recreation Department or it can be e-mailed to you. Meet the Group Leader between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the Village Lodge on the first floor Pizzeria (look for "Hinesburg Recreation" sign) to pick up lift tickets.

Non-residents are welcome to participate.

Please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net with any questions about this program and THINK SNOW!

Men's Basketball

This activity 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: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings are for 18 to 30 years old and Thursday evenings for the over 30 year old gang
 Time: 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 Cost: FREE

Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

Bring your family to swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge, located at 10 Wellness Drive in Williston. Come swim and play with your family in a heated indoor pool.

Who: Hinesburg residents are welcome.
 When: Sundays - February 25 and March 25
 Time: Noon to 5:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$10 for a family of four.
 Please sign up at the Recreation Department by Friday at noon so that a roster may be e-mailed to SFE.

Waivers must be signed at the club before you may swim. Thanks for your cooperation.

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 a.m. 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 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 Fee: \$40
 Please register through the Recreation Department 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 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30, April 2, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 13
 Time: 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
 Cost: \$625
 Please call the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net to enroll.

Introduction to Dance

Elise Doner of Busy Feet School of Dance brings an introduction sampling of ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance to youngsters after school. This class is aimed at giving students "a little bit of each". Not sure what variation of dance you want to try...this is the class for you, right after school at HCS!

Who: First through fourth graders
 When: Wednesdays: Session II - March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18
 Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Where: Music Room
 Cost: \$50
 Minimum six/Maximum 12
 Please be sure to wear loose clothing to move around in, bring a water bottle, and a snack.

Young Rembrandt's Drawing Classes

Young Rembrandts is a national fine arts enrichment program that teaches students to draw, creating new projects each week. They will provide all materials and subject matter ranging from animals, landscapes, still lifes, and art history. Students will learn shading, color pencil and marker techniques. There is an art history lesson each session. Young Rembrandt's philosophy is to give children a positive, nurturing environment, as they teach fundamental drawing techniques.

Who: Ages seven to 12 years
 Where: Living Arts Room
 When: Thursdays - Session V - April 15, 12, 19 (class will be 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for half day) and May 3
 Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., except where noted
 Cost: \$35

Young Rembrandt's Cartoon Drawing Classes

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 program combines Young Rembrandt'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 to 12 years
 Where: Living Arts Room
 When: Thursdays
 Session III - January 18, 25 (class will be 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for half day) February 1 and 8
 Session IV - February 22, March 8, 15 and 22 (class will be 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for half day)
 Session VI - May 10, 17, 24 and 31
 Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., except where noted.
 Cost: \$35

After School Hikes with James Donegan

James Donegan will lead students on a tour of Hinesburg's countryside after school.

Who: Fifth through eighth graders
 When: Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, and 21.
 Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Where: Meet at HCS
 Cost: FREE
 Register with the Recreation Department 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

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: Second through sixth graders
 Where: Art Room
 When: Monday, February 10
 Time: 2:30 p.m. 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. After decorating their cookies, each student will customize their own bakery box container to house their creations.

Who: First through eighth graders
 Where: Living Arts Room
 When: Friday, February 9
 Time: 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$12
 Maximum: 12 students.

Highland Dance

This class is designed to provide an introduction to Scottish Highland Dancing. Danielle Pezzimenti has been dancing for 20 years and instructing for the past nine. She spent the last year in Scotland. Come learn to dance the Highland Fling!

Who: Ages five to 12 years
 When: Tuesdays evenings – four class sessions (this is an ongoing program)
 Where: Town Hall
 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$40
 Please register with Recreation Department but make checks payable to Danielle Pezzimenti.

Techno Kids with Matt Kihm

After a successful class in the fall, Matt will continue, expanding more on digital photography, editing, and helping students produce their own picture CD.

Who: Second to fourth graders
 Where: HCS Computer Lab
 When: Tuesdays - March 6, 13, 20 and 27
 Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$30

Land Trust News

LaPlatte Headwaters Conservation Initiative on Bissonette Farm

Priority #1: Working Farmland

By Craig Chevrier

As we wrote in the December issue of *The Record*, the LaPlatte Headwaters Conservation Initiative on Bissonette Farm is the Hinesburg Land Trust's largest project yet. In the continuing effort to inform all Hinesburg residents of what's happening with the project, this month we'll start by providing a brief overview of each of the first of the five priorities we have set for this landmark initiative: farmland conservation.

Hinesburg's history, like much of Vermont, is rooted in farming. And the Hinesburg Land Trust, working with the Vermont Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land, set out from the beginning of the project to preserve farming in our town. We have been driven by the idea of growing food and raising livestock locally, and eventually partnering with farmers and local businesses to distribute farm products locally. The national local foods movement gives us some evidence that such an endeavor is possible, especially in Vermont—and particularly in a close-knit community like Hinesburg, where local retailers and restaurateurs are already committed to buying and selling local products whenever possible.

More than 200 acres of farmland are identified in the Bissonette Farm project for conservation. The farmland along Hines Road, and southward on Gilman Road, is some of the richest farming soil in the region. Keeping these productive soils available for farming will not only help realize the goal of strengthening Hinesburg's farm economy and guaranteeing access to locally-grown food products, but will also help protect the rural, agricultural landscape that is fast becoming endangered in Chittenden County.

The Hinesburg Land Trust will work with the Vermont Land Trust to identify potential farm buyers, who will commit to farming the land, and to keeping the land in agricultural use in perpetuity. The goal is to have one or two farms, operating on either side of Hines Road, with the appropriate number of farmhouses to support the one larger or two smaller farms.

An added benefit to the protection of this land is preserving the beautiful views of the Green Mountains from Gilman Road across the open farmland, and to Gilman Road and the woods beyond from Route 116.

Fitting the Pieces Together

Check back again in coming months for updates on the other four priorities for the Bissonette Farm project: wildlife conservation; water quality; recreational use; and limited and affordable housing development.

Please consider making a donation to the project. Send your donation to: The Trust for Public Land, ATTN: Bissonette Farms Project, 3 Shipman Place, Montpelier VT 05602. Be sure to indicate "LaPlatte Headwaters/Bissonette Farm" on your check. Or, to make a donation directly to the Hinesburg Land Trust, send to: P.O. Box 137, Hinesburg, 05461.

John Roe To Be Vice President for Land Conservation at Vermont Land Trust

John Roe, formerly the Director of Conservation Programs at Vermont Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, became the Vermont Land Trust's Vice President for Land Conservation effective January 2, 2007.

"John Roe is an ideal addition to the Vermont Land Trust management team," remarked Gil Livingston. "He will offer the organization a higher level of sophistication around the ecological portion of our work and at the same time he has strong familiarity with conservation of Vermont's working landscape. John is also a familiar face and trusted resource to all those involved with conservation science in the state."

"I am very excited to be joining VLT," John recently offered. "I love Vermont and few organizations other than VLT have demonstrated how the conservation and stewardship of land can help create more sustainable communities in our state. VLT looks at the whole picture, integrating the working landscape with ecology, economy and recreation at a local scale."

John has a Master's in ecology and has been working in the conservation field for the past 26 years. He spent 20 years with The Nature Conservancy in Vermont, where he most recently served as the Director of Conservation Programs. His entire career has been focused on bringing science into conservation work, particularly in the arena of land protection negotiations and the drafting of conservation easements.

For the past decade, John has worked on issues surrounding the protection of biodiversity in a managed forest context in the Northeast, particularly in a northern hardwood community. He was one of the chief architects of the ecological components of the conservation easements on the 126,000 acres of private and public lands that once were owned by Champion International in Vermont. He is also the co-manager of the Atlas Timberlands Partnership lands, 25,000 acres of timberland in northern Vermont co-owned by The Nature Conservancy and the Vermont Land Trust. Here, the two organizations are working on how to best combine economic and ecological return, as well as support some community recreation values.

Most recently, John co-authored a booklet that explores the topic of natural dynamics silviculture in three primary northeastern forests. He is currently working on a full length book with Mark Zankel, the Nature Conservancy's Deputy State Director in New Hampshire, that will explore the intersection of forestry and forest ecology, and how they might best be addressed in the context of forest conservation easements in the Northeast.

John remains committed to the partnership between VLT and TNC that has allowed Vermont to be a national leader in land conservation.

"The missions of VLT and TNC complement each other very well, and in a small state like Vermont people expect us to cooperate and we've done this remarkably well. I've worked hard to build a strong partnership between the organizations and will continue to do that, just from a different chair. Together we can conserve far more of the state's nature and working landscapes in a fashion that is sustainable over the long term," he said.

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Call 482-2350 for information.**

**Copies of the 2007 Deadlines can be
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**Material not received by deadline will
be considered for the next issue.**



Fitness Center Relocates — Offers 24-Hour Access

By Jean Isham, HBPA

It just got easier to keep that New Year's Resolution to exercise regularly and more! Peter and Lynn Monty have relocated the Blue Wave Fitness Center to the Village Center on Mechanicsville Road. In conjunction with this relocation, they are now offering twenty-four hour access. No more excuses! Members are provided with a key so they can use the Fitness Center at their convenience.

The Fitness Center is fully equipped with all of the popular equipment for cardio workouts such as treadmills, ellipticals, rowers and bikes. For those of you who have gone through cardiac rehabilitation, this provides an opportunity to continue with your workout close to home. In addition, there is a full range of strength training equipment.

Hinesburg Blue Wave Taekwondo has also moved to the Village Center. This provides an opportunity for parents to take advantage of the Fitness Center while their children participate in a Blue Wave Taekwondo class or the after school program.

Chantal Paulino has joined Blue Wave Taekwondo and the Fitness Center as Peter's personal assistant. Chantal, a Williston resident, is the mother of two young boys and previously operated an after school program in her home. Chantal is also a Taekwondo student of Mr. Monty, whom she described as "the best."

The office for the Fitness Center is located next door at the Takewondo facility. Hours for the office are 2:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday; 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Other times are by appointment. Stop in and see Peter or Chantal or call 482-3899 to schedule an appointment. Assistance is also available for creating an appropriate workout program.

Future plans include building a new facility for both venues.

Michael Junga Establishes Hinesburg Financial Group, LLC

By Jean Isham, HBPA

Michael Junga, a University of Vermont Graduate with a degree in Business Administration and seven plus years experience in the financial services industry, recently formed Hinesburg Financial Group, LLC.



Michael Junga

His primary objective is to work with the businesses and families of Hinesburg to help them achieve financial success and empower them to take responsibility for their economic independence. His goal is to become a financial resource to the community in all areas of financial services, through the sharing of ideas and by using a team approach to every challenge. Each team member has an important role, whether the team member is an attorney, accountant, pension specialist, college planning specialist or other professional.

