

The Hinesburg Record



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K-9 Hero Continues Fight for Life

Hinesburg Community Police Service Dog Tiger, 7, has been engaged in a month-long struggle to save his life. His handler, Officer Barbara Brisson, noticed Tiger having a problem with his hind quarters. During an X-ray examination to locate the source of the problem his vet noticed abnormalities in his chest. Further examination showed that his chest cavity was filling with fluid.

As a life saving measure over two liters of fluid were removed from his chest. Shortly after that, Tiger underwent massive chest surgery. Over the next several weeks, his prognosis was cautiously guarded and it was hoped that the problem had been corrected. Unfortunately, follow-up examinations showed that his chest was again filling with fluid and Tiger was transported to the Tufts Cummings Veterinary University in Grafton, MA by Brisson. While there he underwent multiple examinations and consultations with experts throughout the country.

A definitive diagnosis was not made there, but he was started on a course of drug treatment to try and reduce and prevent the fluid buildup. Since then it appears the fluid buildup has been reduced, although it has not been stopped.

Several friends of Tiger, realizing that the Hinesburg Community Police K-9 program is not supported with local taxpayer funds, organized a fundraiser at Mary's Restaurant at Baldwin Creek. Mary's owners, Doug Mack and Linda Baldwin, opened their restaurant on Tuesday, November 20 and donated the proceeds from the evening to Tiger's medical treatment.



Hinesburg's Tiger

The news of Tiger's medical problems caught the eyes of television news reporters Brian Joyce and Mary Morin. As a result both Channel 3 and Channel 5 provided extensive coverage which resulted in an outpouring of financial support from Hinesburg residents and others throughout New England.

Tiger's physical condition has improved steadily since his surgery and on December 29 he and Officer Brisson re-certified as a drug detector team at the Vermont Police Academy. By New Years Eve, Tiger and Brisson were again performing drug detection work in the field.

The members of the Hinesburg Community Police wish to thank those who have given so generously in the fight to save Tiger's life.

Local Task Forces/Committees, Weinhagen Honored with Vermont Planners Association 2007 Awards

The Vermont Planners Association is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2007 planning awards. The awards were presented by Governor James Douglas on Friday, November 30 at the Vermont Planning Conference in Montpelier, Vermont.

According to Vermont Planners Association President Polly McMurtry, "The awards are presented (Continued on page 22.)"

Hinesburg Receives Tree Steward Award at Statehouse Ceremony

The Town of Hinesburg was recognized at an award ceremony held at the Statehouse on December 12 as the recipient of the Community Award for the 2007 Tree Steward Awards, presented by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council.

The Council has been choosing Tree Steward Award winners since 1996. Working with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the goal is to honor the commitment of Vermonters and local organizations in caring for their community forest: trees along streets, in parks and town greens, as well as municipal forests.

"The Tree Steward Award recognizes the unsung heroes in our communities," said Council Chairman Duane Dickinson. "Canopies of trees within our towns and urban areas are appreciated by us all every day of the year. Yet, they often lack stewards. These fine folks' contributions benefit all of us."

In his remarks, Governor Douglas commended the Council, saying community forests provide social and economic benefits well beyond their environmental worth and intrinsic beauty.

"Vermonters feel the tie to our landscape in extraordinary ways; it is always humbling to see how much commitment goes into caring for our local forests and streetscapes," Douglas said. "Our environmental legacy is in the good hands of these people who make sure we protect our open spaces."

Hinesburg garnered the Community Tree Steward Award for its long-term commitment to municipal forest management. The 800-acre town forest has been the site of a number of University of Vermont projects and for years has provided service learning for school children and community educators.

"What sets the town of Hinesburg apart," wrote Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Town Administrator, is Hinesburg's planning for timber harvests and forest regeneration."

The Selectboard opted to use timber from the town forest for new flooring in the Town Hall, which was built in 1901.

County Forester Michael Snyder selected and marked the white ash trees that would be harvested for the project. He selected older trees, which were in their declining years, to



Governor James Douglas and Agency of Natural Resources Secretary George Crombie present the Town of Hinesburg with the 2007 Tree Steward Award. Pictured are (from left to right): Governor Douglas, Selectboard Chair Robert Bast, Director of Buildings & Facilities Rocky Martin, Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson, Representative Bill Lippert, Logger Bill Torrey, County Forester Mike Snyder, Selectboard Member Andrea Morgante and Secretary Crombie.

make room for younger and healthier trees.

"It is likely that at the time it was built, the practice was to utilize local materials for construction," wrote Wilson. "However, in today's world, local sustainability is not the norm. Regardless, when it came time to replace the floor in the main hall of Town Hall, after 105 years of use and wear, local materials and sustainability were exactly what the Hinesburg Selectboard proposed."

The Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council was created in 1991 to promote the stewardship of urban and rural landscapes to enhance the quality of life in Vermont communities. Find more about the awards and Council and view the winning projects on the Web at http://www.vtfrp.org/urban/for_urbcomm.cfm.

Lions, Town Honor Former Clerk with Flag Raising at Mary Zuber Flagpole



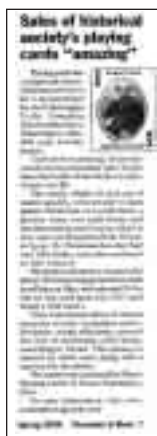
Pictured in the photo (from left to right): Road Foreman Michael Anthony, Highway Maintainer Thomas Boivin, Assistant Town Clerk Cheryl Hubbard, Planning, Zoning & Lister Assistant Holly Russell, Zoning Administrator Peter Erb, Town Clerk Melissa Ross, Water & Wastewater Superintendent Steve Button, Director of Buildings & Facilities Rocky Martin, and Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson.

When former Hinesburg Town Clerk Mary Zuber retired in 2001, the Hinesburg Lions Club wanted to do something to recognize the contributions that Mary had made to our community. In addition to serving as Town Clerk for eleven years, Mary was also an active member of the Hinesburg Lions Club.

The Lions Club donated a flagpole and flags to be installed at Town Hall to commemorate Mary's dedication and commitment to Hinesburg.

Because of landscaping and site work at the Town Hall, the installation of the flagpole was delayed until completion of the project. Six years later, on December 6, 2007, the flagpole installation was complete and the flag was raised for the first time. Several town employees who worked with Mary were on hand for the flag raising. Many thanks to the Hinesburg Lions Club for this gift to the Town on behalf of former Town Clerk Mary Zuber.

HINESBURG RECORD HISTORY



Hinesburg Businesses

A Twenty Year Span and More

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

HART AND MEAD, INC.

One of the mainstays of the business community for more than half a

century has been Hart and Mead, Inc. This full service station was established by Hugh Hart in 1941 as Texaco Service Station. Johnny (Leonard O.) Mead started working part-time in the station in 1941 while still a high school student. He left in 1944 to serve two years of military service, returning in 1946. He became a partner in the business and was subsequently joined by Hugh's son, Mike Hart. Johnny retired twenty years ago and Mike in 1998. For the last twenty years, the business has been owned by Johnny's sons, John Mead and Doug Mead. Both John and Doug have been involved with the business since the 1970's.



Hart & Mead Service station in the early 1940's.

Something that has not changed with this station is its service. There is somebody there to pump the gas, check the oil, and clean the windshield, services that are very much appreciated by many of its patrons. In addition, you can still check the air pressure and inflate your tires without charge for the air!

This is the type of business that requires many hours of labor by its owners. I remember Johnny telling me sometime ago that he only worked half days, from 6:00 in the morning until 6:00 at night and, despite "retirement" he can still be found pumping gas most mornings during the week.

From 1941 until about 1960 the back portion of the station was a pool hall and a popular hang out for the men in the area. Another history tid bit, between what is now the car wash and the current garage, Alcide St. Hilaire ran a barber shop.



From left to right: Leo Boutin, Hugh Hart, Mike Hart, Johnny Mead

Changes and additional services added in the last few years include the car wash with one automatic bay, one manual bay and coin operated vacuums. On busy days as many as 200 cars take advantage of the car wash's availability and, interestingly, the vacuums tend to be the busiest area. Another addition is the sale of bio-diesel, one of the new "green" fuels with the bio component being made from soybeans. For the last twenty years and prior, Hart and Mead has sold and

delivered home heating oil and kerosene as well as offering mechanical services from changing tires to general mechanical repair.

H & M Auto Supply store was added in 1984, providing a full line of foreign and domestic auto parts. The building was at one time an armory located on the school property. Until the 1960s it was a Grange Hall. Other uses prior to the establishment of the auto supply store included the makers of the game, All About Town, and the start of the Vermont Frames business.

The service station also contains a mini museum of Texaco memorabilia, much of it collected over the years by Doug Mead. It was a Texaco station from 1941 to 2004 at which time Chevron and Shell bought Texaco.

In the last twenty years the number of employees has ranged from seven to ten. All but three of the current employees are Hinesburg residents. One of its longest serving employees who many people will remember was Leo Boutin who worked from 1953 to 2000. Next in line are "Doc" (Don) Fisher who has been employed for 22 years and Chris Nielsen who has been employed for 20 years.

Let's salute our local businesses. They provide services, jobs, support the tax base and lend their support to many community functions. Buy Local First really does benefit all of the community.

FITNESS – THEN AND NOW MORE IMPORTANT TODAY

Twenty years ago ambitious plans were underway to open a fitness club in Hinesburg. Richard Farnham, the person behind the plan, proposed a unique idea. The fitness club would be a member owned organization in a leased building. Each member would own a share of stock, estimated to cost \$250. Members would own all the equipment and inventory and control all decisions about fees, programs, and management. The proposal envisioned an Olympic length indoor pool, two racquet ball courts, a weight training room, and an exercise/activity room. To make his plan become a reality, Farnham needed 300 to 500 applications for membership. The necessary applications were not forthcoming and the plan was abandoned.

In January 2006 Hinesburg's first fitness center opened. Peter and Lynn Monty, operators of Hinesburg Blue Wave Taekwondo, opened a fully equipped fitness center containing the popular equipment for cardio workouts such as treadmills, elliptical machines, rowers and bikes as well as strength training equipment. The center originally opened at 110 Commerce Street and in January of 2007 moved, along with the Blue Wave Taekwondo facility, to the Village Center. Users of the fitness center are provided a key so that they may access the facility at their convenience during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. If usage increases sufficiently, the Montys have plans for a larger facility. The Montys can be contacted at 802-482-3899, 802-324-3042 or by e-mail at pmonty@bluwavevtd.com.

The Monty family is dedicated to the promotion of physical well being and continuing the fight against obesity in America and our community. Lynn Monty noted that "according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 16 percent of children ages 6-19 are overweight, representing a 45 percent increase from the 1994 estimates of 11 percent. With all of the technology that surrounds us, parents and children today just are not moving. Adults need to model healthy living for their children that includes physical activity. People of all ages need to get their bodies moving and Hinesburg Blue Wave has been the answer for many in our community. I just wish more people would take



Inside Hinesburg Blue Wave Taekwondo & Fitness

advantage and sign up at our facility so we can continue to grow and offer more for them in the years to come."

We hear a great deal about "buy local." Supporting local businesses that provide a service rather than a product is part of that equation. The bonus in using local services is the savings in time and money, particularly in light of higher gas prices.

THE BUSINESS OF ART

In the last twenty years the artist community in Hinesburg has gone from being a silent, almost invisible group to a vibrant community, working together on various exhibits.

Jean Carlson Masseau, a member of that community, was a full-time art teacher at South Burlington High School until 1980. A graduate of Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), she majored in Illustration with concentrations in printmaking, textiles and photography. She also attended the University of Vermont for two years and Brown University while at RISD.

She decided to take a one year leave of absence from teaching, and by 1981 had started a business, Masseau Fine Fiber Arts. She began designing and printing her own fabrics using the silkscreen process, creating a line of pillows and tea towels that sold all over the country. Six independent contractors helped with the sewing and printing. Another part of her business involved creating one-of-a-kind quilts by hand painting with dyes on fabric, as well as constructing pieced relief fabric art and illustrations. All of this proved to be very labor-intensive, and in 1991 she discontinued the textile art to focus on painting and illustration.

Jean continued her work as an illustrator, working for a wide variety of clients and doing a substantial amount of work for gardening magazines and books, leading to teaching a C.E. Botanical Illustration class at her alma mater, RISD, in the spring of 2007. In addition, she has been selling paintings, limited edition prints, and doing free lance photography for Vermont Life Magazine and its calendars.

I asked Jean what she saw as the biggest changes in the art community in Hinesburg over the last twenty years. Her response was the camaraderie that has developed over the last few years among the various artists that are tucked away in their studios. In 2004 a group got together and participated in the Vermont wide Open Studio Weekend. Participants in Hinesburg included Fiona Cooper Fenwick, pastel and oil paintings, Sally Reiss, oil and acrylic paintings, Vanessa Brownbridge (no longer a Hinesburg resident), water color paintings and Jean Carlson Masseau, water color paintings, drawings, illustrations and photographs. That year each of the participants had an estimated 300 or more visitors to their studios. Participation in the open studio weekend has continued with Marian Wilmott joining the group with a display of monoprints and oil paintings.