Michael follows certain guidelines in assisting each client. First, he determines what each client desires to achieve, and informs the client about what options and products are available. He then establishes an ongoing relationship with the client's other professionals as well as bringing into the process other specialists as needed. Finally, he assists the client in making an informed decision.

Because of the rapidly changing economic environment and changing life styles, Michael recommends an annual review of everyone's goals and systematic update of the tools that are used to achieve them.

Michael said he finds that most people tend to procrastinate in protecting and securing their financial future because they aren't informed about their options and don't know whom to ask for help. To address this need, he is

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planning to host a series of free educational workshops/briefings with other experts in the fields of retirement planning, estate planning, college planning, and income taxation planning.

He will also offer a business owner series highlighting unique concerns to most business owners such as employee benefits and morale sessions. The workshop/briefings will also provide community members an opportunity to increase their financial literacy in areas of concern to them.

Michael is actively pursuing his Certified Financial Planner designation and is two courses away from completion. He is also a member of the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors, a Registered Representative with the National Association of Securities Dealers and a Certified Long-Term Care Professional.

Michael has an office in his home in Hinesburg (802-999-7900) as well as an office at 354 Mountain View Drive, Suite 200, Colchester across from Costco (802-864-6819). His future plans are to locate professional office space within the village of Hinesburg. He may also be reached by e-mail at junga_michael@nlvmail.com.

Michael is married to Dr. Heather E.J. Kendall, a UVM alumni, and pediatric cancer researcher at UVM. He acquired several clients in Hinesburg over the years and always loved its setting and proximity to everything. In addition, Hinesburg reminded him of the town where he grew up—Monroe, Connecticut. Before Monroe became too industrialized, it had a rich history full of tradition and family values. These core values of family, town and community became somewhat forgotten as Monroe expanded exponentially.

After an agonizing house hunt in 2004-2005 and nearly losing hope of finding a house in Hinesburg, they met Hinesburg resident John Buckingham (a founding member of HBPA) and, as Michael says, the rest is history. They purchased John's home and are pleased with their decision to live in the Hinesburg community.

Goose Creek Farm of St. George, VT Joins Central Boiler Team of Maxim Dealers

Central Boiler, an industry leader in the design, production and distribution of outdoor furnaces, is pleased to announce that Goose Creek Farm of St. George is the latest to join a dealer network that continues to grow across the United States and Canada.

The Maxim outdoor wood pellet and corn furnaces by Central Boiler are designed to heat entire homes, garages, water heaters, greenhouses and more utilizing these completely renewable energy sources. The Maxim is installed outside as far as 500 feet but typically between 30 and 100 feet away from the building being heated and can be adapted to work with any existing heating system. A water jacket surrounds the furnace firebox and heated water is pumped to the home or building through insulated underground pipes. The Maxim is designed to provide consumers with a safe, efficient, thermostatically controlled heat.

If you'd like more information please call Greg Beliveau at (802)482-3404.

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom Completes Broadband Rollout to Entire Service Territory

24 Communities in three VT Counties covering 669 Square Miles Can Get High-Speed Internet

By Kurt Gruending,
Vice President of Marketing

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom reached a new milestone with news that 100% of its customers now have access to high-speed broadband Internet service. WCVT has deployed Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technology throughout its rural service territory to provide its customers with a level of technology that would be the envy of many urban centers.

With the completion of its newest remote switching site, all of the businesses and residences located in WCVT's 669 square mile telephone service area are now within reach of high-speed Internet access.

"This is a huge milestone for our customers, our Company and the communities we serve," said Gregg Haskin, President / CEO of Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom. "We are proud to be playing a leading role in advancing the state's goal of making high-speed Internet access available to everyone in Vermont. Now that we have achieved this, our work isn't done. We are currently in the process of deploying next generation DSL equipment, which will provide speeds up to 24Mbps to our customers. High-speed Internet is a core building block for economic development in many of these communities."

Bill Fogg, Network Planner for the company concurred, saying, "This is a big achievement for us, and a lot of people helped make this happen. This has been a massive project, requiring the installation of many new switching sites, fiber-optic cable, and DSL equipment. It has been our goal from the beginning to make high-speed Internet service available throughout our service area and we are excited to continue the mission of providing world class service to our rural customers." WCVT began deploying broadband Internet services in 1999, and has continued to invest significant dollars in the local telecommunications infrastructure to make high-speed Internet access available throughout its rural service area. Access to affordable broadband service is considered to be a critical component of economic development in Vermont's rural communities.

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom is a family owned, independent telephone company serving over 20,000 customers in the Mad River and central Champlain Valley regions of Vermont. The company was incorporated on November 30, 1904, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2004. Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom provides local and long distance telephone service, and high-speed Internet access through its Green Mountain Access subsidiary. More information can be accessed on the web at www.wcvt.com.

NRG Adds Two to Their Team

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

Martha Keenan, of Charlotte, joined the NRG team as facilities manager. Martha brings 22 years of experience in facilities and asset management. Before joining NRG, Martha served as an asset manager for Housing Vermont in Burlington, where she was responsible for the financial oversight for a portfolio of Housing Vermont's properties throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. She previously served as the director of property management for Redstone Commercial Group in Burlington. Martha received her bachelor's degree in animal science and agricultural economics from the University of Vermont. She received her "Certified Property Manager" certification from the Institute of Real Estate Management in Chicago.



Martha Keenan

John Norton, of Warren, joined NRG as chief operating officer (COO). John brings more than 25 years of executive level operations and management experience. Before joining NRG, John was COO and senior vice president for BBT North American Corporation and Controlled Energy Corporation. John received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Williams College in Williamstown, MA.



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For more information on NRG Systems, Inc., visit www.nrgsystems.com.

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Trustee Meetings

Carpenter-Carse Library Board of Trustees meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise warned. Meetings are held at the library at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Book Discussion Group

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers' homes. The February 15 discussion features *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan. The March selection is *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Watch for posters or phone Earla Sue McNaul at 482-3347 for information on meeting dates, locations or other details.

YA Book Group

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Regular Youth Happenings at the Library

Toddler Storytimes

Join Tom at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, February 6 and 20, for books, songs and stories especially chosen for children up to three years of age. Walk-ins are welcome.

Preschool Storytimes

Preschoolers aged three to five can drop by the library every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. for stories, songs and games with Tom.

Saturday Fun Club

Join Tom each Saturday for stories, crafts, games and special events. Fun Club runs from 10:30 a.m. 'til noon for ages six to ten. Registration required. Call or visit the library to learn more about upcoming themes and activities. Note: There will be no Fun Club February 24.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:

- Adrian, Chris, *The Children's Hospital*
- Allende, Isabel, *Inez of my Soul*
- Avery, Ellis, *The Teahouse Fire*
- Cussler, Clive and Dirk Cussler, *Treasure of Khan*
- Cussler, Clive and Jack DuBrul, *Skeleton Coast: a novel of the Oregon File*
- Flynn, Vince, *Acts of Treason*
- Gregory, Philippa, *The Boleyn Inheritance*
- Hall, John S., *The West Window*
- Hilferty, John, *Moonlight in Vermont*
- Hillerman, Tony, *Shape Shifter*
- Iles, Greg, *True Evil*
- Koontz, Dean, *Brother Odd*
- Mayor, Anchor, *Second Mouse*
- Rapp, Adam, *The Year of Endless Sorrows*
- Shteyngart, Gary, *Absurdistan*
- Sparks, Nicholas, *Dear John*
- Willett, Marcia, *A Friend of the Family*

Adult Nonfiction:

- Carter, Jimmy, *Palestine: Peace not apartheid*
 - Edwards, Elizabeth, *Saving Graces: Finding solace and strength from friends and strangers*
 - Eggers, David, *What is the What?*
 - Iraq Study Group, James E. Baker III and Lee H. Hamilton, *Iraq Study Group Report: The way forward - a new approach*
 - Miller, Judith, *Collectibles Price Guide 2007*
 - O'Hurley, John, *It's OK to Miss the Bed on the First Jump: and other life lessons I learned from dogs*
 - Ritter, Scott, and Seymour Hersh, *Iraq Confidential*
- *Check out our website for listings of new selections for children and young adults.*

Family Fare

You're Invited to Get the Words Out!

Storytelling is coming to Hinesburg. LANES (the League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling) has partnered with libraries throughout New England and New York for a project called *Get the Words Out*.

Get the Words Out is a collection of 60 volumes of recorded stories on 48 CDs and 12 cassettes representing some of the finest storytellers in the Northeast. These recordings were donated by LANES members and will be available for circulation at the Carpenter-Carse Library. The collection is a great way to introduce Vermonters to the many talented storytellers in New England and beyond. Recordings will appeal to children and adults, so listeners of all ages can discover the joys of a tale well told.

A presentation of the collection will be on Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. The evening will include performances by LANES tellers followed by light refreshments. Please join us for a celebration of storytelling at Carpenter-Carse. For more information you can call the library at 482-2878.

Movie Nights

Friday night is movie night at Carpenter-Carse. Come to the library and enjoy a great flick. Look for titles and more information at the library. The next showing: Friday: February 2. Showtime: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now!

Pajama Party

Wear your pajamas and join Tom for stories, games and a whole lot of family fun on Friday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events for Adults

Hinesburg Pickin' Party is Pickin' Up

A dozen of Hinesburg's finest musicians fired up the library at the latest pickin' party. Join your friends and neighbors for another afternoon of music and good times on the first Saturday of each month. Next date is February 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Blues, folk, country – any kind of music and all levels of players are welcome. (Strictly unplugged, of course.) Bring your guitar, sax, banjo, fiddle... whatever, and join the band. You never know who might show up! Recommended for teens through adult. For more information call Tom Stamp at 482-2878.

Author Event

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. "Yo, Hackie" sponsored by the Carpenter-Carse Library. Join us for the true tales of taxi driver Jernigan Pontiac as he shares stories from his daily work of driving a cab in and around Chittenden County and rural Vermont. Jernigan is the author of *Hackie: Cab Driving and Life and Hackie 2: Perfect Autumn* and writes a column published in the weekly newspaper, Seven Days. The New England Press Association has voted Jernigan a first place writing award, saying, "Brilliant! What an amazing writer. He offers a fun, first - person perspective into things we can only wonder about."

Don't miss this interesting evening. Books will be available for purchase. Please call 482-2878 to register.

Knitting Circle

Join us Wednesday, February 28 to knit or crochet projects with friends. Bring your own supplies and project to work on. Refreshments will be provided. Adults only, please.

Audubon Bird Program

Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. Time for spring! "Jewels of the Northern Forest" is presented by Bridget Butler of Audubon Vermont. Come and enjoy this colorful presentation with bird songs, about local birds found in forests across Vermont. Find out why Vermont is globally important to various species of neotropical migrants, including warblers, thrushes, flycatchers and boreal birds. Please call to register.

Year of Sharing

2006 was an excellent year of progress at the Library, with goals met due in part to members of the community who shared their resources. Library Staff work hard and Trustees often go beyond the call of duty, but we cannot do it all! First and foremost we thank the voters who supported library services. There were also those whose significant contributions really made a difference. Many gave new books and other lending materials to the Library. Others provided tech equipment. Still others donated their time, expertise and labor, solving problems and just getting things done. As a community we have joined together to make it a good year. We wish to acknowledge publicly the following donors: (Don't hesitate to bring to our attention any names we may have inadvertently omitted.)

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- Nancy and Dick Bell
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- Melanie Cote
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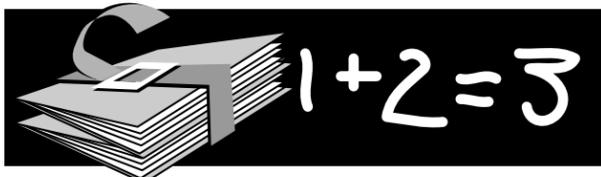
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Quotation of the Month

"A book lying idle on a shelf is wasted ammunition. Like money, books must be kept in constant circulation. Lend and borrow to the maximum – of both books and money! But especially books, for books represent infinitely more than money. A book is not only a friend, it makes friends for you. When you have possessed a book with mind and spirit, you are enriched. But when you pass it on you are enriched threefold."

- Henry Miller (1891 – 1980) American writer

HINESBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Compiled by Betsy Knox

From the Principal's Desk

By Debi Price, HCS Principal

Hinesburg Community School Playground Project

We would like your input... We are in the process of collecting information from students, staff, parents and community members for our playground improvement project. Please respond to the following questions at your earliest convenience:

- What do you like about our playground?
- What would you like on our playground?
- What and/or where is your favorite playground?

You can respond through our website www.hcsvt.org under Playground Project or send your responses in writing to the main office, attn. Debby Lyman. Thank you

A Time of Giving...

Our student leadership in grades 7 and 8 collected 3000 cans of food and over \$50 during their food drive before the holiday break. Proceeds will benefit the Hinesburg Community Food Shelf.

Not to be outdone by our students' spirit of giving, the faculty and staff donated \$1,000 to Camp Ta Kum Ta, a summer camp for children who have or who have had cancer.

HCS Welcomes Student Teachers for the Spring Semester

We are fortunate to have two student teachers working with our students this semester. Welcome to Katie Walsh from St. Michaels College who will be working with Barb Spaulding and our 7-8 students and Katelyn Gadhue from Champlain College who is working with Diane Barber and our 1-2 students.

Thank you HCS Foster Grandparents

Hinesburg Community School is proud to have two Foster Grandparents working with our students in grades 1-2. Dee Howard spends her time in Lisa Stanton's 1-2 class and Eleanor Lavalette volunteers in Joan McGuire's 1-2 class.

The Foster Grandparent Program is sponsored by the United Way of Chittenden County and is part of the United Way of Chittenden County Volunteer Center. The Foster Grandparent Program is a federally funded program designed to provide meaningful volunteer roles for older adults. Foster Grandparents serve 15-40 hours per week providing supportive one-to-one assistance to children in the Hinesburg Community School.

For more information on the program or to become a Foster Grandparent, please contact Debi Price, Principal at 482-2106 or Patti Meyers from United Way of Chittenden County at 651-5360.

First Annual International Community Dinner at HCS a Huge Success!

On Thursday, December 7 Hinesburg got its first real snowstorm of the year. It didn't look like a good night for Hinesburg Community School's first ever International Dinner. But it turned out to be a great evening, as hundreds of Hinesburg residents showed up at 5:30 p.m. with French and Spanish food to share with each other, and to watch HCS students in grades 3-8 do fine performances in their target language.

"It truly was the best potluck dinner I have ever attended, and the snowy weather and slippery roads didn't keep down the large crowd which attended and had a wonderful time speaking in Spanish or French, watching skits and slide presentations and listening to songs," said Thom Fleury, the HCS Assistant Principal.

A wide variety of more than 50 different kinds of exquisite French and Spanish food, ranging from "Lapin a la Cocotte" (French Rabbit Stew), to a Spanish specialty rice and seafood dish called "Paella," were spread across five tables in the front hallway of the school. There was another table set aside just for desserts such as a Spanish vanilla custard called "Flan" and a French chocolate pudding called "Mousse." All of the space in the cafeteria was needed to seat the large number of Hinesburg residents on this snowy evening.

When participants were almost finished with food from the more than 40 countries where French and Spanish are the primary languages used, the presentations began.

The first presentation was a French puppet show, which ended with some great dancing by eighth grade French students. Eighth grade Spanish students then took the stage to perform a song about what else, but food.

Fitting right in with the topic of dining, a group of seventh grade French students did a nice restaurant skit in French. Third, fourth and fifth grade French and Spanish then did a variety of French and Spanish songs in the languages that they are learning. It was quite entertaining. Bravo!

Presentations culminated with a magnificent power point presentation on Lebanon by HCS French teacher Madame Kasti, and a passionately presented slide show about the Inca ruins in Peru called Machu Picchu by CVU Spanish teacher Señorita Rodriguez. Everyone left HCS at 8:30 PM quite satisfied, and proud of what the Hinesburg Community was able to put together on a blustery December evening.

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Reading is Fundamental (RIF), Giving the Gift of Reading

By Jenny Lyman, Grade 8 (Infinity Team)

RIF is a great way to get kids to read and to want to read. Students grades K-8 get to choose a book out of a great selection to take home, and these wonderful books are donated



from the RIF committee. It's a wonderful program that students get to participate in. I'm sure students of HCS enjoy RIF. I can say for myself that I appreciate the whole idea of RIF, and the opportunity to receive a book that I will enjoy and be able to read. HCS is a very lucky school to have the RIF program and is thankful for it too.

The Infinity Team knows how special RIF is, and enjoys it a lot. So, in appreciation, the team decided to give a "gift" of reading. We made time in our day to make reading boxes; which we put together by telling a little bit about a book that we read and putting in some of the information about the book and made into a cube, which we colored and decorated. If I say so myself, these cubes look very colorful and artistic, I can definitely say that we put a lot of time and quality into making these look nice and presentable. These cubes can be used to find a book that you might have interest in, and that you might enjoy reading just as much as we did. The cubes can also be used to help pick a book if you are struggling to find one. The "Gifts of Reading" looked so good that the Infinity Team has displayed them in the library. They are there for the students and adults to use and admire anytime of day. We are glad to help celebrate the gift of reading and RIF.

Hinesburg Reading Celebration

By Christine Varney, HCS Librarian

The 'Hinesburg Reading Celebration' takes place at HCS during the month of February. This is held in honor of "Read Across America", Vermont's "I Love to Read Month" and our goal to encourage children, families, and community members to share in the joys and love of reading. The celebration begins with RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Day where all students are able to select a free new paperback book to take home and read.

Throughout the month students at HCS will participate in a variety of activities including school wide Silent Reading periods, buddy reading, a book trivia contest, RIF Teas and hopefully lots of parent/child book sharing. Students are keeping track of the amount of time they spend reading for fun at home and at school on a RIF Reader entry form. We will end



our Hinesburg Reading Celebration just before the February vacation with the drawing of the names of the "Hinesburg RIF Readers" and runners up at both the PreK to 4 grade levels and 5 to 8 levels. We hope that this will be a special reading time at school and in every home and that it will be continued throughout the year.

From the HCS Music Department

By Cindy Fay and Pam Miller

Upcoming events:

February 2 and 3: All-District Music Festival for 7th and 8th grade students. We have 12 students representing HCS. They



are Lily Roberts-Gevalt and Dan Thiefels in Orchestra, Matt Shepardson, Greg Zengilowski, Katie Parker, Sara Stewart and Abigail Buzzell in Chorus and Hannah Covington-Walker, Lexie Millikin, Kameron Clayton, Doug Knox and Grady Farnum-Rendino in Band. Congratulations!

By February 14, CSSU District wide Music Assessment for all 2nd Graders. The students will sing an eight measure song to be evaluated throughout the supervisory union. For more details contact Mrs. Fay.

February 15th: Mrs. Feussner and Mrs. Whitman's 3-4 classes will be presenting a performance about outer space at 6:00 at HCS.

February 20 from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.: Mrs. Fay and the Traveller's Team (1-2's) broadcast live on Channel 16 RETN to Charlotte & Shelburne Music Classrooms. Topic; Clapping Songs and Dances of New England.

February 20: Mrs. D'Andrea's 3-4 class will be presenting

a performance about diversity and peace at 5:30 p.m. at HCS.

March 30 and 31: The HCS Drama Production of "Beauty and the Beast", 7:00 p.m. at HCS.

April 17: Mrs. Barber/Mrs. Stanton's 1-2 performance of "The Lorax", 6:30 p.m. at HCS.

May 8: Mrs. O'Brien/Mrs. McGuire's 1-2 performance of "Understanding Cultures through Storytelling", 6:30 p.m. at HCS.

May 29 at 7:00 p.m.: The CSSU Jazz Concert featuring Jazz Bands from HCS, Williston Central, Charlotte Central and CVU will place at CVU.

May 30: Miss Lass/Mrs. Hodge's 1-2 performance with partnership with the Flynn Theater, 6:30 p.m. performance at HCS.

May 31 at 7:00 p.m.: The HCS Jazz band, Advanced Band and 7-8 Chorus will be performing their Spring Concert at HCS.

June 5 at 7:00 p.m.: Beginner & Intermediate Bands and the 5/6 Chorus perform Spring Concert at HCS.

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The Viking Voice

January 27, 2007

Volume 2, Issue 4

Kudos to 6th Grade Voyager student Connor Mawe for contributing to the layout of this edition of *The Viking Voice*.

We hope you enjoy this slice of HCS 5-8 life. As you can see, there is more to our school lives than lunch and recess. Not that there's anything wrong with lunch and recess.

This edition features the work of Infinity (7-8) and Voyager (5-6) Team students. Many thanks to all who submitted work this issue; this is just a small sampling of what we are writing in class.