In the fall of 2006, Sally Reiss spearheaded the launching of the first Hinesburg Fall Art Show as part of Hinesburg's First Annual Fall Festival. This effort saw eighteen Hinesburg artists participate with displays of paintings of various mediums, drawings,

photography and decorative bowls. The art show was a day long event interspersed with live entertainment by Dennis Willmott, guitarist, of the Left Eye Jump Band; Dan Whalen, blues guitarist; Tom Whitney Brass Trio; and the Dan Silverman Jazz Group. The Hinesburg Fall Art Show has been a resounding success for the last two years and is now established as an annual event, providing visibility for the artists and increasing their sales throughout the year.

Jean mentioned that it is not unusual for people looking for a wedding present or gift for a special occasion to call one of the participants in the art show. The participants and their contact information are as follows: Miriam Adams, drawings, 482-2066; Tom Brennan, photography, 482-6328; Mairead Delaney, paintings, 482-7031; Maureen Delaney, drawings, water colors, 482-7031; Len Duffy, paintings,



Tom Whitney's Brass Trio in the "Art Gallery" at Fall Festival.

482-2852; Fiona Cooper Fenwick, pastel and oil painting, 482-4067; Rae Harrell, paintings and fiber art, 482-2076; Lexie Reiss Haselton, paintings, 434-3793; Connie Lavalley, water colors, 482-6877; Maria McCormack, acrylic paintings, 482-3345; Peg Montgomery, photography, 482-3314; Tom Marrinson, decorative bowls, 482-7338; Jean Carlson Masseau, water color paintings, drawings, illustrations and photographs, 482-2407; Phoebe Mott, oil paintings, 482-2909; Sally Reiss, oil paintings, 482-3295; Gloria Reynolds, oil paintings, 482-5362; Bill Stirewalt, photography, 482-3121; Jennica Stetler, mixed media painting, 482-2870; and Marian Wilmott, monoprints, 482-3131.



Visitors view artwork at Fall Festival.

Hinesburg artists certainly add to the Town's vibrant and ever growing business community, presenting another opportunity to buy local.

HOME BASED BUSINESSES

Home based businesses thrive in Hinesburg as is evident from the discussion of the artistic community. In addition to the artists, there are contractors, carpenters, fine woodworkers, painters, electricians, hair dressers, pet groomers, gardening/landscape services, bed and breakfast facilities, consultants and more.

One of the more unusual businesses is Above the Clouds owned and operated by Steve Conlon. Above the Clouds business involves organizing adventure and educational travel programs to three mountain areas, the Himalayas, the Alps and Patagonia.

I recently caught up with Steve and asked what brought him to Hinesburg. He said his family had been coming to Vermont regularly for vacations. By the late 1980's they knew they wanted to settle in Vermont and they had the

luxury of not having to make a quick decision. They took their time and covered the entire northwest quadrant of the State and as they looked at the various areas they tried to get a feel for the community. Because his business involved travel, proximity to the airport in Burlington was important and since they had two children, educational and medical facilities were other important factors. They eventually zeroed in on Chittenden County and it was Hinesburg that really felt like Vermont. Their daughter was a soccer player so CVU became a focal point. They had visited friends in Hinesburg who had taken them to local functions such as the Fourth of July parade. They settled on Hinesburg and the right house came on the market at the right time.

Since the house they purchased was at the top of Texas Hill, in deference to employees, he opened an office in the Village. Following 9/11 and the decline in international travel, he downsized the business to his home, an easy decision since he had previously operated from his home for more than twenty years. Steve just hired his first employee in the past five years, his daughter. Next year they will have their first Hinesburg clients joining them. He said this feels like a milestone.

Steve said "I am about as big a fan of Hinesburg as I can imagine anyone could be. To me it combines the best of traditional Vermont and Vermont looking to the future. The recent awards given for planning are a great example. This afternoon (New Year's Day) my wife and I went out and skied around the yard. I felt that if this isn't paradise, don't show me the other one."

Steve's experience may well be the reason that we have seen much of the growth in home based businesses over the last twenty years. Other factors include the convenience of operating from home, the cost savings and Hinesburg's zoning regulations which are conducive of, and encourage, home based businesses.

Many of these businesses provide needed services. You may find them advertising in The Hinesburg Record, listed in the Buy Local Directory or on the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association's web site. It's worth checking!

FROM VALLEY PRINT AND MAIL TO MINUTEMAN PRESS — A TALE OF PROGRESSION

About 1975 Frances (Frankie) Birdsall, one of the originators of the Hinesburg Record, along with her husband, William (Bill), bought a small business called Valley Print and Mail. Prior to starting the business, Frankie worked as a secretary at the Hinesburg Community School and Bill worked at IBM. The business came up for sale at about the time of Bill's retirement from IBM and they saw this as an opportunity to operate a business from their home. Bill was good with equipment and Frankie with the composition and printing process.

They had a photocopier, a small AB Dick press and a small folding machine. They printed the customary envelopes and letterheads as well as preparing and printing ads, brochures and posters for local businesses. Their customers included Gardens for All, Four Winds Gallery, Perry Restaurant Group, Greenfield Piano Associates and many others. During their ownership they developed a small mailing business for customers. They printed and affixed the labels and sorted the envelopes for bulk mailing. The business gradually consumed a large portion of their house. They had started to expand the business and bought a machine that could add up to eight inserts to a mailing. A very bulky machine, it was relegated to the basement. To more easily get the heavy boxes of paper to the basement, they bought a conveyor

belt, knocked a hole in the garage wall and set it up so they could transfer the paper to the basement where the inserter machine was located.

During the time that the Birdsalls owned the business, they did not have any employees, occasionally utilizing family members to help out. Their daughter, Ellen Birdsall Bosworth, said she learned a lot about composition for ads and related applications from working with her parents.

At about this time computerization was coming into play and they knew that to make money, expansion was needed. They were ready to retire and sold the business to Bruce Wheeler in 1985. In 1987 the business was sold to David Eddy who owned it until 2001. In the early years a major part of the business for David was production of town reports. In addition he printed the customary letterheads, envelopes, etc. One part of the business that David particularly enjoyed was his innovation and further development of the mailing business. He could receive data bases by digital means and using an ink jet printer, print the information directly onto the mailing piece, eliminating the need for labels. This was a new procedure for the business and gave it a new profit center. In addition, it provided other opportunities for printing projects for those customers.



Minuteman Press

In 2001, David decided to make a career change and sold the business to Garren Frost. At the time of sale, there were approximately fifteen full-time equivalent employees, five of whom were Hinesburg residents.

In February 2007, the business was sold by Frost to Jon Cunningham, owner of Minuteman Press. Minuteman Press is a franchise which Jon describes as a silent partner, a great organization that assists the Company with good deals in the purchasing of equipment and presses. He owns the only two franchises in Vermont. Jon had two other locations, one in South Burlington and one in Montpelier. He had been looking for an opportunity to expand and thought this would be a good fit. He has not been disappointed.

In March of 2007 he moved his South Burlington business to Hinesburg, merging the two businesses. It was a seamless move to the customers. The Hinesburg business went from eleven to twenty-two employees over night. There were no layoffs and very little shuffling of positions. At least seven of the current employees are Hinesburg residents. What Minuteman Press brought to the business was enhanced digital capability and a little more on the creative side. There are now three graphic designers on staff. Basically this was a merger of a commercial printer and a quick printer. The combination provides a better product to the customer and provides it faster.

Jon describes the business as primarily a full color offset print shop. The fastest growing part of the business is the digital print capability. In the whole company, there are ten digital print devices. The company can produce anything from post cards to booklets, brochures, letterheads, envelopes, etc. They are also a mail house so it is one stop shopping for people who want to get their letters printed and mailed. It is pretty endless what they can print, the only limitation being that they do not print on textiles or cardboard. If it can be printed on paper, Minuteman Press will print it.

Jon's business philosophy is that of being in it for the long haul and being growth

oriented. The company enjoys being in Hinesburg and if it can stay in Hinesburg, it will. However, the ability to expand will be a factor in that decision. Jon said the business has exceeded his expectations and he feels there is real growth potential in Hinesburg for small businesses.

Jon is a member of the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and Local First Vermont, using local vendors and businesses whenever possible.

Hinesburg is pleased to welcome Minuteman Press to its growing business community.

HINESBURG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

NOW HINESBURG BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION - ITS FORMATION AND HISTORY

The formation of this Association was the brain child of the late John Buckingham. The minutes indicate that it was started in 1994 at which time John Buckingham was President and Treasurer. At this point, it appears that the Association held quarterly meetings. The March, 1995 meeting was the annual meeting at which the following officers were elected: President – Pat Nestork, Tuckaway Telemarketing; Vice President, Joseph Cioffi, CPA; Treasurer, Gary Bergeron, Chittenden Bank; and Secretary, Jeanne Wilson, The Adored Companion. Jeanne Wilson served as President from 1997 to 2002, Eric Larson from 2002 to 2003 and Tom Mathews 2004 to the present.

Guest speaker at the March 1995 meeting was Zoning Administrator Jerry Wetzel. The major issue discussed was regulations for signs. As a result of that discussion the Association conducted a survey of local business owners to get input on business signs to assist the planning commission with revisions to the zoning regulations. At the same meeting, John Mace volunteered to join the Hinesburg Elementary School's ad hoc committee to investigate residents' attitudes about construction of a new middle school. Donna Cunningham was writing Spotlight on Business articles for the Hinesburg Record.

In 1997, the organization changed its name to the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and adopted its current mission statement: "This association is organized for the purpose of fostering communication and cooperation among members, stimulating the economic development of the Town of Hinesburg, and promoting community service."

In 1998 the Association held its first annual town-wide garage sale day. This very successful venture has given residents an opportunity to be listed on a map or rent a table to facilitate participation. It brings many people to Hinesburg who not only visit the yard sales but other businesses in town. Other accomplishments include town beautification projects, particularly the planting and maintenance of the flower boxes at the Town Hall and Public Service Building, establishment of a web site and the addition to that web site of a free service for employers to advertise for employees and the posting of resumes for those seeking jobs.

The community service portion of the Association's mission has been fulfilled with the sponsorship of the town wide garage sale day, beautification projects, participation in green up day, as well as donations to the Hinesburg Food Shelf, Fourth of July Celebration, Carpenter Carse Library and Community Halloween project.

The Association has sponsored workshops on technology in the workplace and is currently sponsoring a series of financial workshops. On the drawing board and nearing fruition is the publication of a Town map.

The Association currently has fifty



Jean Isham

Jean Isham and her husband, Rod, purchased a farm in Hinesburg in 1961. She retired from a career as a legal/administrative secretary with the

U.S. District Court in 1994 and established an interior decorating business, Midway Decorating. She is a member of the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and has been writing articles about businesses for The Hinesburg Record for the past five years.

members and continues to grow. It remains committed to its mission statement and looks forward to being an active part of the business community in the years to come.

For membership information contact Michael Junga at 482-4250 or by e-mail at Junga_Michael@nlvmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT

Hinesburg has been fortunate over the last twenty years to have some larger employers that provide stable employment. These include Saputo Cheese USA, Iroquois Manufacturing Company, Nestech Machine Systems, Inc., NRG Systems, Inc., Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom and Green Mountain Access. Joining this group and with a facility now under construction is Earth Turbines, Inc. founded by David Blittersdorf. Earth Turbines designs, manufacturers, and installs complete home wind systems for the residential market. Other large employers include the Hinesburg Community School and Champlain Valley Union High School.

Other employers include Giroux Body Shop, Hinesburg Sand and Gravel, Clifford Lumber Company, Vermont Well and Pump, Merchants Bank, Carpenter Carse Library, the Town of Hinesburg, and I am sure many others that do not come immediately to mind.

The various retail establishments such as Lantman's, Estey Hardware, the video store, service stations, convenience stores and restaurants offer both full-time and part-time employment opportunities. The part-time positions have been particularly important to the students of the community as lack of public transportation has limited their access to jobs in outlying areas. It is interesting to note that Lantman's has gone through several expansions and with expansion has come increased employment opportunities. In 1988, it received approval for a 3,000 foot addition on the south side of the store which included 1,800 square feet of retail space.

Although there are no statistics available it is obvious that Hinesburg has seen substantial growth in employment opportunities over the last twenty years and that trend is expected to continue.

IN CONCLUSION

Hinesburg has an ever expanding and varying business community. These businesses support the tax base, provide a wide range of employment opportunities and offer many services. You can purchase your groceries, buy fuel for your home and vehicles, purchase hardware and accessory items for your home, farm or business, obtain mechanical and body repairs for vehicles, access house cleaning services, hair dressers, restaurants, banking services, veterinary services, medical doctors, physical therapy, a gym and the list goes on. We are indeed fortunate.

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association encourages its members and the community to take advantage of and patronize the local business community.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR



Rhonda Isham Warren 1/19/1963 – 11/14/2007 Thank You to the Community

Rhonda fought a courageous four year battle with lung cancer. Her oncologist, Dr. Grunberg, told us that she took a disease which most people survived only a year and lasted four years. He said it was her determination that got her through; that the doctors didn't do it, they just helped her.

However, Rhonda and her family did not fight that battle alone. During her four-year battle and continuing to this day, the support has been unbelievable, from her Church, the other Churches in Town, the Community School, Champlain Valley Union High School, neighbors, friends, relatives and the community as a whole.

It has included untold meals delivered, groceries, rides for the children to sports activities, piano lessons, dentist appointments, etc., and rides for Rhonda to medical appointments. Added to this were helpers to weed her rock garden, clean the house, floral bouquets to add cheer, and numerous telephone calls, visits, and prayers.