RIF-Giving the Gift of Reading

By Emma Sienkiewicz and Galen Broido, Grade 7, Infinity

Hinesburg Community School is very fortunate to be able to do RIF. RIF stands for Reading Is Fundamental. It allows the school to purchase paperback books three times a year. Every student in the school gets to pick out any book that they want out of all the books that have been purchased. This is a great way for our school to get kids motivated about reading.

RIF started in 1966. RIF serves all of the United States. RIF was founded so that every child will be able to enjoy the gift of reading. Another reason that it was founded was so that every child could also understand the importance of reading. How many books do you think RIF provides a year and how many children does it give the joy of reading to?

RIF provides about 4.5 million children with about 16 million new and free paperback books a year. Without RIF giving the gift of reading many children throughout the United States would not be able to enjoy reading.

A Holiday Concert for All

By Kameron Clayton, Grade 7, Infinity

The lights went down and the Jazz band began to play "Yesterday" by the Beatles. The audience had taken their seats and the music was swinging. The musicians were enjoying the music that they had worked so hard to perfect. They had set the stage for what was a great concert.

The multiple sections of the chorus were definitely clear and they took their songs to the next level in terms of harmonies. The A-Band closed out the concert with three great tunes. The band played two holiday selections, one a compilation of several Hannukah songs and the later a Christmas Concerto that featured three soloists playing traditional carols. The fruits of their labor were evident on the medley from "Fiddler on the Roof". Saxophones, Trumpets, Euphoniums, Percussion, Flutes, Clarinets,

Oboes, and Voices made this a cymbal smashing celebration for the ages.

Hinesburg had a large contingent of singers and musicians who tried out for the All District Music Festival. The festival is February 2-3. Twelve singers and musicians will be representing HCS at this All District Affair.

Hinesburg LAX Needs You

By Pete Levack, Grade 7, Infinity

This year in Hinesburg the boys lacrosse team is searching for players.

If the Hinesburg boys recreational lacrosse team doesn't have enough players by the time the season starts there will be no lacrosse team for the rest of the year. The people that did sign up for the team will have to choose either not to play lacrosse for the year or join a different recreational lacrosse team, such as Shelburne. I don't think that any of the players on our team will like to join a different team who they compete with every year. It doesn't matter if you've played lacrosse in your whole life, we just need people who are willing to come to every practice and try their hardest during the practices.

The Hinesburg lacrosse team is so much fun. Every practice we warm up by running around the field two times. After that we throw the ball around to warm our arms up, for the rest of the practice we have structured fun. We will usually have face-off competitions to see who has the best skill and reaction time for face-offs. The practices are always fun, but we also condition and learn at the same time while having a great time.

The coach of the Hinesburg lacrosse team is Steve Smith. Steve is one of the nicest people you will ever meet in your life. He's always trying to help you improve with your skills during the middle of practice. Steve has two children, Luke (a senior at CVU) and Owen (asophomore at CVU). His children come to all of the practices to help out the team with the skills they need to improve with. Steve started the program a while back when his son Luke was in 7th grade. I would hate to see his team not be able to play lacrosse. Please try to help out your school by joining the Hinesburg lacrosse team, I'm positive you'll have a great time playing for Steve Smith.

Farewell Vermont. Chicago, Here I Come!

By Colin McGraw, Grade 7, Infinity

It is sad to say, but the Hinesburg McGraws are moving to Chicago and saying farewell to Vermont. I will miss Vermont very much, but I'm looking forward to a new adventure just outside the city. It is going to be a very

different change going from the country to the city. We are going from quiet streets to honking in traffic. It's also going to be a big change in the landscape. Going from hills to flatness will affect a lot, especially biking and running.

What I will miss about Hinesburg are all the animals that roam around. In Chicago there will be squirrels and that's about it. I will miss the fresh maple syrup that comes right from the tree. I will miss all the land I have around my house with the forest, but in Chicago we will own about an acre. I will miss all the nature I see every day. Instead I'll be seeing more houses than trees. I will miss all my friends and family here still in Vermont or close by. I'm sure in Chicago I'll make good friends, but it's still hard to say goodbye to ones you've known your whole life.

What I'm looking forward to in Chicago is that I'll be able to get more exercise whether it's running, biking to school, tennis, or whether it's just walking in the park. There will be a lot of things to do outside that will keep you occupied. I'm also looking forward to having the same size school, but its only grades 6-7 and 8 so I will have more people to hang out with my age. Also since I'm going to live in more of a city-like town I think I'm going to get more job opportunities and better life opportunities.

Those are not all, but most of my opinions about leaving the country and going to the city. So I guess my last word is Farewell Vermont. Chicago, here I come!

We Support Heifer International

By Kenzie Mahoney, Grade 8, Infinity

This year at the Hinesburg Community School the seventh and eighth grade Infinity team has been raising money for Heifer International. The Heifer project started in 1944 and has been working to bring help and hope to millions of impoverished families around the world. Heifer International works in the area of livestock and agriculture. They help impoverished families by donating a variety of animals including Heifers, sheep, lamas, water buffalo, goats, flocks of chicks, geese, ducks, trios of rabbits, trios of guinea pigs, pigs and even honey bees.

The Infinity team raised money for the Heifer project over a period of three weeks. The majority of the money was just spare change brought in by the students of Infinity. The grand total that the Infinity team raised for Heifer International was \$220. In the end, the team decided to purchase 1 goat, 2 flocks of chicks, and 2 beehives, with the money they raised. Even though the Infinity team will never know to what part of the world their donations will go, they know that they will be helping families in need.

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A Project of Opportunity **By Lily Roberts-Gevalt, Grade 7,** **Infinity**

Every Tuesday the Young Writers Project (YWP) submits a page to The Burlington Free Press (along with other Vermont daily newspapers). This project gives kids the chance to feel important, to have their writing put out for thousands to read. This gives people the opportunity of a lifetime, to know that just like famous authors, they are published writers. Using your free time you can take your imagination to another level, you can share your thoughts and stories to others by blogging, and best of all you can feel proud when you see someone reading the newspaper and saying "Wow, did you write this? 'Cause this is really good".

Every week prompts are assigned; you have the choice of two for each week. Your prompt is read and judged by other Vermont students and can be chosen among a few to be the best of the submitted entries. I have recently been published, and I got to see my own name up there in the paper. I have seen my dad's name in there and my sister's name, and now mine. Having many people read your writing is wonderful. I have even gotten a personal letter from an appreciated reader.

A Day of Sadness For The **Middle School**

By Brittany Place, Grade 8, Infinity

On Friday, January 5, 2007, a very special person came to Hinesburg Community School. His name is Mr. John Halligan. For anyone who hasn't heard of this man before, he is a husband and father who lost his son, Ryan Halligan, by suicide because he was bullied and harrassed at the Albert D. Lawton Middle School in Essex.

The experience of coping with the suicide and how it all came to be is what Mr. Halligan came to discuss with us on that Friday. His presentation started with a slideshow, showing pictures and video clips of Ryan starting from when he was just a baby to age fourteen. With complete silence from our middle school audience as the slideshow ended, Mr. Halligan started Ryan's life story. He told us about how Ryan still hadn't uttered one word at age two all the way to how his being bullied started and how he handled the whole situation. There was also a time for the students and even the teachers to ask him questions, as long as they weren't too personal. That's where his presentation ended, with him thanking us and hoping we had a great school year. In return, he got a big round of applause.

In the afternoon on the same day of January 5, 2007, every student was in their home team rooms to discuss

what they had just heard a few hours before. Sources have said that all of the teams did almost the same thing, but I only know what really happened on the Infinity Team.

We started out with filling out a question paper called the "4, 3, 2, 1" sheet. The questions consisted of four things we'd remember from the presentation to one thing we would tell Mr. Halligan if we could. Filling this out led to a long conversation about all of the questions on the sheet, in which students from the Infinity Team expressed their opinions about what they would do or say.

All in all, the afternoon was filled with deep conversations about Ryan Halligan's life and his suicide. But even though this may just be another suicide story, every student knew there was a point to it all. Bullying is something that if you push it too far over the limit, things like this can happen, and this is one of the points that Mr. Halligan was trying to get across to us.

Overall, we all thank John Halligan for coming to our school. While this could have just been another assembly for some middle school students, it could have saved someones life.

The Yellow-Eyed Penguin

By Thomas Keller, Grade 6, Voyager

When you hear the word penguin, you probably think of a little bird freezing in the Antarctic's frigid climate, but this is true for only the eleven species of the flightless bird which live near the South Pole. While all penguins live in the southern hemisphere, I think that one, which lives in New Zealand, is the greatest. Why is the Yellow-eyed penguin so magnificent? Because of its truly amazing physical characteristics, superb intelligence, and outright astounding willpower.

The yellow-eyed penguin has adapted so well to its environment that it is truly one with nature. Hundreds of years ago this bird must have learned that it didn't fly as much as swim, so its wings shrank, and became sleeker, perfect for swimming. When it also didn't walk as much, its feet became broader, thus making it waddle so strangely. It is the third largest penguin in the world. Since it lives in a warmer climate than South Pole penguins, its feathers are not as dense, but are still very matted. The sole reasons for this penguin's name is because of yellow eyes, and a

yellow streak on the face running from the beak, around the eyes and onto the back of the neck. Its brightly colored orange feet and bill make this bird a very colorful character. It has a colorful body designed for swimming and built-in sunglasses. If that's not amazing I don't know what is.

This penguin's number one predators used to be the seal and shark, but its superb intelligence allowed it to learn that a long time wimming can be fatal. The yellow-eyed penguin has learned its lesson, because it is considered to be the rarest penguin on earth now. The penguin will stay usually within fifty kilometers of shore and one-hundred sixty meters deep when hunting for fish off the coast. One would also suppose that by staying in small family groups the yellow-eyed penguin has a longer life of up to twenty years, one of the highest.

The penguin goes through some very hard times during its life, but has astounding will power. Every year during mating season the females have to eat up because they lose forty percent of their bodyweight. Another hardship this bird faces is destruction of its habitat; even though this penguin is endangered it is the only descendant of Megadyptes, which has the longest ancestry of all penguins. This puts a large weight on its shoulders, but this penguin has survived through attacks from cats, dogs, and ferrets which are not native to the land. Through thick and thin, this penguin lets nothing get in its way. With amazing physical characteristics, superb intelligence, and outright astounding willpower, this penguin truly is an amazing animal to study. If any of us had to live such a hard life, I doubt we'd survive.

The Hunter of Lake Iroquois, **Part 1**

By Samuel E. Foutz, Grade 6, Voyager

It was a warm summer night and Casey wanted to go swimming. I told him he shouldn't because of the weird disappearances. But he didn't listen. I turned on the spot light and watched the water. I looked back at my house, but when I looked at him, he was gone. I saw bubbles coming up from under the surface.

The next day two more people went missing on the lake, a lifeguard and a person in a canoe. After that the Mayor was furious. He wanted somebody to find out what was happening in the lake. A couple of days later some people were fishing for lake trout when all of a sudden something hit their boat. They looked over the side and saw a giant fish with a bathing suit on its fin. They also got a picture of it. They parked their boat on my dock. I printed them out on my computer, jumped in to my Ford GT and drove down to the Mayor's office and showed him the pictures.

Stay tuned next issue for more of Sam's story

Keep the conversation going ...

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Nancy Pollack, Math Coordinator - 482-6260, ext. 151

Bolton Valley Resort is the Place to Be

By Ben Francis and Eric Palmer,
Grade 8 (Infinity Team)

After only the second week of the Bolton Ski and Ride program, the conditions have been great, considering the lack of snow. But as the year goes on the conditions just keep getting better. The new progression park has been a huge hit with many of the ski and ride participants. Unlike other ski areas, Bolton has sustained their great

tasting and affordable food, and because of that, every Wednesday, the Bolton Valley lodge is a heavily packed area. Other ski areas can't keep up with the massive amount of customers, but Bolton can.

Although not every lift/trail is open, the ones that are have that same Bolton Valley quality. Some favorite trails of the participants are Sherman's Pass, the progression park, Beech Seal, and last, but definitely not least, the black diamond trail known as Hard Luck Chute. Even though only 13 out of the 64 trails are open it is still well worth the money and time. Most parents of the kids that go to Bolton Valley believe that it is a conveniently accessible ski area for the kids of Chittenden County. Not only that, but the skill level of the riders ranges from beginner to expert. So, Bolton Valley accommodates everyone, so that there is always a trail open for them. Bolton Valley's programs allow kids to get up to the mountain at least once a week. This makes the program an ideal resource for kids.

GOTR Recruiting Coaches

By Kristi Johnson

Girls on the Run coaches are needed in Hinesburg. Girls on the Run is more than a running program available to grade 3 through 5 girls. If there is interest, we may be able to start a Girls on Track program for 6th through 8th grade girls. The program is a progressive run/walk program that covers fitness, nutrition, team building, and other fun/social games built around running.

After the ten-week program, the girls are ready to participate in a local 5K with other schools. Do not feel that you have to be a runner yourself. The applicant should have an interest and love of fitness as well as energy to work with the girls. It is a very fun program and well rewarding for all those involved. The program starts mid-March and "runs" until the end of school in June. Please contact Kristi Johnson for more information. 482-3366 or kristijohnson@gmavt.net.

Hinesburg Celebrates National Mentoring Month

By Ginny Roberts,
Hinesburg's Mentoring Coordinator

Mentoring is a wonderful way for adults in the community to connect with young people in a meaningful way. There are two mentoring programs in Hinesburg, Connecting Youth Mentoring Program at HCS and Community Friends. Currently there are 25 mentor pairs that meet weekly in Hinesburg. In January, these mentor pairs joined with mentor programs nationwide to celebrate this enriching program.

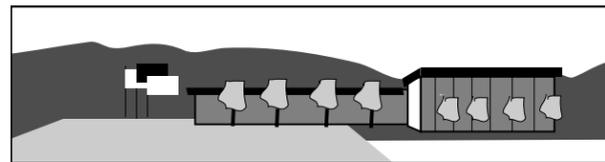
The important part of mentoring is developing a relationship with a child by getting together on a consistent, weekly basis. Research shows that children in a mentoring relationship have more self confidence, do better in school and make healthier choices as teenagers. Both mentors and mentees look forward to their time together and develop lasting friendships.

The school-based program has adults meeting with a child during the day at school playing games, doing art activities, cooking or playing outside. Community Friends mentoring happens after school time and weekends and the mentor can go places with their mentee or just hang out at their home.

There are still children needing mentors. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625. Based on your schedule, she will refer you to a Community-based program or one that takes place at the Hinesburg Community School. A screening process and training will help you get matched and ready to start a truly enriching experience. A Hinesburg child needs you!

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For Community Access Courses, visit: www.cvuhs.org/access/

Winter Session is now underway – please check the website for more information.

Calendar:

January:

31: Course registration informational, 6:30 p.m.

February:

1: Extended Advisory, 2:45-3:15 p.m.

1: Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night, 6:00 p.m.

2: SAT Registration Deadline

6: Extended Advisory for Youth Risk Survey

8: 1/2 Day Inservice. School Dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

8-10: Champlain Valley District Choral Festival

10: ACT Test

14: Career Fair, 11:30-1:30 p.m.

14: CSSU Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Room105

14: CVU and local School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

15: Extended Advisory, 2:45-3:15 p.m.

19-23: Spirit Week

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

26-March 2: No School

2007-2008 Course Registration

The CVU Guidance Department invites parents and guardians to an information session about course registration for the 2007-2008 school year. The meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 31, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 160 (Performance Center). During the first segment of the meeting, there will be an overview of the process which will be used for scheduling this year. In the second part of the meeting, parents will meet in groups by the grade level of their student to hear information about next year's curriculum decisions for that grade. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Helen Niedermeier in the Direction Center hniedermeier@cvuhs.org or 482-7137.

Women's Panel Speaks to CVU Students and Community

On February 9 at 10:30 a.m in the CVU Auditorium Taryn Couture, a CVU senior will host three amazing business women of Vermont in the CVU auditorium as part of her Graduation Challenge project. The women will be:

- Lisa Ventriss, President of the Vermont Business Round Table
- Pat Heffernan, Co-Founder of Marketing Partners
- Jan Blittersdorf, Chief Executive Officer of NRG Systems

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in March but is being put on earlier for Graduation Challenge) and will be open to the public. It will be an interesting and educational hour filled with the insightful perspectives of women in top level positions. Please mark your calendar for this important event!

Staying Connected With Your Teen

CY- Connecting Youth In Chittenden South, is pleased to offer a five-week program to help parents of teens ages 12-17. *Staying Connected With Your Teen* is a science-based prevention program that helps parents develop positive family management skills and discipline practices. It also encourages parents and teens to work together to build the skills needed for teens to make healthy choices. If you are looking for ways to stay connected to your teen or have concerns about some of the issues they may be facing then this is the perfect course for you!

This five-week course is offered on Tuesdays at CVU High School, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and began on January 16th. Dinner is provided. The cost is \$20 which includes a family workbook. Scholarships are available and child-care may be available upon request.

Through this course, parents will learn how to...

- Improve communication amongst the family members
- Increase the chances of youth making healthy choices
- Reduce the risk of problem behaviors
- Build strong family bonds

If you are interested in this course but have a difficult time committing to a five-week evening course, please call for information on our take-home self-study program. For more details on either course or to register, please contact Jen Bickel at 482-6951 or jbickel@cvuhs.org.

CVU Career Day Needs You!

Calling all community members who would like to share their career experiences with CVU students.

This year, our annual Career Day will be held on Tuesday, February 13. Our students have much to learn from people working in various fields, and Career Day is our opportunity to expose them to the wealth of opportunity that awaits when they finish their education. Please come to CVU to share information in classrooms or participate in our career/job fair. As part of CVU Career Day, we will also include a focus on Community Service. Many non-profit organizations appreciate student volunteers and can use this opportunity to tell students about the work they do and what opportunities there are.

There are three different types of opportunities for you to interact with students:

- * Classroom presentations
- * Career Fair Table
- * Community Service Table

Classroom Presentations - This format may vary for different grades, but the general idea is to provide a classroom presentation which will be about 30 minutes in length.

Career Fair Tables and Community Service Tables - The Fair will be held during our lunch blocks (11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.). It will follow a standard job/college fair format with opportunities for those interested to set up tables and meet face-to-face with many interested students. Employers, with job opportunities available, are welcome to hand out job applications to interested students.

Community Service organizations may use this opportunity

to educate students on their mission and work and to sign up volunteers for tasks, events, or on-going support. Everyone has the opportunity to speak with students directly about the skills/qualifications they can improve upon through working with your company or organization while still in high school.

Interested? Intrigued? Call Helen Shepard in the CVU Direction Center for more information: 482-7137. If you work in a non-profit organization in service to our community and are interested in participating, please call MaryAnne at 482-7195.

Valerie Gardner Student Trust Fund

The Valerie Gardner CVU Student Trust Fund was first established and generously funded by graduating students at Champlain Valley Union High School in 2000. In subsequent years, other graduating classes have generously contributed to the Trust. In June 2005, the Trust was rededicated as the Valerie Gardner CVU Student Trust, honoring her wonderful legacy at CVU and enabling that legacy to continue in a meaningful way. The original purposes and processes of the Trust have been retained and are described below.

The Valerie Gardner CVU Student Trust is established to pursue three main purposes:

To help sustain and increase the diversity of groups and activities available in the CVU community.

To create an environment in which more members of the CVU community feel included.

To help students and teachers improve the CVU community.

In order help fulfill this legacy, the Trust Committee is hoping to increase the balance of the trust through fundraising and award monies to school groups and/or individuals. If you wish to make a charitable contribution to the Valerie Gardner CVU Student Trust, please send your contribution to Champlain Valley Union High School. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Main Office (482-7100).

UVM Design TASC Challenges Winners

Students in Olaf Verdonk's Design Technology 3 course competed in the UVM Design TASC Engineering Competition at UVM in December and did a fabulous job! Three out of the four teams won prizes. They took two firsts and a third, and won in a fourth category.

IBM Award

First Place: Champlain Valley Union High School - Team America Students: Thompson Limanek, Brenden Keenan, Mark Talley, and Caleb Miles. Advisor: Olaf Verdonk. Prize: \$500 and IBM Thinkpad.

Pizzagalli Performance Award

First Place: Champlain Valley Union High School - Team Design Werks Students: Brian Thabault, Bradford Berry, Jason Brown, and Ian Hunt. Advisor: Olaf Verdonk. Prize \$500.

Husky Marketing Award

Third Place: Champlain Valley Union High School - Team Design Werks Students: Brian Thabault, Bradford Berry, Jason Brown, and Ian Hunt. Advisor: Olaf Verdonk. Prize \$125.

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Chittenden South Supervisory Union CHILD FIND

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The Chittenden South Supervisory Union is interested in locating preschool age children (birth to five years) who live in the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston, who show a developmental delay in the areas of speech/language, social adjustment, adaptive behavior, self-care, gross/fine motor coordination, and cognitive development.