We do not know personally all of you that have been a part of this effort. We do want to express our heartfelt appreciation and say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.



Rhonda Isham Warren

I think John Workman of A W Rich Funeral Home expressed it best—when referring to Hinesburg, he said, “It’s the place you want to live.”

—Randy, Ashley, Corey, Cassandra,
Matthew and Damara Warren;
Rod and Jean Isham; Rick, Diane,
Brandon and Rebecca Isham

Cub Scouts Thank Community

There are currently 30 boys enrolled in Hinesburg Cub Scout Pack 691. Community support is vital to providing them with a program that is interesting and fun. In turn, the boys are learning to be good citizens and give back to the community themselves. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people and businesses for their generosity and support of the Cub Scouts in 2007:

Lantman's Best Yet Market
Wes & Eileen Ashe
Cedar Knoll Country Club
Kevin & Carol Smith
Papa Nick's Restaurant
Showtime Video
Koval's Coffee
Estey Hardware
Ben & Jerry's

We also want to thank everyone who purchased Trail's End popcorn from a Cub Scout in our recently completed fundraiser, and the United Church of Hinesburg for allowing our pack to

utilize the Osbourne Parish Hall to conduct our meetings.

After many years of service as Council Chair, Roger Giroux has handed over the reigns. Roger spent many hours organizing activities and keeping up with scouting regulations. His efforts have helped to ensure that boys in Hinesburg have had a positive experience in scouting. Best wishes, Roger!

—Tom Ayer

Pay Cash for Your Gas

In the spirit of the holidays, I'm going to pay cash for my gasoline whenever I can.

Record-high gas prices of late have been very tough on consumers, but the independent locally owned gas station owner has been hit hard, too. That's because credit and debit card processing fees at gas stations are usually based on a percentage—as the retail price goes up, the processing fee paid by the gas station owner skyrockets, too. “I'm losing my profit on a lot of sales to these processing fees,” an owner told me last month.

Trade associations, station owners, and government officials are reviewing this problem. According to Tashia Wallis of the Vermont Retailers Association, “Merchants even pay a credit card processing fee on the sales tax collected.” Peter Burmeister and Anthony Pollina at Vermont Milk suggest that the establishment of a Vermont Credit Card with reasonable fees is a way to fight back while investing profits into Vermont Businesses. Fair solutions take time but honest conversation overdue.

For this holiday season, if you are able to pay cash for your gas, you'll help the local gas station owner avoid excessive card fees, and help his or her bottom line—a local bottom line.

—Tom Salmon,

Auditor of Accounts for the State of Vermont.

Working for Real, Responsible Solutions

As Vermont faces challenges of the global economy and energy markets, it is critical that our communities stay vibrant, our economy strong, our farms and forests working, and our traditions of entrepreneurship and Yankee ingenuity alive. When we go back to Montpelier this January, we are committed to rolling up our sleeves and working toward common sense, concrete solutions and policies that strengthen our state today and build solid foundations for the future.

Under Democratic leadership, the legislature delivered results, moving the state forward on important fronts. In 2006, we overcame the governor's objections to health care reform passing Catamount Health. This plan provides working Vermonters with affordable health care options. Last year our Republican and Progressive colleagues joined us to pass legislation to expand high-speed Internet access throughout the state — a critical step to harness opportunity in the high-tech economic climate. The legislature is not satisfied with past accomplishments. We will continue leadership so that Vermont can continue its leadership on important issues.

Legislators spend time every day in our communities. We hear about the struggles of our neighbors. Balancing checkbooks is getting harder for Vermont families. Property tax bills, costs of health care, heating oil and gas are all burdens slowly squeezing working Vermonters. I find that many costs are rising faster than property tax bills. Cost-of-living themes underlie much of our legislative work and are topics of conversations with Vermont families about their financial challenges.

This year gas prices went up 80%. Since 2003 home heating costs rose over 100%. If Vermont leads, we have a chance to convert these challenges into economic opportunities. Rather than send millions of energy dollars out of Vermont we can keep money in Vermont's economy by encouraging small-scale in-state energy projects, biomass development, and increased efficiency of homes and businesses. We have an opportunity to save money, attract new investment in the state and preserve our environment.

By implementing the Energy Efficiency and Affordability legislation written by me and other legislative committees last session, we can create good-paying jobs in clean industries that make sense for our state. An all fuels efficiency utility builds on Vermont's nationally recognized Efficiency Utility. It will save Vermonters \$4 for each \$1 invested, increase jobs, and help Vermonters insulate themselves against rising heating fuel costs. It was disappointing to see the governor's lack of leadership on these issues. He vetoed the Energy bill that would create thousands of jobs.

Many Vermonters are expressing interest in Catamount Health. This reflects success of our past work and needs for affordable accessible health care for all Vermonters, not just those who don't have insurance. The average Vermont family of four pays \$13,000 per year for health care. Too many Vermonters are struggling to pay for coverage. Providing affordable accessible health care will continue to guide our legislative work. We are also committed to basic needs of all Vermonters, especially the most vulnerable. The legislature will continue leadership and work to improve the VT State Hospital and community based mental health services.

We need to grow our economy intelligently and provide a range of affordable housing options. We can build on recent successes that provide incentives for traditional settlement patterns in Vermont - village, town and city centers surrounded by working farms and forests. This will mean more practical transportation options, help to fix our cracking transportation infrastructure, and lower costs for services. Vermont's working landscape can continue to provide for family farms and forests, green space, carbon offsets, wildlife habitat, traditional recreational uses, tourism, and other valued activities.

Looking to the future, our focus is on building a Vermont-style economy for today and next generations. In spite of the bleak portrait the governor paints of the state, Vermont is full of success stories. We shouldn't focus entirely on the negative as the governor would have us do. We also shouldn't ignore the challenges we face. The legislature will take a balanced look to foster responsible, long-term economic and workforce development, identify what works for Vermont's successes, and build on that foundation. Solutions won't be easy, but with real leadership built on Vermont's potential and our homegrown ingenuity, not only can we hammer out real solutions that benefit real people, we must. We can't afford not to.

—Senator Ginny Lyons

Letter Policy

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 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 The Hinesburg Record, P. O. Box 340 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, deliver them to the Record drop-box on Charlotte Road, or send via email to therecord@gmavt.net.

Department of Corrections

The staff at The Record makes every attempt to get our facts and figures correct, but once in a while errors slip through. In the special Twentieth Anniversary article on “Hinesburg as a Community” in the December 8 issue we reported some wrong information regarding the Hinesburg Food Shelf. The Food Shelf does not serve hot meals and it serves an average of 60 families per month, not per year. This monthly average is up from 27 in the past 6 years. We apologize for any misconceptions our error may have created.

Record News

By Sandy Lathem

Welcome New Volunteers

The Hinesburg Record would like to welcome Doreen and Michael Patterson as new volunteers. Doreen and Mike have offered their services as copy editors. Thank you for your support.

Desperately Seeking Reporters

We at *The Record* are in a real need of volunteers to attend regularly scheduled town meetings and write brief articles that outline the major topics covered or discussed. We currently need volunteers to attend Selectboard meetings and both the Hinesburg Community School and CVU School Board meetings. Other meetings of interest include the Development Review Board and Planning Commission.

If you are interested in learning more about Hinesburg's governing boards and want to help your neighbors stay informed about issues that affect them, this is guaranteed to be both an interesting and rewarding service.

For more information on how you can get more involved, please contact Sandy Lathem, slathem@gmavt.net or 482-2714 or June Giroux, junegiroux@aol.com or 482-2350.



Hinesburg Community Reduces CO₂ Emissions by Almost Three Tons

By Dawn Francis, Co-Chair of Sustainability and Energy Planning Task Force

The Hinesburg "Light Switch" Project has met its goal! Over 6,000 compact florescent bulbs (CFL's) have been distributed to Hinesburg area residents over the last seven months.

Last May, the local Energy Planning and Sustainability Task Force rolled out a vision that every Hinesburg house and building use energy efficient lighting, such as compact florescent bulbs (CFL's). This is one easy way for our community to quickly make a difference in reducing the need for foreign oil, reducing carbon emissions into the air and reducing electric bills and usage for our residents.

The Hinesburg Sustainability and Energy Planning Task Force, in cooperation with Efficiency Vermont, the 10% Challenge program, community leaders, and Estey's Hardware kicked off their town-wide effort to save energy, protect the environment, and reduce electric bills for

Hinesburg residents and businesses on Green Up Day last May. The replacement of 6,000 incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescent bulbs will result in a first-year savings of \$61,670 dollars and a savings of \$223,443 over the life of the 6,000 bulbs. Throw in the carbon emission reduction factor, and Hinesburgers have reduced their carbon emissions by 284 tons per year, which is equivalent to 49 fewer cars driving on the road.

If you haven't yet made the switch, just take the half dozen or so incandescent light bulbs in your home that you use the most (kitchen, bathroom, living room) and replace them with the CFL bulbs. Since CFLs use 75% less electricity, replacing just these bulbs can reduce your total electrical consumption and energy bill by as much as 15%. Thanks to the Efficiency Vermont program, reduced price CFLs are still available at Estey's Hardware.

Energy Efficiency	Solid Waste	Transportation
<p>Did you know that electricity production is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States? Here are a few things that you can do to reduce your household's greenhouse gas emissions and save money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash your clothes in cold water CO₂ savings: 2 pounds/bulb Hang your clothes outside to dry CO₂ savings: 200 pounds/year Take 5 minute showers CO₂ savings: 175 pounds per person/year Install energy efficient bulbs CO₂ savings: 86-100 pounds/year per bulb Install a low-flow showerhead CO₂ savings: 250 pounds/year Reduce one load in the dishwasher per week CO₂ savings: 175 pounds/year When replacing appliances, look for the Energy Star label. CO₂ savings: 200-500 pounds/year <p>Average savings: 16 cents per kilowatt</p>	<p>Each pound of solid waste deposited in a landfill generates 1.5 pounds of CO₂ emissions. The average Vermont household produces 4 pounds of solid waste per day, or 2,200 pounds of CO₂ annually! Reducing solid waste saves you money and it reduces CO₂ emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle all materials in your blue bins. CO₂ savings: 1,300 pounds/year Reduce your weekly garbage pickup from a 64-gallon rollcart to a 32-gal rollcart. CO₂ savings: 2,650 pounds/year <p>Reducing your junk mail is easy! Write to the following address and ask them to take you off their third class mailing list: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 9000, Farmingham, NY 11731.</p> <p>Other easy tips to help you reduce your solid waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compost food scraps and yard trimmings Bring cloth bags to the grocery store Carry a reusable mug Use cloth napkins Buy recycled paper and make double sided copies <p>Average savings: Avoided tip fee of \$100 per ton</p>	<p>Transportation accounts for the largest amount of greenhouse gas's emitted in Vermont. The average Vermont car emits 13,600 pounds of CO₂ per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use alternative transportation- walk, bike, ride share, or take the bus! CO₂ savings: 1 pound/mile avoided <p>Contact CETA, (802) 884-0211, for transit passes or to sign up for a rideshare match or to find out about bus routes in your area!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly tune up your car. CO₂ savings: 1,500 pounds/year Avoid traffic and try to travel 45-55mph when appropriate. CO₂ savings: 1,200 pounds/year Choose to purchase a fuel-efficient vehicle (32 mpg +). CO₂ savings: 6,000+ pounds/year! <p>A tuned car improves fuel efficiency as much as 10%! Keeping your tires properly inflated can increase fuel economy by 6%!</p> <p>Other easy tips to help you reduce your car's emissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine errands, make only one trip Turn your engine off if you are stopped for more than 10 seconds <p>Average savings: \$3.00 per gallon of gas</p>

Vermont Emergency Management Encourages Preparation in Advance of Snow Storms

Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) encourages Vermonters to be ready for weather events by putting together an emergency preparedness kit, and stocking up on special items to cope with winter weather before the storm starts.

Some easy steps you can take to prepare for winter weather include:

- Stocking up on flashlights and batteries in your home and car;
- Purchasing a battery-powered radio or NOAA weather radio to listen for advisories;
- Keeping your gas tank and your home heating tank full of fuel;
- Purchasing extra non-perishable food for your home and your car;
- Keeping a first-aid kit in your home and car;
- Maintaining a significant supply of bottled water in your home;
- Those who have elderly neighbors or live next to those with special needs should arrange to check on those neighbors during a storm or power outage; and
- When running a generator, it is important that the generator is outdoors; an improperly operated generator can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning; check your owner's manual before operating a generator.

The Vermont State Police recommend the following safety tips for winter weather driving.

Before You Travel

- Check road and weather conditions before leaving;
- Avoid traveling unless necessary and always allow yourself extra time to get to your destination; and

- Make sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition with snow tires and winter windshield wiper blades.

On the Road

- Watch for and expect changing road conditions, black ice, blowing snow, high winds or whiteout conditions can appear when you least expect them to;
- The single most important rule is to drive at a speed that matches the prevailing visibility, traffic and road conditions. The posted speed limits are for dry, clear conditions only;
- Be sure to leave yourself plenty of extra room, extend the following distance from other vehicles ahead;
- If your car doesn't make it to your destination, pull as far off the road as possible to minimize any further traffic hazards, and stay in the car (even a short walk in winter storm conditions can be dangerous); and
- Carry a cell phone and use 911 in case of an emergency, but do not become over-dependant on a cell phone.