If you know of such a child between the ages of birth to three years, please contact Melissa Hendrickson at the Chittenden South Supervisory Union at 383-1234; for such children between three- to five-years-old, please contact the Early Educator at the elementary school in the town where the child resides; and for children who live in St. George, please call the Allen Brook School in Williston.

- Charlotte Central School – 425-2771
- Hinesburg Community School – 482-2106
- Shelburne Community School – 985-3331
- Williston – Allen Brook School – 878-2762

The Chittenden South Supervisory Union is also interested in locating all school age children/adolescents with disabilities living in the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston, who are not currently attending school, are attending a private school by parent choice or are being home-schooled. If you know of such a child/adolescent, please call Fran Williams, Director of Student Support Services at Chittenden South Supervisory Union at 383-1234.

News from the Hinesburg Nursery School

Waffles, Friends and Fun Return to Winter Carnival Weekend

By Kate Dodge

As I am writing this month's column, it is raining buckets outside my window and it's about 55 degrees. Unbelievable for January. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, there is a thick blanket of snow on the ground and temperatures are back where they ought to be for this time of year. In fact that is the case, I'm sure you are getting excited about all the fun activities happening in Hinesburg this winter. No doubt you have the Hinesburg Winter Carnival on your family's calendar for the 10th of February and are looking forward to an afternoon of frolicking and fun in the snow.

Well, here's something maybe you didn't know...on that same day, February 10, in the morning (8:30 to 11:00 a.m., to be exact) there is another event not to be missed at the Hinesburg Community School. It's the 9th Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction to benefit the Hinesburg Nursery School. It is so much fun you won't believe it...keep reading.

Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m., so pack up your whole sleepy family and get 'em to the cafeteria (PJ's are ok.) There they'll find waffles (complete with strawberries, whipped cream and real Vermont maple syrup to top them), bacon, fresh fruit, bagels, coffee and juice. Once everyone is full and satisfied there are activities for the kids including all kinds of fun stuff to do with their hands. Even Clifford the Big Red Dog will be there!

But the fun doesn't stop there, as there's a silent auction, too. This is not a small affair—the range of items to bid on is dizzying. Great stuff, including homemade products, gift certificates to local businesses and services, food products, handmade gifts, dinners, memberships to local attractions and even a stay at a condo in Vail! (They have lots of snow there). There is something for everyone and believe me, once the bidding starts, you'll find it hard to put your pencil down.

It's great fun for the whole family, so mark your calendar now—that's Saturday, February 10 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the HCS cafeteria. Adults: \$6, children ages 3-12: \$3.50, kids under 2 are free. Family rate (two adults and two kids) is only \$17, a great value.

Before I became an HNS parent, my family used to go to this event and it's so fun to see all your friends and neighbors over waffles on a Saturday morning. The kids socialize with each other and play with arts & crafts, the adults chat over coffee and then go bid against each other...then when it's all over folks head to the Winter Carnival and the fun keeps on going. Trust me, you will have a good time, and you may even walk away with some cool stuff, so come along and bring the whole family. You won't be disappointed. See you there!

Organizations

Lions Thank Businesses for Donations

By Marjory Sharp

The Hinesburg Lions Club ended its raffle of four Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets on October 24th with the choosing of four winning tickets. The four winners were *Anne Castle, Jan Johansson, "Skip" Farrell and Scott Brunetto.*



On behalf of the Hinesburg Lions, Marjory Sharp thanks Papa Nick's Restaurant for food donations.



Lions representative Marjory Sharp presents certificate to staff at Lantman's Best Buy in appreciation of food donations.

Shirley Basiliere, Gloria Barnes and Barbara Lyman headed up the project including the gathering of donations from area businesses and the filling and decorating of each of the baskets. *Gloria Barnes* delivered the baskets to the winners.

The Venture Scout troop in Hinesburg also helped collect food donations for the baskets. Each basket contained the fixings of a complete Thanksgiving Dinner with enough to feed 12 diners including the turkey, cranberry sauce, gravy, squash, potatoes, stuffing, bread and pies.

Thanks go to Papa Nicks Restaurant for selling tickets at their customer counter and to *Melissa Martin* who sold raffle tickets at Lantman's Market.

In addition thanks go to every business that contributed the foods to fill the baskets including Lantman's, bakers *Mary*

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Proceeds from the raffle will be used to fund projects in the Hinesburg community wherever and whenever a need arises.

Community Dance Series Goes Monthly

By James Donegan

December 16 was the first of what will be a monthly dance series. The dances have been called "contra dances," but they really include square, circle, contra dances, and waltzes. The dances are open to all ages and there is a caller to give instructions during the dance.

The dances will be held on the second Saturday of the month, with some exceptions. The next dance is Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 in the Town Hall. Mark Sustic will be calling and Katie and Julia of the bands Sugarblue, May Ellies, and Hot House Hens, will be playing.

The March dance is on the 10th, and the April dance is on the 14th. There will be a fee to pay for the music, and donations will be collected to begin a Hinesburg Youth Corps. Please call James Donegan with questions at 482-3245 or email doneganmaple@hotmail.com

Hinesburg Friends of Families Offers Support Group for New Moms

By Ginny Roberts

Becoming a mom for the first time can be challenging. A support group offers an opportunity to share joys, frustrations, questions, and make friends with woman going through a similar life change. The group is facilitated by Ginny Roberts, an experienced group leader and mom who remembers how her mom's group saved her when her first child was an infant. The group meets at the Carpenter Carse Library on Thursdays. To sign-up for this free group call Ginny Roberts at 482-5625.

Playgroup for Parents and Toddlers

The Town Hall is the place to be on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 for parents and their young children. It's a fun time for kids to enjoy other children in a large toy-filled space, and parents to socialize. For more information, call Brandy Thorpe at 482-6401. Playgroup is free and runs as a drop-in program with no registration required.

We Want to Welcome Your New Baby

Hinesburg Friends of Family contacts every parent of a new baby to welcome them with a bag full of resource

information, local business gift coupons and a hand knitted baby hat. A volunteer mom will meet with you at your home or one of the playgroups. Please call Brandy Thorpe at 482-6401 if you would like a bag and or visit.

Hinesburg Neighbors Building Community through Front Porch Forum

By Michael Wood-Lewis

Josh Brown and Zoe Richards of Burlington needed a hand lifting the heavy stuff. They planned to move their four-person household across Catherine Street into their new home over the course of several days recently, and they figured they could handle most of the things themselves. Their two young children wouldn't be much help in getting the couch down the stairs, though. So they put the word out to neighbors through Front Porch Forum.

When one person showed up at the appointed hour, Josh and Zoe breathed a sigh of relief. Then something remarkable happened. Thirty-six neighbors showed up and moved everything they owned in an hour and a half! Picture-hanging nails were pulled, carpets were vacuumed, the baby's crib was

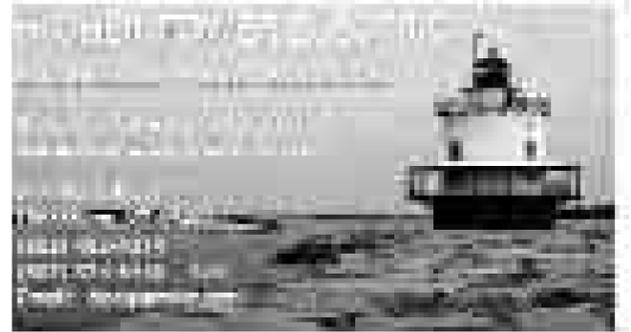


Cobble Drive residents Kristin Kany and Kristine Karge used Front Porch Forum to organize a "block party" for their part of south Hinesburg this fall.



moved and reassembled in the new nursery, and more. Every chore got done.

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"We were astounded," said Josh. "What incredible neighbors." Stories like these are playing out across the area as neighbors connect and foster community through Front Porch Forum, a new local internet service.

Front Porch Forum offers email forums for neighborhoods and towns.

Founders Michael and Valerie Wood-Lewis launched the service from their home in the Five Sisters neighborhood in Burlington's South End earlier this year. After only a few months of operation, they are hosting 130 neighborhood forums covering all of Chittenden County and nearly 3,000 local households have joined. About 100 Hinesburg homes participate so far in the three forums covering the town. More people register every day.

"Front Porch Forum is building community in neighborhoods across the county, and it's starting to catch on in Hinesburg" said State Representative Bill Lippert (Chittenden-1-1). "Many folks are very busy these days and this service helps neighbors meet and stay connected. And the fact that it is free, doesn't overfill my inbox or generate spam is great."

Hinesburg residents already share many messages; recent subjects: dog playgroup forming, Turkey Trot foot race, block party organizing, apartment for rent, school fundraiser, treadmill for sale, Hats for Hinesburg, sewing services, offer to split a side of beef, free walnuts, La Platte headwaters conservation, seeking snowshoes, llamas and hunting safety, and more.

People in other towns use their forum to organize opposition and support for highways and landfills, help neighbors during pregnancy and illness, borrow ladders, recommend a roofer, and much more. Loads of free kid and baby gear changes hands through the neighborhood forums.

While the forums yield many direct results (e.g., sold a used desk, found a reliable plumber), the bottom line is that people are getting to know each other better. Josh and Zoe didn't know each of the three dozen volunteer movers that came to their rescue, but they do now!

Signing up is fast, easy and free. If you use email and live in Chittenden County, you can participate. Anyone interested can learn more and register at FrontPorchForum.com. The service is based on the award-winning Five Sisters forum. This part of Burlington was recognized as a 2006 "top ten" U.S. neighborhood by *Cottage Living* magazine, and many folks who live there give significant credit to their neighborhood forum for the great sense of community.

"My friends who live in the Five Sisters love their Front Porch Forum," reports Hinesburg resident Kristin Kany. "I'm thrilled that it's now available in our town. I encourage everyone who uses email to sign up since I'm so excited about the community-building potential of this brilliant new 'thing'!" She also notes that some rural addresses don't show up in the online registration process and that people can still join by emailing contact@frontporchforum.com.

Fletcher Farm Road resident Wendy Patterson concurs. "This is a great idea! It's such a natural; I wonder why no one's thought of it before. I'm glad to have another way to connect with neighbors during our long winters," she said.

Lippert stated "hundreds of townspeople participated in the recent Hinesburg Community Meetings facilitated by the Vermont Council on Rural Development. Front Porch Forum

came up repeatedly as a way to bring us together. It's already in place and is a natural way to keep everyone informed and connected as the four task forces get underway in 2007."

Hinesburg Community Monthly Social Potluck—February 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant: Relicense it or Shut it Down

Hattie Nestel and others from the Citizens Awareness Network will speak about the campaign to stop the relicensing of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.

Where: Carpenter-Carse Library, Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg

Please bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice. For more information call 482-2689 or write info@globaljusticeecology.org.

Global Justice Ecology Project advances global justice and ecological awareness by identifying issues, creating strategies, organizing campaigns, building alliances and disseminating photographic images that demonstrate the interconnections between the social and the ecological, promoting a crucial holistic analysis to unify and strengthen movements. Check them out at www.globaljusticeecology.org.

Learn more about this free community-building service and sign up at FrontPorchForum.com

Bottle Drive to Benefit CCS Trip

A bottle drive will be held on Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Central School.

If for any reason you are unable to contribute during these hours please call in advance at 425-3260 for pick-up.

Proceeds will benefit the CCS Odyssey Team trip to Quebec this spring.

Civil Air Patrol Participates in National Wreath Laying

At noon on Thursday, December 14, 2006 members of the Vermont Wing Civil Air Patrol, the all-volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force, paid tribute to the members of the United States military. This included those members who are currently serving, along with veterans, living and deceased and those who are still missing in action.

The ceremony, which was held at the Hinesburg Veterans Memorial, was part of a National ceremony called Wreaths Across America, at which wreaths were placed at various veterans memorials and cemeteries throughout the U.S. and also at every gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery. The wreaths were laid at the memorials by Captain Barbara Leary, Director of Cadet Programs, 2LT Iain Chaplin, Public Affairs Officer and assisting as photographer was Cadet Airman First Class Brian K Garvey Jr.

This program was started by the owner of The Worcester



Left to right – 2LT Iain Chaplin & Capt Barbara Leary salute to complete Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Hinesburg Veterans Memorial. PHOTO BY: CADET AIC BRIAN K. GARVEY, JR.

Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, which graciously donated six wreaths, representing each branch of the military and one representing the MIAs, for each location that was chosen throughout our great country. The program is going to continue to expand its tribute to our service men and women, both active duty and veterans in 2008 when the program goes worldwide. Anyone wishing more information on the Wreaths Across America or Vermont Wing Civil Air Patrol can contact 2LT. Iain Chaplin, Public Affairs Officer for the Vermont Wing Civil Air Patrol at vtwgpao@gmavt.net.

ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Vermont Stage Offerings

The Vermont Stage Company is now selling tickets for their 2007 productions. They call the Flynn Space their home.

Woodie Guthrie's *American Song* is currently running and will be presented until February 4. Mark Nash directs this musical of the life of the folk singer through his words and music.

Kathryn Blume will present a final one woman/one performance of *The Boycott* on February 4. Blume, author and performer of this work, will portray the first lady and her worldwide strike to combat global warming.

Winning the Tony Award for best play and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2004, this one man show follows a man who poses as a woman under Nazi and Communist regimes. Playing from March 28 to April 8, *I Am My Own Wife*, will leave you in awe as the one actor plays nearly three dozen characters.

Stephan Golux will direct *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf?* This Edward Albee play is about two couples and their many problems. This is funny but also very dramatic. It will play from May 2-20.

For more information, call 862-1497 or visit their web site at: <http://www.vtstage.org/>.

Dancing Opportunities

There will be English Country Dance on Friday, February 2, at the Elley-Long Music Center, 223 Ethan Allen Avenue, Colchester (in Fort Ethan Allen complex, off Route 15). Dancing will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (basic instruction first half hour). The cost is \$7.00, beginners' first dance evening is FREE. Music by Laura Markowitz, Ana Ruesink and John Dunlop. Teaching by Val Medve, Wendy Gilchrist, and friends. All dances are taught, no partner are needed. Adults and youths over 12 are welcome. For information, contact Val Medve 802-899-2378 or valandtom@together.net.

Another English Country dance will be held on Friday, February 16 at the same location, time, and with the same instructors.

Join the Amateur Musicians

The Amateur Musicians' Orchestra has resumed rehearsals for the Spring season at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room at South Burlington High School. Rehearsals run from

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For more information, visit their web site at: <http://www.amovt.org/rehearsals.php> or contact via email to: chocal@aol.com.

Italian Opera & The Marriage of Figaro

This event is part of the First Wednesdays series sponsored by Vermont Council for the Humanities. Opera expert Peter Fox Smith asks, "Could it be that the greatest of all Italian operas was written by an Austrian?" and gives a brief overview of Italian Opera from Monteverdi to Puccini. This event will be held Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. and is hosted by Fletcher Free Library, Burlington. Call Barbara Shatara, 865-7211, for additional information.

Music of the Holocaust

During one of the most horrendous eras of human history, people suffering great hardship nevertheless found solace and fulfillment in the arts. This session will present music that was composed and performed in Theresienstadt concentration camp.

Taught by Lois Price and sponsored by a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council, the first part of this series will be held on February 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Burlington Community Library. Part II will occur on March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Call Louise Murphy at 652-7076 for more information.

Auditions for Once Upon a Mattress

Essex Community Players kicks off Spring of 2007 with Mary Roger's & Marshall Barer's hilarious musical comedy *Once Upon A Mattress*, the musical version of the fairy tale *The Princess and the Pea*. Auditions will be held Monday February 5, Tuesday, February 6, and Wednesday, February 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Essex Center (at the intersection of Routes 15 and Route 128 and Towers Road).

The play will be performed Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14 at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15 at 2:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22 at 2:00 p.m. The production is being directed by Donna Boisselle.

For additional information, please contact Director Donna Boisselle, either by e-mail at chickdsings@hotmail.com or by phone at 878-7763, evenings until 9:00 p.m.

Local Sports

Hinesburg Wrestlers to Host Jr. High Championships

Hinesburg's Jr. High Wrestling Team is off to a great start. Welcome back Veteran wrestlers Gary Brace, Michael Fuller, and Sam Fortin. Also, welcome to Justin McKenzie and Tucker Austin—both joining us from the Essex team. Nick Meunier, from Hinesburg, is new this year to our team. He is off to a great start so far. Welcome to wrestling, Nick!



Gary Brace (pictured right) gets ready to wrestle at the Vergennes Scrimmage.



Tucker Austin (pictured on top) is having a tough match at the Vergennes Scrimmage.

Already the team has traveled to Otter Valley High School, Rutland High School and Milton High School for tournaments, as well as Vergennes High School and Mt. Abe High School for scrimmages. So far the team is 27-25, with 18 pins under their belts. There has been some tough wrestling thus far, but we have walked away with many 1st places and many pins. The team is expected to travel to Mt. Abe next week. Good luck, team!

Join us on February 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the HCS Cafeteria. We are hosting the Chittenden County Jr. High Wrestling Championships. We will be selling raffle tickets to help get some new team singlets. Please help support the team. (Continued on the next page.)

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Excuse-Free Social Riding with the Green Mountain Bicycle Club

By Donna Leban,
GMBC member and former touring director

How's this for a New Year's Resolution for the less active bicyclist (a.k.a. workaholics or couch potatoes)? Next year, I will get out and ride my bike more often!

If you need some help making this resolution into a reality, let me suggest trying some rides with the *GMBC Touring Bicyclists*, a distinct segment of the Green Mountain Bicycling Club.

It's a little harder to spot the GMBC touring cyclists, as most of us don't wear the well recognized GMBC cycling "uniforms". Also, we don't all ride as one big peloton. As a matter of fact, many of us are not as interested in going fast as in having a nice, social ride on Sunday. Yes, the exercise is an important part of a ride, but it's not the most important. And we do take food stops. For some folks, this is a major reason to do the Sunday ride—the opportunity to eat "free" calories that you've earned on the ride.

Speaking of calories and getting in shape, the best and

easiest way to lose pounds and have a great time simultaneously is doing extended (multi-day) bike tours. While GMBC does not sponsor extended tours (we are a volunteer-run club, not a touring company), our rides are a great way to get in shape for bike tours. Doing Sunday tours with GMBC is a good way to locate others interested in extended touring, which can be more fun when done with friends.

For more information, check out the GMBC web site at www.thegmbc.com. The ride schedule is posted on-line in the touring section of the web site before the first rides of next year's bicycling season. Each ride has a leader's phone number and/or e-mail address listed where you can get additional information about each ride. Membership in the club not only supports bicycle advocacy and safer roads to ride on, it includes accident insurance and gets you your own personal copy of the newsletter and schedule.

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Among the Hinesburg donors who received their gallon pin were *Laura LaFreniere*, 2 gallons; *David Farmer*, 3 gallons; *Mary Place*, 7 gallons; *Sam Hemingway*, 7 gallons; *Alan Belcher*, 15 gallons; *Paul Emmons*, 19 gallons; and *Douglas Olufsen*, 80 gallons.

Huntington Contra Dancing

Join the Huntington and Richmond Community String Collective for family friendly contra dances. Mark the second Saturday of each month this winter.

Family dances for all ages and beginners will be from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Refreshments and faster paced dancing will be from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Dances will be held in the Richmond Library Community space March 10th. Dances held in the Huntington Library Community Space will be on February 10th and April 14th. A small fee will be charged at the door. For more information, call Wendy at 434-4412.

Look Good....Feel Better

The *Look Good...Feel Better* program is a free service that teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques. It is held the third Wednesday of every month at the American Cancer Society, 121 Connor Way, Suite 240, Williston, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are February 21, March 21, and April 18. To register, please call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Michael Aschenbach Speaks Locally

By Penny Pillsbury
Librarian, Brownell Library in Essex Junction

Former Vermonter author and futurist Paul Aschenbach recently spoke about his new book, *VISION 3000: The Transformation of Humanity in the New Millennium* at the Brownell Library in Essex Junction. He says of his work: "This positive vision of the future empowers readers to better understand the complex transformations of our world today. It explains how emerging stages of human development bring new worldviews that transform six social functions: business, government, media, technology, spiritual culture, and human science. This vision shows readers how to gain new capabilities and align with the great transformation sweeping our planet." The author answered questions and autographed first editions of the book after the talk. Aschenbach's company *Emerging Vision Media* is dedicated to making the new way of looking at reality clearly visible and understandable.

Michael Aschenbach, son of Paul Aschenbach UVM art professor, was born in India, but spent the bulk of his formative years living in Hinesburg, attending Hinesburg Elementary School and Champlain Valley Union High School. He received his formal education at Harvard University in Social Relations. While there, he studied scientific modeling with DNA discoverer, James Watson, and symbol theory with philosopher, Nelson Goodman. Later he studied English and Computer Science at Temple and Villanova Universities respectively. In the 1970s, he co-founded a private research institute in Vermont. He is now director of the *Institute for Human Transformation* in Pennsylvania and president of *Emerging Vision Media*.