Any communities that may need assistance during the storm are encouraged to call VEM at 800-347-0488.

For more information, the media can call Mark Bosma, Vermont Emergency Management Public Information Officer, at 800-347-0488.

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Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 (junegiroux@aol.com) if you have questions. You may call her at 482-2350.

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Calling All Town Organizations: Hinesburg Community Center Task Force Seeks Your Information

The Hinesburg Community Center Task Force has met monthly over the past year to work toward the eventual goal of hosting a public Community Center within our town. Our main focus of the last six to seven months has been to plan programs which can be enjoyed by groups of varied age folks, such as teens and families.

Our current project is to put together an official "listing" of all of the non-profit groups that offer services or activities in Hinesburg. Some of these groups would include Boy/Girl Scouts, Friends of Families, 4H, Book groups, Rug Hooking, Quilting, Fall Harvest Festival, Hinesburg Trails Committee, Senior Meals Site group and many others. Our thought is that a complete menu of what is offered in town would be beneficial to people who live here, as well as to new families who move here. It would offer a direct source of services which would enhance that wonderful community feel that Hinesburg is so well cherished for.

We would be looking to include the following information: group name, goals (mission statement), contact person's name, number and email address, when the group meets (e.g. third Wednesday of each month, every Thursday evening, etc.), time, and the location where your group meets.

If you have information that would fit into this project, please contact Sandy White at 482- 2629 or Carrie Fenn at 482-4565. You may also contact us at contact@hinesburgcenter.org. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks.

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Planning News

By Alex Weinlagen,
Director of Planning & Zoning

Rural Area Rap Session

Please join the Planning Commission (PC) on February 13 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a series of "hot button" questions on the important topic of development densities in the rural areas of Hinesburg.

Now that work on the village growth area is off to the Selectboard for review/action (see below), the PC has turned its attention to the rural parts of town. One of the key challenges they have identified is how to balance Hinesburg's rural character and natural resources with existing and future development patterns. What are the issues at play? We'd like to start a conversation with the community about this issue, and we'd like to use that conversation to inform regulatory changes for everyone's benefit.

Be a part of the conversation: Join us at the Town Hall on February 13 at 7:00 p.m. for our famous desserts and stimulating small group discussions. See the Town website for details about those "hot button" questions, and feel free to call or e-mail me for more information.

Village Growth Area Rezoning

With the rejection of the first bond question for wastewater treatment plant upgrade/expansion, the Planning Commission spent some time re-evaluating the village growth area rezoning proposal that has been in the works for the last couple years.

The Planning Commission decided that the growth plan was still sound, and after some final adjustments, sent the package along to the Selectboard in January for further review and action. The PC feels that these comprehensive zoning changes are a critical first step in planning for a vibrant village growth center in the long term.

Together with other important tools (e.g., Official Map of needed public infrastructure, Capital Budget and Impact Fees, Wastewater service area and allocation/phasing formulas, etc.), this rezoning proposal will help lay the framework for well-planned growth well into the future (e.g., 25+ years). Keep your eyes on the *Hinesburg Record* and the Town website for details about final Selectboard modifications and hearings.

2007 – An Award Winning Year for Planning

2007 was quite a year for community engagement, activism, and planning here in Hinesburg (especially on the green energy front). The new Sustainability and Energy Planning task force marshaled a successful light bulb exchange program that is already saving Hinesburgers money on their electric bills and reducing our community's carbon footprint.

Our new Town Hall floor was installed with wood direct from our very own Town Forest. The community's substantial investment in land conservation paid off on the former Bissonette property with the help of the Hinesburg Land Trust – including a new farm ready to sprout on hundreds of acres of prime agricultural lands and 300 acres of multi-use and town-owned riparian forest.

A municipal wind turbine demonstration project was completed in Geprags Park with renewable electricity to flow to the Town Library.

The PC worked feverishly to finish the village growth rezoning, including forward thinking provisions for energy efficiency, affordable housing, and smartgrowth.

The Conservation Commission began work in earnest on a Greenspace plan to better identify our critical natural and cultural resources. In the private sector, ground was broken for the new Earth Turbines facility to complement NRG Systems.

Energy efficiency on the residential front took a step forward with new homes built by Chuck Reiss on the southern side of the village that utilize solar and geothermal (the earth's own heat) technologies among other innovative construction techniques. The National Bank of Middlebury also made a commitment to our community and broke ground on a new branch office on Commerce Street. And of course, we finally got that traffic light...

Well, all that effort (and the planning that helped along the way) did not go unnoticed. The VT Planners Association recognized us in a couple of ways with awards this year. They gave the "Outstanding Citizen Board of 2007" award to all the citizen boards of Hinesburg, "in recognition of the volunteer boards, commissions, and task forces working together to plan a bright future for the Town of Hinesburg."

They also honored yours truly with awards for the

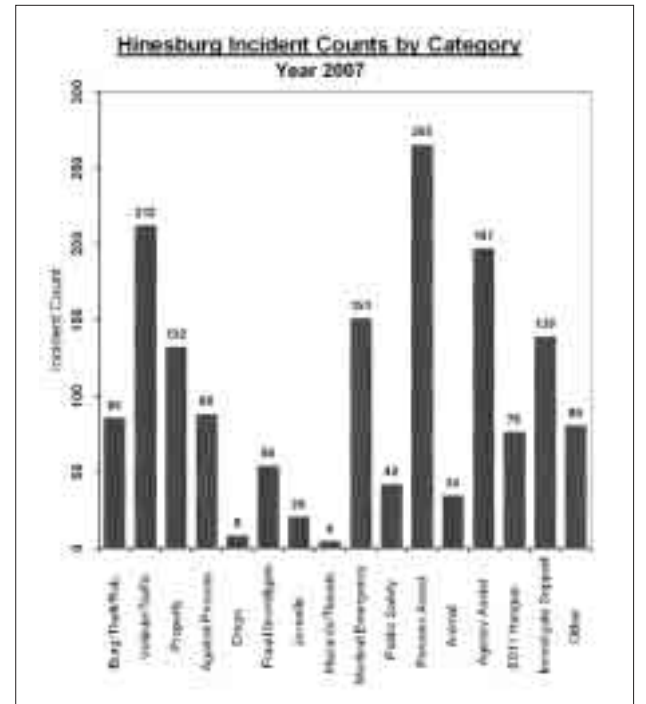
"Outstanding Professional Planner of 2007" Award for Vermont, and also for Northern New England (from the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planners Association – Maine, NH, VT).

Add to these, the VT Tree Steward award the Town received for the Town Hall flooring project, and that made 2007 a truly award winning year. Everyone should take pride in this recognition, as it is a real reflection of what a strong and cohesive community Hinesburg is.



Submitted by the
Hinesburg Community Police

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



GRAPH PREPARED BY DOUG OLUFSEN.

Winooski Man Flees: Earns Criminal Citation

Officer Frank Koss reported that on November 5 Brian Trudo, 31, of Winooski, sideswiped a vehicle he was passing on Shelburne Falls Road. Trudo failed to stop and continued eastbound to the traffic light at Vermont Route 116. When confronted by a witness to the crash at the traffic light, he again fled.

Koss broadcast an alert for the vehicle and a short time later, Fish and Wildlife Officer Chris Clark located Trudo in his car in Huntington. He detained him until Koss arrived to cite him into District Court on a criminal charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

Bad Driving Leads to DLS

On November 14, Officer Frank Koss responded to Ledgewood Drive off Texas Hill Road to assist a Fish and Wildlife Officer with a road rage incident. On arrival, Koss found that Michael Scribner, 19, of Charlotte had been engaged in an incident with another vehicle. During an ensuing chase, Scribner had passed Game Warden Chris Clark in his patrol vehicle.

Clark stopped both vehicles on Ledgewood Drive and it was determined that because Scribner had an extensive driving record, he was at the time criminally suspended. Scribner was released on a citation after processing and will answer the charge at a later date in District Court.

Silver Street Bridge Crash

Two truck drivers smashed mirrors as they passed going in opposite directions on the LaPlatte River Bridge on Silver Street November 26 at about 1:00 p.m. As a result, one mirror was projected through the driver's side window and back out the rear window of the truck cab.

Officer Conant reported that Shawn Lesage, 29, of Shoreham suffered multiple lacerations from the flying glass. He was treated at the scene by members of the Hinesburg Fire Department. Ronald Boulay, 56, of Vergennes, the driver of the second truck was uninjured in the crash.

FD Rescues Man From Crushed Car

What should have been a routine crash turned into an extensive rescue effort by the Hinesburg Fire Department. Officer Kim Conant reports that James Martin Jr. 27, of Winooski was headed northbound on Vermont Route 116 on December 17, when he lost control of his Saturn and skidded off the road. Martin's car entered the ditch, then flipped over and traveled airborne until it struck a vehicle parked in a field nearby that was for sale. The impact of the crash crushed the roof of Martin's car and pinned him inside.



Hinesburg Firefighters have to dig their way in to rescue a victim who was trapped in his crushed car after it skidded off Vermont Route 116.

The vehicle then settled into the deep snow filled ditch on its roof and driver's side. Firefighters had to secure the car to keep it from moving as they dug through the snow to gain access to the car. The roof was removed and firefighters were able to remove Martin, who suffered a back injury. He was transported to Fletcher Allen health Care by St. Michaels Ambulance.

CVU Corners Crash Sends Two to Hospital

A crash at about 2:00 p.m. on December 19 at the CVU Four Corners sent two women to Fletcher Allen Health Care. Chief Chris Morrell reported that Lauren Bean, 18, of



Hinesburg Firefighters attend to the injured at a two-car head-on crash at the CVU Four Corners on December 19.

Hinesburg, was northbound on Vermont Route 116. She failed to see a southbound car operated by Susan Lattrell, 38, of New Haven, as she made a left hand turn onto Shelburne Falls Road. The two vehicles collided head on. Both operators were treated at the scene by Hinesburg Firefighters and then transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michaels and Charlotte Ambulances.

Early Snows Swamp Police

This winter's early snowstorms caused multiple vehicles to go off Hinesburg roads on November 20 and again December 17. On November 20 the day shift started with a tractor trailer off the road at the top of O'Brien's Hill on Vermont 116 which necessitated closing the highway. This was followed with reports of cars stuck in the road on Mechanicsville Road and a crash on Richmond Road.

Then another car operated by David Lagerstedt, 16, of Charlotte slid off the Charlotte Road and overturned. He was treated by members of the Hinesburg Fire Department at the scene then transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by Charlotte Ambulance.

Still another car skidded off O'Neill Road and overturned in a ditch. The operator Marc Vecchio, 16, of Shelburne, was able to get out of the vehicle and he was treated at the scene by members of the Hinesburg Fire department.

A second snow on December 17 again backed up calls starting right at 7:00 a.m. First a car stalled in rush hour traffic just south of the St. George town line on Vermont Route 116. This was followed by a motorist running off Mechanicsville Road by Thornbush Road, another running off Hollow Road, followed by a third plowing through the snow bank and off into a field on Shelburne Falls Road. In the afternoon there were two more personal injury crashes on Vermont Route 116.

Police appreciate the patience shown by motorists who were delayed during these storms as the injured were removed from the wrecks and the vehicles were towed. In virtually all cases the cause of these crashes was imprudent speed on snow covered roads or failure of some motorists to equip their vehicles with adequate snow tires.

FIREHOUSE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Chris Putnam

Call Record

During the months of November and December, the fire department responded to a total of 77 emergency calls.

- EMS first response (excluding motor vehicle crashes): 42
- Motor vehicle crashes: 17
- Structure Fires*: 14
- Fires outside of a structure: 0
- Fire or carbon monoxide alarm activations: 1
- Wires down/ pole fires: 1
- Fuel spill: 2
- Public assist: 0

* "Structure Fires" category includes any real or potential fires within a building, such as chimney fires, odors of smoke inside a building, and gas leaks, but excludes alarm system activations.



During November and December, the Hinesburg Fire Department assisted in battling an astonishing 14 structure fires, three of which occurred here in Hinesburg.



Structure Fire on Hayden Hill Road West

Just before 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, HFD was dispatched to the report of smoke in a structure on Hayden Hill Road West. Upon arrival, the chief found a fire in the walls around a wood stove. A quick knockdown was attempted with a water extinguisher while the apparatus was hurrying its way up the steep hill.

Firefighters extended two hose lines and attacked the fire with foam from our Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS). The fire was contained to the original wall area and further extension was avoided. Crews remained on scene for about two hours doing overhaul and confirming there was no further fire extension. The CAFS system once again showed its merit by enabling a quick stop and keeping water damage to a minimum.

On Saturday, November 24 at 7:30 a.m., we responded to the same residence for another fire. Unfortunately, this time the building was too heavily involved in fire upon our arrival, so firefighters were forced to use a defensive attack from the exterior of the structure. The house was mostly destroyed. Crews remained on site for about six hours on Saturday and then returned for several hours on Sunday to assist the fire investigators as they sifted through the remains in an effort to determine the cause of the fire. As of submission time, the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

HFD requested mutual aid for both incidents. Starksboro FD assisted at the scene, and Charlotte FD covered at the Hinesburg station with an engine.

Clifford Lumber Mill Building Destroyed In Late Night Blaze

Around midnight on Saturday, December 29, HFD responded to a report of a structure fire at the Clifford Lumber Mill on Gardner Circle in the southern part of Hinesburg. Responding members could see the glow from the fire as they left the village.