Michael Aschenbach

NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June Giroux

Welcome to Newest Resident

Cassandra Elliot is the parent of a baby boy, **Zachary Michael Harrington**, born November 11, 2006 at Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) in Burlington.

A baby girl, **Chelsey Ann Steele**, was born December 20, 2006 to *Jeremy and Heather Steele* at the FAHC in Burlington.

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

Stirewalt Captures Truman Scholarship

Hinesburg native *Alicia Stirewalt* has been named as a 2007 Truman Scholarship recipient. Stirewalt, a Cadet 1st Class (senior) at the U.S. Air Force Academy, is a biology major. The 15th Truman Scholar recipient for USAFA is exploring graduate programs in cancer research.

Seventy-five students from 63 U.S. colleges and universities were selected as 2006 Truman Scholars. The scholars were elected by 19 independent selection panels on the basis of leadership potential, intellectual ability, and likelihood of 'making a difference,' according to the Harry S. Truman Foundation Web site.

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Young people who want to get connected with the outdoors, should plan to attend the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's one-week Green Mountain Conservation Camp program next summer.

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 6:00 p.m., Middle School & High School Youth Group
Weekday Ministries:
Men's Ministry: Mondays 7:00 p.m.
Women's Group: Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.
AWANA (Pre-K-6th grade): Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
Small Groups: Various times and days throughout the week.
 For more information on any of the ministries, please contact 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 Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, S.S.E.
Pastoral Residence: 425-2253, email: dcsse@aol.com
Mailing Address: 2894 Spear Street, P.O. Box 158, Charlotte, VT 05445
Web Page: www.vermontparishes.org/StJude
Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, P.O. Box 69, 10759 Route 116, Hinesburg 05461
Parish Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, 482-7254, cell phone: 373-8037
Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory: 482-2290, email: marietcookson@aol.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: Grades K-8, Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If anyone would like to register for our religious education or confirmation classes, please call Marie at 482-2290 or at home at 434-4782.

Weekend Masses:
 Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church, Hinesburg.
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Charlotte
Weekday Masses:
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church
 Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Charlotte
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: Please call Parish Office, 482-2290.
AA Meeting: Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Charlotte
Food Shelf: Parishioners are asked to be generous in bringing canned and dried food for the needy.

All Souls Interfaith Gathering Nondenominational Service

Pastor: Rev. Mary Abele
Phone: 985-3819
Mailing Address: 371 Bostwick Farm Road, Shelburne, VT 05482
Evensong Service: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
Spiritual Education for Children: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

SCHIP's Log

By Rosalyn Graham

Tell us how we can help.

Helping our neighbors and our communities – that is the mission of Shelburne Charlotte Hinesburg Interfaith Projects, and we accomplish it by making grants to projects that benefit those neighbors and communities.

The challenge, we have realized after two years of making grants, is how to let everyone know that we can help. Up until now, we have given close to \$35,000 to projects in the communities we serve, in amounts ranging from a few hundred to \$2,500, supporting everything from food shelves and faith communities' discretionary funds to football uniforms and international music trips for needy youngsters.



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Grants Deadline January 31

The deadline for the next round of grant applications is January 31. To encourage more applications, let us explain something of the process:

- Projects must benefit people or communities of Shelburne, Charlotte and Hinesburg.
- Grants can only be made to organizations with an IRS-approved 501c3 status, but a group or individual without such IRS approval can apply by establishing a sponsorship or mentoring relationship with a 501c3. For example, all the member faith communities that joined their energies to found the SCHIP organization have that 501c3 status and could help with an application for a grant.
- Application forms are available at the SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop at 5404 Shelburne Road, in Shelburne Village, or at the Town Clerk's offices in Shelburne, Charlotte or Hinesburg.

The grant committee that reviews all applications and makes recommendations to the board for grants would like to hear from people who have creative ideas that would benefit the people of our towns. As Ti'an Callery of Charlotte, a representative to the board from the Vermont Zen Center said during a recent meeting, "Are there people out there who have an idea for a program that hasn't been available but would help someone." She referred to the example of the summer program in Hinesburg that was established to meet the need for continuing the school free and reduced price lunch program throughout the summer. With help from the public and the town and grant-making organizations like the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, that small program grew to have a dramatic impact in the community, benefiting many young people in many ways. SCHIP could perhaps provide seed money for someone else's brain child. The grant application is the place to start.

Treasure Retail Shop

The funds that SCHIP distributes in grants to the communities come from the successful operation of SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop in Shelburne Village, a shop that accepts donations of gently used clothing and homegoods and sells them to an enthusiastic public as more and more people discover its great bargains and "treasures."

Shop Manager Janet Morrison is a genius in organizing the shop so that it is exciting and attractive for customers, and in keeping track of the hundreds of donated items and the countless details of running such a lively and constantly changing retail business. She has wonderful help from part-time staffers Deonie Finkbeiner and Anne-Marie Matthews. But also important to the success of the shop are the volunteers who help in so many ways. They serve customers, they keep the store neat and the racks stocked, they accept donations and do the sorting, cleaning, mending and ironing that ensures that everything on the racks and shelves deserves the name of "treasure."

We have had wonderful volunteers to help in the shop, but the turnover is steady as people head off on vacations, or follow the sun to the south, or move away, or are busy with new projects. So we would welcome calls from anyone who could volunteer to help – and the arrangements can be tailored to the availability of the individual – hours, days and tasks can be customized to fit the volunteer.

Call the shop at 985-3595 to talk about volunteering, stop by the shop to pick up a volunteer form, or call Tricia Coleman at 482-2980 for information. We'd love to have you as part of the team – and you would be part of the network of special people who are helping SCHIP to help our towns.



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Hinesburg Community Resource Center Foodshelf

By Doug Gunnerson, Treasurer

Happy New Year! Thank you for the outpouring of financial aid and food supplies to the Hinesburg Foodshelf. We have a great start for the new year at the Foodshelf. We served over 150 different families in 2006. That represents 2,156 people visits in the year. Although we had to cut back some areas, we were able to give more in other items. We served an average of 60 families per month. That means a grocery bill over \$1,000 per month. We gave out over 2,500 pounds per month.

Each family gets a box with cereal, tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese mix, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and soups, plus a milk coupon for a gallon of milk at Lantman's Best Yet for each family with children. Cheese, eggs, and frozen meats (beef, pork, and/or chicken) are added when available. A couple of bags of miscellaneous items can be picked from the tables of snacks, specialty items and household items.

Thank You to Donors

Special thanks to all who brought foodshelf donation at the Christmas Concert by the South County Community Chorus. Thanks for the grant from the Merchant's Bank. Thanks to those who gave for the Hinesburg Community School annual year-end food drive. We received 65 boxes of foods and \$74.50 in cash.

We received several gifts in memory of Howard French. Triad Services of Williston and NRG Systems in Hinesburg sent over boxes of foods. The Hinesburg Nursery School, the guys at UVM Maintenance, the Alliance Church, Hart & Mead and the Coates Family sent in food and cash donations. Many individuals also send in a cash/check gift to enable us to make our purchases at the Vermont Foodbank and stores. The United Church donated the "Tips" from the Fall Chicken Pie supper. Thanks to all who participated. As you can see there are many ways to support the Foodshelf. How can you help? As we all get creative and pitch in, the funds and supplies add up.

Lastly, thanks from Laurie, to all who gave to her project to give Christmas for a few special families. A few businesses and individuals made it possible to deliver some holiday happiness.

How You Can Help

The Hinesburg Foodshelf is a non-profit charitable organization. All contributions are tax deductible. Remember funds raised here stays here to help our neighbors.

Please consider what you can do to help our neighbors at a crucial time, out of work, extra expenses. We need many more supporters to help. You may reach us at: Doug Gunnerson, 482-3069, or Laurie Sweeney, 482-5519. Or mail donations to: HCRC-FOODSHELF, PO Box 590, Hinesburg, VT 05461-0590.

Lastly, if we can assist you please stop in. We are open every Friday morning 9-12, at the rear entrance of the United Church. Thank you.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

Hinesburg Record 20th Anniversary Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at June's on Charlotte Road. All are welcomed to attend. Call 482-2350 or 482-2714 for information.

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

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

Groundhog Day

Monday, February 5:

Advertising and News Deadline for February 24 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 6:

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

Casino Night sponsored by Hinesburg Lions and Recreation Board. For more information, call Tom at 482-2894 or James with the Lions at 482-2152.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

Hinesburg Winter Carnival at HCS sponsored by the Recreation Department. Begins with Annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction, 8:30-11:00 a.m. at HCS cafeteria. Day long outdoor activities. Dinner Theatre at 6:30 p.m. Call 482-4691 for more information.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

Lincoln's Birthday.

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

Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Contact: George Dameron, Chair. 482-3269.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13:

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

Valentine's Day.

HCS School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU.

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

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

Hinesburg Trail Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lower level or 3rd floor of Town Hall, Frank Twarog, Chair.

Iroquois SnoBeavers Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. Fire Station.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

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 19:

President's Day.

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

Ash Wednesday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

Washington's Birthday.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

February 24 issue of the Hinesburg Record published.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

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

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

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27:

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CC Library.

MONDAY, MARCH 12:

Advertising and News Deadline for March 31 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31:

March 31 issue of the Hinesburg Record published.

WEB PAGES:

HCS: <http://www.hcsvt.org>. Learn about Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.

CVU: <http://www.cvuhs.org>. Learn about CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, and more.

CCL: <http://www.carpentercarse.org>. Learn about library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Town: <http://www.hinesburg.org>. Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

Hinesburg Record: <http://www.hinesburg-record.org>. Contains contact information for advertising and news, publication deadlines, submissions guidelines, town and church calendar.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR

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, 482-2096. 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., and 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: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 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 <http://www.hinesburgbusiness.com>. HBPA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Matthews (tmatthews@gmavt.net) at 802-496-8537 for information or to make a reservation.

Village Steering Committee: Meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. George Dameron, Chair.

Playgroup at Town Hall: Weekly group of parents and children, birth to age five. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Playtimes for young children and a place for parents to connect. All welcome. Free. Sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Families. For more information, contact Brandy at 482-6401.

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: <http://www.cswd.net>.

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

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Office Hours: Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You may leave a message for Roberta Soll at 482-2878. Ginny Roberts (482-5025) 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, 6:30 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.

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.

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