Upon arrival the building that houses the saws was found to be fully involved with fire. Due to the intensity and size of the fire, an exterior attack was employed. A quick knockdown was achieved with CAFS but the fire had already done considerable damage. It was roughly estimated that in the end over 20,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the blaze. Starksboro and Monkton FD's assisted as mutual aid at the fire scene and Charlotte FD covered with an engine at the

Hinesburg station until one of our engines was back in service and available for another call.

Several Agencies Assist at Williston Structure Fire

Friday, December 7, at 9:45 a.m., HFD responded with two engines and the tanker to a structure fire on Rosewood Drive in Williston. This road is off of Route 116 just north of DuBois Corner near the Williston/ Shelburne/ St. George town lines.

HFD assisted with attacking the fire and establishing water supply using the pond at DuBois Trucking. Several fire agencies assisted Williston FD in addition to Hinesburg—Shelburne, Essex, South Burlington, and Vermont Air Guard. Unfortunately the building was lost. HFD was on scene for about three hours.

Winter Conditions Lead to Motor Vehicle Crashes

With the arrival of winter, the fire department has been busy responding to motor vehicle crashes. There were a variety of crashes that we handled over the two-month period, but the most notable occurred in the early afternoon on December 17.

The crash was located on Route 116 a little bit north of CVU Road. Upon arrival, emergency crews discovered a vehicle that had rolled over and was in a ditch along side the edge of the road. Extrication of the driver from the vehicle was made more difficult by the deep snow in the ditch where he landed. Firefighters gained access to the car using vehicle extrication equipment carried in our heavy rescue truck, and then maneuvered the patient onto a backboard for transportation to the hospital.

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Man Trapped Under Snow Plow

On December 28, HFD responded to Richmond Road where a man was trapped under the front wheel of a one-ton truck equipped with a snow blower. Firefighters used inflatable air bags and a hydraulic rescue tool to lift the truck off the man's arm and leg and he was rushed to Fletcher Allen Health Center by St. Michaels Ambulance and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. Starksboro Fire Department also responded to assist Hinesburg firefighters.

HFD Members Train in Incident Management Skills

During November department members participated in an incident management training class. The session followed the "ICS 200" curriculum required by the Department of Homeland Security for first responder agencies such as local fire departments. The class covered organizational and planning topics that we face on a small scale basis in our day-to-day operations but are particularly necessary for larger incidents that we have the possibility of facing. The class is fairly long, so part of it was done on a Saturday in order to complete it faster and not take up too many of our normal Thursday night training sessions.

12-Lead EKG Units Deployed in EMS District 3

Recently our EMS District implemented a program enabling the evaluation of cardiac patients with a 12-lead EKG prior to arrival in the emergency room. The goal of the program is to reduce the length of time required for heart attack patients to get into the cardiac catheterization lab.

The 12-lead EKG taken in the field will be transmitted to the hospital so the emergency department physicians can read the electrical signals the heart is exhibiting to determine if a trip to the "cath" lab will be needed.

In the initial rollout, which is being funded through donations, each ambulance service has been provided with one of the 12-lead EKG units. Hinesburg FD, as an EMS first response agency, does not have a unit of its own; however the ambulance that responds with us to any medical emergencies will be equipped with one of the new units. We have already employed this tool a couple of times on emergency calls in Hinesburg.

Reaching Out To Our Young Residents

During the past several months, members of the fire department have hosted a number of tours at the fire station for various children's organizations such as the Cub Scouts and have even brought fire apparatus to day care centers for fire prevention programs.

Our youth are excited to see the big shiny fire trucks and the equipment they carry, and this also gives us a chance to teach them about fire safety, fire prevention, injury prevention, and what they can do to help in an emergency. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact one of the department members or send an email to info@hinesburgfd.org.

Help Us Help You

Snow is upon us – and lots of it so far! Please remember that the fire department still needs to be able to access your residence for emergencies even when the weather is bad.

Driveways and walkways should be kept clear for emergency access. If you do have to make a call to 911, it is helpful if you can let the call taker know the condition of your driveway.

House number signs generally get obscured by the buildup of snow. Please clear them so that they are readable for emergency crews trying to find you.

It is also important to prevent the buildup of deadly carbon monoxide in your home by making sure exhaust vents for heating units are not blocked by snow.

And lastly, if you have a fire hydrant on your property, please shovel around it to make it easier for fire crews to find and use.

The Hinesburg Record Deadlines for Next Issue

Advertisements: Jan. 30, 2008

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By Jennifer McCuin

Happy New Year! Wow, winter is in full swing, having started so early this year. The rink is off to a great start; there's snow and plenty of hope for our Smuggler's Notch discounted Sundays and Winter Carnival. Speaking of Winter Carnival, save the date...Saturday, February 9 behind the Hinesburg Community School from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join with your community members to celebrate one of Hinesburg's favorite winter traditions with ice skating, broomball, dog sled rides, snowmobile rides, horseback rides, sleigh rides, a snowman building contest, a dog show, and a surprise or two. Start out your Carnival morning by coming to the Hinesburg Nursery School Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction where you can feast on waffles, strawberries, and bacon and bid on some great items at the Silent Auction.

The Dinner/Cabaret will not be held this year but is sure to return next year.

Hinesburg's First Financial Management Workshop Series Continues

This series, cohosted by Hinesburg Financial Group LLC and the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA), continues to explore the theme "Empowering Businesses and Families with the Necessary Financial Tools to Address Their New Year's Resolutions in 2008."

Where: Main Room, Town Hall

Time: All sessions are 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Please note: seating is limited. Please RSVP to the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691 or Junga_Michael@nvlmail.com. Attend each session or choose ones that work best for you.

Monday, January 28: "College Financial Aid: How to Get Your Fair Share" presented by Scott Hinman of College Planning Associates, LLC.

Thursday, January 31: "The Essentials of Home and Auto Insurances, Worker's Compensation and Commercial Liability" co-presented by Walter Hausemann of AllState and David Palmer of Farm Family.

Monday, February 4: "Everything You Want to Know about Estate Planning, Guardianships, etc., but Haven't Asked" presented by Roger E. Kohn, Esq. of Kohn, Rath and Meyer, LLP.

Thursday, February 7: Class topic to be announced

Tai Chi for Beginners

Got balance? In this class you will learn the beginning of traditional Tai Chi form, movement that can improve your balance, coordination, and sense of well-being. Anyone can participate in a supportive atmosphere of sharing and helping one another. All you need is comfortable clothing and the willingness to try and learn. Michael Prehoda, who has practiced Tai Chi for over 20 years and offered classes since 1997, coaches this class.

When: Tuesday evenings

Session Three: continues January 29, February 5, 12

Our Town

BY LAURA FOLDESI



Session Four: February 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
Where: Town Hall
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$40 per session

Smuggler's Notch Discounted Lift Tickets

Enjoy full-day, discounted lift tickets at Smuggler's Notch Resort on four different Sundays in February, and March.

When: February 3, 10, March 2, and 9

Cost Youth (ages seven to 18): Lift Ticket, Rental, and Lesson are \$12 each.

Cost Adult: Lift Ticket, Rental, and Lesson are \$24 each.

Register with the Hinesburg Recreation Department for each Sunday of skiing. Make checks payable to the "Hinesburg Recreation Department" and be sure the Department receives payment for your tickets by Thursday at noon for each skiing Sunday. Lesson time is noon, unless otherwise noted. Children must be at least six years old for a lesson through this program. Renters must complete rental forms available on the table outside the Recreation Department (or forms can be emailed to you). You will meet the Group Leader and pick up your purchased tickets between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the Village Lodge, first floor Pizzeria (look for "Hinesburg Recreation" sign).

Non-residents are welcome to participate. Contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-4691 or at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. with any questions.

Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

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

Who: Hinesburg residents

When: January 27, February 24 and March 25

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$13 for a family of four.

Please sign-up at the Hinesburg Recreation Department by Friday noon for each Sunday swim. Pay at the Sports and Fitness Edge.

Afternoon Hikes with James Donegan

Join James for some hikes around town after school this winter.

Who: Second, third and fourth graders

When: Wednesdays, February 6, 13, and 20

Who: Fifth-Eighth graders

When: Tuesdays, February 5, 12, and 19

Where: Meet in the cafeteria after school dismissal

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 per hike. If you sign up for more than one hike, the cost becomes \$5 per hike.

Please wear boots, hats, gloves, and jackets for this outdoor activity.

Young Rembrandts' Drawing Classes

Young Rembrandts is a national fine arts enrichment program that teaches students to draw, creating new projects each week. The class provides all materials and subject matter ranging from animals, landscapes, still lifes, and art history. Students learn shading, color pencil, and marker techniques. Each session includes an art history lesson. Young Rembrandt's philosophy gives children a positive, nurturing environment for learning fundamental drawing techniques.

Who: Children ages six to 12 years

Where: Living Arts Room, Hinesburg Community School

When: Thursdays

Session four - February 7, 14, 21, March 6, 13, 20

Session five - March 27, April 3, 10, 17 & May 1

Time: 2:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Cost: Session 4 is \$55 and Session 5 is \$45

Highland Dance

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

Who: Children ages five to 12 years

When: Wednesdays

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Town Hall

Cost: \$40

Please register with Recreation Department but make checks payable to Danielle Pezzimenti.

Valentine Cookie Decorating

Join Wendy Frink of Blackberry Hill Bakery for this after-school cookie decorating extravaganza. Students will decorate a dozen heart shaped cookies using various frosting tip techniques in assorted colors, along with colored pariels. After decorating their cookies, students will custom design their own bakery box to house their creations. This class offers a wonderful opportunity to create home baked and custom

decorated cookies. Maybe your children will share their masterpieces with you.

Who: Children kindergarten through eighth grade
 When: Friday, February 8
 Where: Living Arts Room, Hinesburg Community School
 Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$12

Driver Education

Kevin Browne offers this essential class for students pursuing their drivers' licenses. This class is for those who already possess learner's permits. Classroom instruction takes place in the First Floor Classroom in Town Hall. Driving time will be scheduled outside of classroom hours. Kevin provides the option to test for the driving exam. He can be contacted to arrange for the exam. For questions regarding this class, please contact Kevin Browne at 775-6819 or kmb1159@verizon.net. To enroll, please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or email hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Where: First Floor Classroom, Town Hall
 When: March 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27, 31 and April 1, 3, 7, 8, and 10
 Time: 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
 Cost: \$625
 Please make checks payable to Kevin Browne. Payment is due by Feb. 5, 2008.
 After dismissal, students may ride the bus from CVU to Town Hall.



NRG Systems Adds Employees

NRG Systems, Inc., a Hinesburg manufacturer of wind energy measurement systems for the global wind energy industry, has added three new employees.

Joshua Jacobs, of Essex Junction, has joined NRG's materials processing team. Before joining NRG Systems, Josh had several roles at Green Mountain Power Corporation, working in its information technology, materials and power production departments. He received his bachelor's degree from Western New England College in business management. Away from work, Josh enjoys being outdoors and playing baseball, hockey, and golf.

Also joining the materials processing team is Bristol resident Marcie Cousino. Marcie previously worked for Senix Corporation in Bristol as production coordinator, assistant network manager and shipping and receiving coordinator, and at Porter Hospital in Middlebury.



Joshua Jacobs, Marcie Cousino, and Tyler Stoddard

She received her bachelor's degree in computer programming from Champlain College and is working toward a bachelor's in software engineering also from Champlain College. She received an associate's degree in mathematics and computer science from Rivier St. Joseph's College in New Hampshire. Away from work, Marcie enjoys attending family events, riding and working with horses, and being a Cub Scout leader for her nephew. She is working toward her black belt in Shaolin Kempo.

Burlington resident Tyler Stoddard has joined NRG's towers technician team. Before joining NRG Systems, Tyler

worked for The North Face Store in Burlington as retail sales manager and website shipping and receiving manager. He worked previously for Colby Hill Landscaping in Lincoln as a foreman for the masonry and construction division. Tyler received his bachelor's degree from Johnson State College. Away from work, Tyler enjoys skiing and watching live music.

CEO and company president Jan Blittersdorf notes that NRG Systems is currently expanding its 46,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Hinesburg to accommodate the company's growth due to the increasing worldwide demand for wind energy. For more information on NRG Systems, Inc., visit www.nrgsystems.com.

Once Upon a Child Sold

In November 2007, the Once Upon a Child franchise, owned by S A Longshore, Inc. (Stephen and Stephanie Longshore) was sold to Morris Enterprises, LLC (Todd and Pamela Morris) of Hinesburg.

The Once Upon a Child franchise is located in Williston, VT. Once Upon a Child specializes in the resale of gently used children's clothing and products. John Stimets and Franklin Motch of CBI – Country Business, Inc. managed the sale.

Business and Professional Meetings

Burlington Business & Professional Women (BPW) meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month.
 Meeting Location: Sirloin Saloon, 2545 Shelburne Road
 Dinner - \$19 (Checks payable to Burlington BPW)
 Reservation deadline (including menu choice): Friday prior to the meeting. Call Barbara Kaufmann 899-3936 or visit our website www.burlingtonbpw.org.
 Wednesday February 13, 2008
 Wednesday March 12, 2008
 Wednesday April 9, 2008
 Wednesday May 14, 2008

Transportation and Contractors of Vermont Offer Program for Women in Highway Construction

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans) has teamed up with Associated General Contractors of Vermont (AGC/VT) to offer a unique job training program for women. The second year of the Step Up to Highway Construction program begins on February 11th. This innovative program is a comprehensive, nine-week job-training program to prepare qualified female candidates for jobs in highway construction, and is free to participants. A majority of the program's 2007 participants were successfully employed by VTTrans contractors within a few months of graduation.

Step Up to Highway Construction prepares women for On the Job Training (OJT) programs offered by VTTrans and for skilled work in the fields of highway construction and maintenance. Key components of the program include certifications in OSHA 10, flagging and CPR; an introduction to bridgework, roadway, excavation, carpentry, welding, blueprint reading, strength and fitness training, communication skills, job skill development, employment support, and much more. Additional training partners include First in Fitness of Berlin and bridge, paving and roadway contractors. Training takes place at AGC's Northeast Regional Safety Academy in Montpelier. The program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

Why highway construction? High job satisfaction rates, career opportunities, participants get to work outside and the jobs pay a livable wage. During the 2007 construction season, VTTrans graduated 10 On-the-Job trainees, who collectively completed over 10,000 hours working on 8 construction projects around the state. This paid training program features built-in wage increases and a variety of supportive services.

VTTrans is holding information sessions and first round interviews for its 2008 Step Up to Highway Construction Program in Burlington, Barre, St. Johnsbury, Morrisville, and White River Junction between January 7th and 15th. For a detailed schedule of information session dates, times and locations, and other program materials, please visit: <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/civilrights/StepUP.htm>.

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Judy Drives

For more information on Step Up to Highway Construction and other VTrans training and employment programs for women and minorities, please contact: Sue Hackney, VTrans OJT Program Manager, VTrans Office of Civil Rights and Labor Compliance, sue.hackney@state.vt.us, www.aot.state.vt.us/civilrights/EDHC.htm, 800-356-1965 or 802-828-5858.

EXPO 2008 Booth Registration Now Open

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the booth registration is now open for the 2008 Vermont Business and Industry EXPO. The exposition will be held on May 21 & 22, 2008, at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont. Now in its 24th year, EXPO is the region's largest business-to-business trade

show that hosts nearly 200 exhibitors as well as a wide array of special events and seminars. The 3,000 business people who attend EXPO are provided with valuable educational and networking opportunities. Additionally, the Deane C. Davis Outstanding Business of the Year distinction will be announced at the opening ceremonies of EXPO.

EXPO features a two-floor trade show that is designed to afford optimal visibility to all exhibitors. This year, EXPO will feature themed pavilions to highlight specific industries. The costs of the booth include a pipe and drape booth with an 8' high back, 3' high side rails and a 6' skirted table. Among many other amenities provided to exhibitors, free admission to both the trade show and exhibitor breakfast for all exhibition staff is provided. Exhibiting businesses are provided with a pre-show listing and business description in Vermont Business Magazine and also on the EXPO website.

Please go to www.vtexpo.com to register for a booth. Booths are assigned on a first come, first served basis and are selling quickly!

Contact Antonia Opitz from the Vermont Chamber of Commerce at (802) 223-0603 or e-mail her at: aopitz@vtchamber.com.



CSWD News

Make Art from That Junk In Your Trunk!

Chittenden County high school students are encouraged to turn trash into treasure for CSWD's 12th annual Creative ReUse Showcase this year, an annual art contest where students are invited to make art, fashion accessories, or practical items from materials bound for the landfill. The Showcase encourages students to take discarded materials and make junk art! Through their work, students will be teaching others to think before they throw something away.

This year, an emphasis on the issue of global warming is at the forefront again, and NRG Systems will offer a \$200 cash prize for the project that best articulates the connection between carbon footprints and the waste stream.

Students will also vie for a variety of awards in other categories including practicality, fashion, originality, people's choice, garden art, and all around awesome and stunning art. Longtime sponsors will help judge the entries as well as generously provide \$100 gift-certificate prizes for the seven categories:

- Awesome Art (sponsored by Boutilier's Art Center)
- Fabulous Fashion (sponsored by Ecco Clothes)
- Garden Art (sponsored by Gardener's Supply)
- Outrageously Original (sponsored by Burlington City Arts)
- Perfectly Practical (sponsored by Outdoor Gear Exchange)
- People's Choice Award (sponsored by Frog Hollow)
- Stunning Sculpture (sponsored by Artists' Mediums)

The most outstanding entries and select runners-up will be included in a special exhibit at Frog Hollow on Church Street in Burlington throughout the month of February. The competition will culminate with an awards ceremony on February 20 to honor the contest winners. This event is open to the public and attendees will have the option to buy the artists' creations that are marked for sale.

In 2007, CSWD received more than 80 entries from eight high schools in Chittenden County and the caliber of art was off the charts. Student artists fashioned a copy of Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker" out of plastic bottles; an American flag was created out of old McDonalds wrappers; and a ballerina figurine was stitched together from old ballet shoes. This year is guaranteed to be just as brilliant. So mark your calendars and be sure to check out the 2008 Creative ReUse exhibit at Frog Hollow in February.

To find out more about the contest or to download an entry form, please visit http://www.cswd.net/school_programs/showcase.shtml. Students have until January 17 to enter their projects and deliver them to CSWD.

CARPENTER CARSE LIBRARY



Library Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Library Staff: Susan Barden, Rosalie Carlson, Judy Curtis, Rachel Dodd, Aaron Miller, Richard Pritsky, Jane Racer, Vicki Roberts, Janet Soutiere, Tom Stamp and Linda Weston. Subs: Catherine Parker, Valerie Russell, Roberta Soll and Charlene Van Sleet.
Phone: 482-2878
Address: P. O. Box 127, 69 Ballards Comer Road, Hinesburg 05461
Web Site: <http://www.carpentercarse.org>
E-mail: carpentercarselibrary@gmavt.net

We Deliver

Free delivery of materials is available to Hinesburg residents who find travel or physical access to the library building difficult. The library also circulates books and tapes to seniors on the third Friday of each month at the Seniors Meal Site in the Osborne Hall behind the United Church of Hinesburg.

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.

Ongoing Library Programs

Storytimes For Toddlers

Join Tom at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, February 5 and 19 for books, songs and stories especially for children up to three years of age. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Storytimes For Preschoolers

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

Movie Nights at the Library

Friday night is movie night at Carpenter-Carse. Come to the library and enjoy a great flick. Mark your calendars now!

Family Movies:

March of the Wooden Soldiers - Friday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. Unrated

YA Movies:

Moulin Rouge - Friday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. Rated PG-13

Book Discussion Group

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers' homes. The February selection is *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. The book up for discussion at the March 6 meeting will be *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Watch for posters or phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for information on location, etc.

YA Book Group

Come in to preview new additions and to review, discuss, and select new titles for the library's Young Adult collection. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome. Call Aaron or Tom at 482-2878. Be sure to check out the YA Web Page at www.carpentercarse.org. Thursday, February 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hinesburg Pickin' Party

Join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of music and fun Saturday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. Stop in to play or just to listen: Recommended for teens through adults. For more information on our monthly jam call Tom Stamp at 482-2878.

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Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:

Baldacci, David, *Stone Cold*
 Bass, Jefferson, *Flesh and Bone: A Body Farm novel*
 Chabon, Michael, *Gentlemen of the Road*
 Grafton, Sue, "T" is for Trespass
 Hegi, Ursula, *The Worst Thing I've Done*
 Karon, Jan, *Home to Holly Springs*
 Koontz, Dean R., *The Darkest Evening of the Year*
 Parker, Robert B., *Now and Then*
 Patterson, James North, *The Race*
 Roth, Phillip, *Exit Ghost*
 Russo, Richard, *Bridge of Sighs*

Adult Nonfiction:

Clapton, Eric, *Clapton: The autobiography*
 Karabell, Zachary, *Parting the Desert: The creation of the Suez Canal*
 Krist, Gary, *The White Cascade: The Great Northern Railway disaster and America's deadliest avalanche*
 O'Nan, Stewart, *Last Night at the Lobster*
 Oz, Mehmet, *You Staying Young: The owner's manual for extending your warranty*

On Order:

Beck, Glenn and Kevin Balfe, *An Inconvenient Book*
 Brooks, Geraldine, *People of the Book: A novel*
 Crile, George, *Charlie Wilson's War: The extraordinary story.....*
 Damrosch, Phoebe, *Service Included: Four-star secrets of an eavesdropping waiter*
 Enright, Anne, *The Gathering*
 Lamb, Kathy, *Julia's Chocolates*
 Lerner, Richard, *The Good Teen: Rescuing adolescence from the storm and stress years*
 Mayor, Archer, *Chat*
 Reichs, Kathy, *Bones to Ashes*
 Shipley, David and Will Schwalbe, *Send: The essential guide to email for office and home*

**Check out our website for listings of new children's and young adult selections.

Special Event

Pajama Party!

Throw on your jammies and warm up at the library with cocoa and cookies. Join Tom and Fairfax storyteller John Schraven for a whole lot of family fun on Friday, February 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

Knitting Circle

On Tuesdays, February 5 and 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., come down to the warm library to share knitting ideas, projects, and a hot beverage. It'll work wonders for cabin fever! It's a great way to meet new people that also love to knit, or catch up with old friends. The Knitting Circle is for adults ages 18 and up, and it's free. Please call the library for more information at 482-2878.

Wildlife of Vermont Forests

On Monday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. Audubon educator and wildlife expert Bridget Butler returns to our library just in time for mud season. Please don't miss this lively presentation. Bridget's enthusiasm for the natural world is infectious.

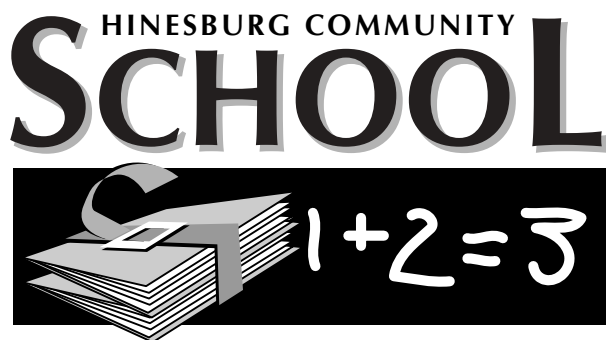
Join biologists from Vermont Coverts and Audubon Vermont as they take you on a wildlife tour through Vermont's various forest habitats in search of wildlife. Learn what animals rely on our forested landscape and the management strategies that can enhance their presence in Vermont. For more information please call 482-2878.

Quotation of the Month

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

- Charles Dickens (1812-1870) *A Tale of Two Cities*

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Reading Aloud: An Important Way to Help Your Child in Reading

By Betsy Knox, HCS Literacy Coordinator

Reading aloud to your child is the single most effective way to increase his/her reading skills.

Vocabulary skills improve. As you come to new words in the story, talk about what the word might mean. Why did you think it meant that? (emphasis on context) Do you know any other words that are similar? (emphasizes word relationships).

Listening Comprehension: Talking about what you have read together is so important. What did you think? What was your reaction to what we read tonight?

Quality time together: While we are all very busy, reading together allows everyone a chance to slow down and relax. I know, from personal experience, it is hard to ignore the tasks that need to be done around the house. Reading with children gives you the time to put your feet up, relax, and take a break.

Read Aloud Favorites

Literacy Coordinator Betsy Knox's Picks:

Stuart Little and Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. Each time I reread these classic books, I enjoy them all over again.

Far North by Will Hobbs. A story about survival, adventure, and learning to trust each other.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. This is a must! Gary Paulsen's writing is so descriptive—just wonderful.

The Sign of the Beaver and *On the Far Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George. Both books help children think about the delicate interrelationship of man and nature.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls and *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson. These books are a must for the dog lovers in your family.

School Librarian Chris Varney's Picks:

2004-05 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award nominees:

Gifts From the Sea by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. This is wonderful story of a girl and her father living alone in a lighthouse off the coast of Maine in the 1850s, whose lives are changed when a baby washes ashore.

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo. A small unusual mouse, a story loving princess, a servant girl who wants to be a princess, a devious rat, and dark, scary dungeons!

How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Gary Paulsen. These are hilarious true stories of the daredevil stunts the author and his friends tried when they were about 13 years old.

Hinesburg Teachers, National Writing Project Team Up

By Betsy Knox

This month teachers at Hinesburg Community School began a joint venture with the National Writing Project. This organization promotes writing and writing instruction. We feel very fortunate to be able to work together to help us

improve our work with students in the area of writing. Each month over 15 teachers from HCS will meet with a facilitator from the National Writing Project. We will discuss our reading from professional texts and the implications for instruction in our classrooms. The ongoing nature of this endeavor allows teachers to try things in their classrooms that we have talked about at our monthly sessions. It is a very exciting opportunity for teachers and students at Hinesburg Community School.

HCS Students to Perform at All -District Music Festival

By Cynthia Fay, Music Teacher

The Hinesburg Community School Music Department is pleased to announce that the following students were selected to attend the All-District Music Festival to be held at Essex Middle School on February 1 and 2. Congratulations!

Band

Connor Billen, Clarinet
 Sam Coffin, Trombone
 Thomas Keller, Trumpet
 Colin Kimball, Alto Clarinet
 Alexie Millikin, Alto Saxophone
 Aiden Shumway, Flute

Chorus

Abbie Buzzell
 Alexis Daggett
 Laurel Hubbert-Severence
 Allison Giroux
 Kyla Leary
 Emily Provost

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The Viking Voice

January 26, 2008

Volume 3, Issue 3

This issue of *The Viking Voice* features the poetic stylings of our fifth and sixth graders, as well as a birthday card to a very special Middle School teacher...

To contact the students about their work in these pages, please email the VV Coordinator, Jen Bradford, at jbradford@hcsvt.org.

Santa, Snow, and Some Surprises ...

Poems from students in Ms. Galyean's 5-6 class

St. Nick

By Elizabeth Pawul

Old St. Nick he is a jolly old fellow
He sits in his sleigh nice and tall
Just look down you'll see his shadow
He is there I tell you, You just don't believe.

Santa or Not

By Olivia Matthews

Have you ever wondered whether
Your dear Saint Nick is real
Or whether it was he
Who ate that cookie meal?

Well for me it is time
To find out who he is
For me my waiting is over
For I have a plan so great
That it cannot be foiled

I will take our video camera
And hide it between two pillows
Then I'll silently turn it on
And tip toe back upstairs

Oh so quietly I'll get into bed
And I'll lie my head down to sleep
A hour or two later I hear a creak
I shoot up from bed
And run downstairs

But no one is there
Except on floor lying peacefully
Is a small teddy bear
And his kingdom of presents

I scream and I shout
Hooray! Hooray!
For Santa or someone
Has come this day

Then from upstairs

I hear the scrambling of feet
And down from the stairs
Shoots the rest of the family
My mother my brothers
And my father at last

I run over to the camera
I rip off the pillows
And tear them aside
But when I take a closer look
I see that the batteries have died

My Tenth Birthday Party

By Erin Beaudry

Family and I sliding
A cold winter day
Four-year-old cousin
Flying all the way

Make a jump
My cousin went thump
Friends try it
They all like it
Friend Kaylea tries
Falls, tips, doesn't cry
All laugh, laugh, laugh again
Very funny like my friend's hen
Gets back up, tries it more

Finally, she goes down
Over the jump
Tip tumble, tumble tip
Ran into me and hit my hip
Laugh again
Have more fun
I will miss my birthday
When it is done

Toys

By Cody Laberge

Finally he had come.
We were running to and from.
Opening presents here and there.
Just about everywhere.

Wrappings all over the place.
Even all over your face.
Now there were toys everywhere.
Not even a muscle left to spare.

Sledding Party

By Eliot Heinrich

A bright, clear, sunny day, light shimmering down on
the beautiful ice and snow,
Disturbed by a scarlet and blue sled, speeding down
the hill.
Quickly followed by another, this time white as
bleach.
It's a sled train.

Cloudy, White, Snowy Day

By Sheridan Durochia

Cloudy, white, snowy day
Shoveling and snowmobiling
The whole family, hooray

Taking turns very fun
Sheridan's turn, happy me

Driving full speed, hits jump
Frontflip, yah
But then falls
OOOWWWWWW
Now bruises and scratches.

Family cheering like a crowd,
Me limping like a hurt deer

NOW I'M IN PAIN.

Replaced

By Damara Warren

Your pride was strong
You hid your feelings
I tried to help
You walked away
You ran to her
And left me here
Through most of the day
What am I to you?
A piano you can play?
Something you can torture
And just walk away?
You come back
Thinking everything's OK
You've made a decision
You want to stay
But it's too late
For me and you
My heart has strayed
To someone new
You act hurt
And feel betrayed
But it's all your fault
It happened this way
You ran to her
Instead of me
And act like it's
OK with me
You go to her
And have the nerve
To come back and say you love me
When you clearly love her
No big deal
Because it's clear
That I don't want
Or need you here
You shattered my heart

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And walked away
 Until he came
 And eased the pain
 He loves me
 And I love him
 That's all there is to it
 The end!!!

Snowflakes Fell on Our Face

By Raven Kilbride

Snowflakes fell on our face
 As we rushed down the hill
 It felt like we were flying

Christmas

By Robert Frost

A New Year again
 Ready to hold the candle
 Ready to see the ginger
 Bread lady at her house

Once I get to the
 Church ready to hold the
 Candle very very ready

Once that very
 Fun time at
 Church is done
 The thought
 Of ginger bread men
 Dancing in my
 Head

The sweet
 Hot smell of
 Gingerbread men lingers
 In the air I know
 It's Christmas

**"Hey,
 Chuck..."**

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Fly Like an Eagle, Mr. B !

**Happy Birthday, Mr.
 Balchiunas!**

One of our favorite Middle School mathematicians and HCS community members, Mr. Chuck Balchiunas, was not able to celebrate his birthday here with us on January 25. His battle with cancer has kept him either hospitalized or at home since just before Winter Break. All of us here miss you, Mr. B. and want you to know that we are thinking of you... Here is just a sampling of the many good wishes we send your way...

The Dream Team just isn't
 the same without you.

-Ian

I hope you get well soon. I
 miss your help in math.

-Jaden

Try to get better...

-Josh

Dream Team misses you!
 Thank you for all the patience
 you have with us. Get well
 soon, Mr. B!

Your friend, Bekah

The whole 7/8 wants you
 to come back!! Get well soon!

-Sam R.

Mr. B., I miss you a lot.
 Feel better and get well soon!

-Celina



Mr. B. poses at home with a Get Well banner
 made by members of the Dream Team in
 early January.

I really miss you helping out in
 math. Get well soon.

-Chad B.

Mr. B, I'm so sorry to hear that
 you are sick. I wish you the
 best of luck and can't wait to
 see you soon.

-Emily B.

Mr. B, Your smile and positive
 attitude created a wonderful
 and positive learning environ-
 ment. Get well!

-Allison G.

I hope you feel better soon!
 You are greatly missed by the
 Dream Team.

-Abby

Dear Mr. Balchiunas,
 I have a friend who was
 diagnosed with leukemia at age
 5 and 1/2. She got through it
 and I hope you pull through,
 too. You rock.

Mr. Balchiunas, I sort of know what you are going through. My best friend's mom had cancer and she was like an aunt to me. So I hope you get better.

-Laurel

Thanks for helping with Math!

-Nathalie

Mr. Balchiunas, Quote: "Nice job on the test you three. Here, I got you guys some candy. Don't tell anyone." You rock, Mr. B!

Although I hardly saw
 you, except in the halls, I
 have to say you have the
 biggest smile. You rock,
 Mr. Balchiunas!



Even that piece of paper isn't big
 enough to tell you how much you mean
 to us, Mr. B. Neither is this one...



We were fortunate to have Mr.
 Balchiunas as a chaperone on
 the Middle School trip to see
 The Golden Compass on
 December 7.

In short, we hope you
 feel better soon and we
 miss you a lot!
 -Albert, Gabe, Matt,
 Jordan, Keith, Kayla
 Courtney, Abbie and all
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New and Exciting Opportunities at HCS: After School Intervention Programs

By Nancy Pollack and Betsy Knox,
HCS Math and Literacy Coordinators

Hinesburg Community School has two new after school intervention programs, one for Math and one for Literacy. These intervention programs are being piloted at grades three and four this year, and are in addition to the students' regular math or literacy classroom instruction. In February, we will have already completed two of our four sessions. Each session runs about eight weeks. There are five students enrolled in each program, for each session. Lydia Kenney teaches the Literacy Lab. Amanda Kessler teaches the Math Lab.

Both intervention programs are designed to support students who have some misunderstandings or show gaps in their basic reading or basic math skills. Pre-assessments are administered to determine eligibility for the programs. Post assessments are administered at the conclusion of each session. Students are asked to complete a questionnaire about their experiences. We are so very pleased to hear positive

feedback from students, their parents, and their classroom teachers about the programs. As this was a new initiative for this year we weren't sure how it would be received. It is rewarding to know that we have designed a program that supports the needs of our students, in a fun and engaging way, even when it occurs after the regular school day.

Grade 5/6 Students "Choose Their Own Adventure"

By Betsy Knox

Students in Paul Lasher's grade 5/6 class are now published authors. Very exciting! In response to a writing contest, the class wrote Tomb Robbers: A Choose Your Own Adventure story. The story was about three characters and their search for treasures in the gigantic pyramids of Egypt. The class submitted their story to the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) organization. R. A. Montgomery, the author of the Choose Your Own Adventure series, read all of the submissions. Tomb Robbers was chosen as a runner-up. R. A. Montgomery praised the students for their "exotic setting" and "good action." As a reward for their writing efforts, each student will receive a Choose Your Own Adventure book, a bookmark, a button, and a RIF prize pack. Tomb Robbers was posted on the RIF website for the month of January.

The Authors of Tomb Robbers: Choose Your Own Adventure are: Thomas Clayton, Justin Dickerson, Elizabeth Ramstrom, Kirsten Bird, Dallas Ketcham, Henry Evarts, Arianna Curtis, Audrey Morehouse, Colin Synder, Maia Bertrand, Joey O'Brien, Audrey Provost, Allison Henson, Katelyn Dunshee, Sky Golann, Cooper Willsey, Morgan Boss, Carter Knox, Heather Jacobs, and Chloe Reynolds.

Thank you to Paul Lasher for encouraging his class to write this story together. So much can be learned about writing, when you work on a project with others. Congratulations to Paul Lasher's class on joining the ranks of published authors.

Lori Wilson
Wendy Sorrell
Vicki Porter
Sylvia Geiger
Sara Thompson
Suzanna Brown
Linda Perra Lumbra
Maureen Locker
Thom Fleury

If you are interested in finding out more about Mentoring, call or email Ginny Roberts at 482-2106 or email her at groberts@gmavt.net.

Kudos on an Amazing CVU Event

By Nancy Pollack, HCS Staff Member

On December 1, my seven-year-old son and I were fortunate to attend a "Family Formal", organized by the Business Seminar class at CVU. This was truly a special event, created by some very special young people. I feel it is important to share with everyone who was not able to attend about what kinds of amazing students we have in our school system, and about an extraordinary educator who helped make it all happen.

Apparently, the assignment for this class was to design and implement a project that would make a difference in the local community. This year, the students decided to host a "Family Formal." This event would raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, while at the same time, provide an opportunity for families to dress up and have great quality time together. I jumped at the chance to support such a noble effort and to have this quality time with my son. I am so glad I did. Let me tell you why.

When we entered the cafeteria, which was decorated beautifully, it was obvious that much time and energy was put toward making the place look terrific. Holiday lights and decorations, tablecloths, balloons, glitter and more made an ordinary cafeteria look festive and fun. A hostess presented each of us with a carnation as we walked through the door. Music was in full swing as we entered. We were ushered over to the door prize table and encouraged to enter our names. We found seats and I shared with my son the whole idea behind the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He suddenly felt proud that by having purchased tickets to attend, he was helping other children who needed a positive event in their lives.

For two hours, the DJ did a wonderful job satisfying the music and dance preferences for all ages, from toddlers to adults. My son, feeling awkward on the dance floor at first, was line dancing, slow dancing, fast dancing, hula-hooping, and limboing by the evening's end. We danced almost non-stop for two hours! When we needed a break, we wandered to the entranceway to get our picture taken. A special photo of the two of us, all dressed up and happy. This picture will bring back fond memories of a wonderful evening for both of us.

Throughout the evening, delicious snacks and treats that all children love were provided at the snack tables. Between sets, door prizes were given away. I think every child walked out with something. Each person who attended was handed a special gift at the door as they left. If every child was like my son, they left the event feeling special and exhausted.

These students did not overlook anything. I can only imagine how hard they worked to ensure that every detail was taken care of to make this event a success. And, I am so glad they did. There is no question in my mind that these students learned about social responsibility. They raised money for a wonderful cause. But, equally as important as this, they planned an event that promotes family time – something that I feel needs to be cherished more these busy days of our lives.

As my son and I walked out of the door, hand-in-hand and happy, I realized that the student organizers of this event were promoting social responsibility in more ways than they perhaps realized. They were teaching other children about being socially responsible. My son was talking about ideas he had to raise money for the Make A Wish Foundation, and ways he could help others. Wow, what powerful lessons these high school students were teaching my seven year old.

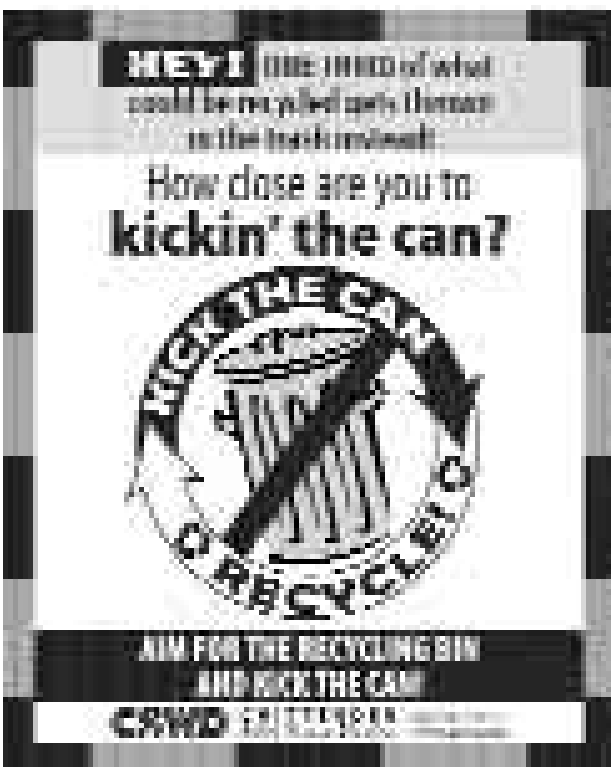
I am proud of these students and their teacher, Tamie-Jo Dickinson. Their attention to every last detail ensured that this event was successful for all: the Business Seminar class, the recipients of the fundraising monies, and, of course, the



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National Mentoring Month Honors Those Who Make a Difference

By Ginny Roberts

It's Tuesday morning, Sheryl's day to meet with her mentor. She heads down to the Mentor Room at her designated time and greets her mentor with a big smile. Together they pick out a snack and look over the array of games and crafts to occupy their hour together. As they settle in with a puzzle, the mentor asks her about her week and gives her all the one-on-one attention any 11-year-old would enjoy.

There are twenty adult mentors who are paired with a student at the Hinesburg Community School through the Connecting Youth Mentoring Program. Mentors meet weekly with their mentees at the school during the school days. Together they play games, do art activities, cook or enjoy going outdoors. 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.

January was National Mentoring Month. Mobius, an organization that promotes mentoring throughout Chittenden County honored mentors at a breakfast reception at the Hilton in Burlington on January 24.

Here is a list of our wonderful Hinesburg CY Mentors:

- Earla Sue McNaull
- Kenneth Brown
- Kris Merchant
- Donna Griffen
- Diane Telford
- Beth Sengle
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families who were lucky enough to attend this very special event. I hope that future events such as this will be held, and that more families will take advantage of it. It truly is an event not to be missed.

Acting Up— Theater Improv Workshop January 26 for 7th and 8th Graders

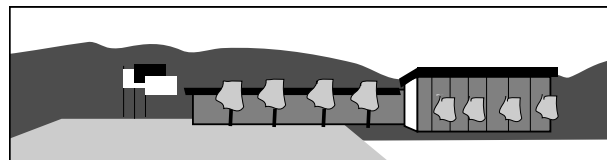
Calling all 7th and 8th graders! Need something to do during the frigid Vermont winter? Have an interest in theater, improvisation, or just want to get away for a Saturday? CY wants to help. On January 26th, 2008, we will be having a full day workshop on theater improvisation for 7th and 8th graders from across the CSSU district.

The See Why Improv Troupe is already an established fixture at the high school, and we feel that it's time to spread the joy to younger students. The day will include lots of fun activities, theater games, and the chance to learn more about improvisation, like on the television show "Whose Line Is It?" Lunch and snacks will be provided, and the workshop fee is only \$10. Scholarships are available to those with financial need.

Look for more information and flyers from your school's Student Assistance Program Counselor or in the main office. Space is limited, so act quickly. If you have any questions, please e-mail CY Coordinator, Dayna Scott at dscott@cssu.org or See Why Improv Student Leader, Shadia Herath at shadia_herath@cvuhs.org.

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- 29: SAT Registration Deadline
- 29-30: Shadow Days
- 30: Course Registration Informational, 6:30 p.m.

CVU TASC Teams Sail Home

A ton of pennies, washers and bolts were transported in ships designed by middle and high school students using only wind as an energy source. Approximately 48 teams from 19 schools used wind from 45 box fans to move their ships: upwind, downwind, across the wind, as well as around islands in pirate themed performance areas. Hundreds of students from all over Vermont and parts of New Hampshire, and Connecticut converged at the University of Vermont for the 17th annual UVM College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Design TASC (Technology and Society Connection) Challenge "Blowing in the Wind" held Saturday, December 1st in the tennis court area of the Patrick Gym.

The UVM Design TASC "Blowing in the Wind" Challenge developed by industrial engineers and teaching faculty from the UVM College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, challenged middle and high school students to design and build "ships" that fit within an 11" x 17.5" x 10" paper box and be able to transport a variety of cargo.

Schools received approximately \$16,500 in prizes. IBM provided the grand prize of \$1,000 and four ThinkPads to the top four winning schools with the highest scores. All prize money went to the schools in the names of the winning teams.

Champlain Valley Union High School was a grand prize winner of \$1,000.00 and an IBM ThinkPad.

- CVU awards included:
- First place (\$500) **The Rhumb Runners** with Newton Hausermann, John Hill, David Jensen, and Matt Mainer; advised by Olaf Verdonk.
 - Second Place (\$250) **The Hex Nut Smugglers** with Ian Hunt, Eric King, Holden Ranz, Thomas Moore, and Cyrus Schenck; advised by Olaf Verdonk.
 - Third Place (\$125) **The Gnarwhal Project** with Ryan Mills, Andrew Giroux, Jesi Booth, and Eric Kolibas; advised by Olaf Verdonk.
- IEEE Design Notebook Awards
- Second Place (\$250) **The Gnarwhal Project** with Ryan Mills, Andrew Giroux, Jesi Booth, and Eric Kolibas; advised by Olaf Verdonk.

CVU Fitness Center Open to Community

The fitness center at Champlain Valley Union High School will be open to community members of the CSSU district (Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, Williston, and St. George) on Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The fitness center is staffed by a certified physical educator who will provide training and supervision as needed. Any community member wishing to use the facility will be asked to be properly attired (full t-shirt, athletic shorts or sweat pants, and sneakers), sign in to the facility, and receive a short tutorial from the fitness center staff prior to using the equipment. There is no charge to use the facility as long as you reside in one of the CSSU communities. The fitness center will only be accessible to the community during the hours listed due to lack of staffing at other times. Any questions, please contact Dan Shepardson at 482-7140.

School Choice

CVU participates in a school choice agreement with South Burlington H.S., Burlington H.S., and Winooski H.S. Spaces for students who reside in the CVU district and who wish to attend one of those other schools are allotted on a space-available basis in a lottery in early February. Students who are interested in participating in the school choice program need to obtain an application form at the CVU Direction Center, complete it, and return it by the deadline: February 4, 2008. Results of the lottery will be available, and students will be notified by February 8.

Hinesburg Volunteers Honored by CY

By Dayna Scott

Every year CY -Connecting Youth in Chittenden South-toners community volunteers who have dedicated their time to supporting youth and families. We call the evening our "Aw Shucks" Awards because often this is what volunteers say when they are told we want to recognize them.

The following volunteers were honored for 2007: Mary Crane, who has been volunteering in the local schools for more than 15 years, as a classroom parent, an ELF instructor, a backstage helper for the drama program, a school board member and a mentor to a student for three years; Sandy White, a volunteer on many different school and community projects such as Chittenden County 4-H, a Scout leader, ELF helper, the reading enrichment program, the Viking school newspaper, the Hinesburg Fourth of July and Winter Carnival committees, and the Multi-Generational Task Force; Amy Wardwell, beloved CVU teacher who constantly strives to create a more caring learning environment for students. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty, serving as the Key Club Advisor, the National Honor Society advisor, a member of the CVU Program Council and the Pathways committee, and co-chair of the NEASC Accreditation Standards committee.

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If you know of other community volunteers who deserve recognition, please submit a nomination to Dayna Scott, CY Coordinator, at dscott@cssu.org or call 383-1211.

Education News

VSAC Offers Free Workshops for Adult Learners

The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation will host a variety of career and college planning workshops, all free of charge. Upcoming workshops are:

Personality & Career Choice on Tuesday, January 29 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: This workshop incorporates Myers Briggs testing to explore how personality type influences our career choices and satisfaction. Location: Community College of Vermont (CCV), Burlington. To register, call VSAC at 800-642-3177 and ask for the Outreach Program.

Scholarship Search on Tuesday, February 5, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.: This workshop guides individuals through the process of searching and applying for scholarships to help meet education expenses. Location: Community College of Vermont (CCV), Burlington. To register, call VSAC at 800-642-3177 and ask for the Outreach Program.

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Hinesburg Nursery School



Winter has arrived with more snow than we have seen in quite some time. Hats, mittens, boots, warm parkas and snow pants fill Hinesburg Nursery School. As the snow falls, the children at the school continue to create beautiful pieces of art, listen to wonderful books, and develop friendships with one another.

While the children are enjoying themselves with their teachers, their parents are busily preparing for Hinesburg Nursery School's 10th annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction being held on Saturday, the 9th of February. The breakfast and auction coincide with the Hinesburg Winter Carnival and both are being held at the Hinesburg Community School.

The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 11:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. At the breakfast you will find lots of waffles that you can top with strawberries, whipped cream and real Vermont maple syrup. There will also be bacon, fresh fruit, bagels and cream cheese, juice, milk and coffee. While you eat you may even spot a Big Red Dog named Clifford walking around. You won't leave hungry, and you don't need to leave empty handed either—not with the silent auction we have planned.

The HNS silent auction gets bigger and better every year with close to a hundred items on which to bid. Auction items range from the useful to the educational, to the decadent. We have oil changes, cords of wood, massages, ski passes, Shelburne Farm family memberships, pet grooming, gift certificates to restaurants, handmade gifts and even a week's stay at a condo in Vail to name just a few. And while you are bidding up a storm there will be arts and crafts activities for the children to enjoy. So come early and bid often, it's a lot of fun and the stuff is GOOD!

To recap, Hinesburg Nursery School's 10th annual Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction is on Saturday, the 9th of February from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Adults: \$6, children ages three to 12: \$4, two and under are free. Come eat some good food, get some good stuff, and then head over to the Hinesburg Winter Carnival. We have your day planned for you; all you need to do is show up!

Organization News

Annual Girl Scout Cookie Program Helps Girls Take the Lead

Once again, beginning January 4, the local Girl Scouts will be selling the traditional favorites that we have all come to know and love: Thin Mints (the most popular Girl Scout Cookie), Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, and Shortbreads (the original Girl Scout Cookie, first sold in 1928!). Last year, Girl Scouts introduced tangy Lemonades, which quickly became a one of the best selling "new cookies" ever. They will be back again this year along with another cookie that puts a new "spin" on the old favorites: Cinna-Spins.

Cinna-Spins will be the first-ever portion-controlled Girl Scout cookie. Each box will contain five ready-to-grab-and-go 100 calorie packs full of crispy cinnamon swirls. The new packaging makes it easy to snack smart because the calorie counting is done for you. And remember, all varieties of Girl

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Scout cookies are “zero trans fat,” in accordance with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines.

Girl Scout Cookies are a delicious way to support troops and girls in your community because all the money raised through the program stays right in Vermont. More importantly, Girl Scout cookie activities help girls develop financial, entrepreneurial and life skills. When you buy a box of Girl Scout cookies, you know you are getting a great tasting product, and you are supporting the country’s premier leadership development program for girls. Like all Girl Scout programs, cookie activities are girl-driven. Girls make their own decisions and run the program with the help of nurturing adults.

The Cookie Program fosters community service, too. Many troops participate in Cookie Share. Cookie Share is a cookie-related service project where a Girl Scout troop adopts a local charity such as a food shelf, nursing home, or hospice. When customers order, they are invited to purchase cookies to be donated to the selected charity. Girls Scouts take the orders and deliver the cookies to the charity. Different troops select different charities, so many deserving organizations throughout Vermont benefit. Customers are able to support two worthy causes at the same time — the Girl Scouts and a local charity.

This year, door-to-door sales run January 4 through January 27. Watch for Cookie Booths throughout the state beginning in late-February when the cookies arrive. Afraid you might get missed? Call the Girl Scout Council of Vermont at 800-639-3055 and we will have a troop in your area contact you.

Girl Scout Awards

The Girl Scout Council of Vermont awarded its highest recognitions - The Silver Award - to 25 Vermont teens at a special luncheon at the Hartness House, Springfield, VT, in November.

The following Girl Scouts, all CVU students, received the Silver Award for developing an arts, books and creativity program at their community library: Fahmina Zaman, Ditra Backup, Victoria Hadley, Kelsey Jensen, Katie Davies, and Carolyn Anderson.

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest achievement awarded to Girl Scouts ages 11-14. The award recognizes efforts in a variety of Girl Scout experiences. It encourages skill development, the building of values, career exploration, and a commitment to the betterment of their communities.

Each Silver Award recipient put leadership into action through 15 hours in a leadership role, explored careers through the “Your Own Business” Interest Project, and planned and implemented a self-designed Silver Award Project requiring a minimum of 40 hours of service to her community.

The girls deserve praise and congratulations for their outstanding and very special achievements. Congratulations also go to all leaders, advisors, mentors, parents, and community members who worked to support these girls in their endeavors to make the world a better place.

4-H, Midnight Riders Team Up for Special Halloween Project



The Hinesburg 4-H Club and the Midnight Riders gathered recently to carve 58 pumpkins for the Hinesburg Town Halloween Party. Miles, Jill and Ruth Lamberson, Marissa and Steve Knowlden, Tegan, Shea and Kenzie Mahoney, Megan, Allison, Shelley and Doug Henson and Meghan Lynn shared lots of laughs and a few sore scooping arms working on this community service project. Both clubs are currently enrolling new members. Contact Shelley or Doug Henson at henson@gmavt.net for information. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HENSON FAMILY

Local Volunteers Needed

Cancer Society Daffodil Days

For 35 years, the American Cancer Society has been making a difference in the fight against cancer and providing hope for those facing the disease through its Daffodil Days program. Although Daffodil Days involves offering daffodils every spring to donors in appreciation for their contributions, it is about more than just giving beautiful flowers — it is everyone’s opportunity to share hope for a world free of cancer.

This year’s Daffodil Days is coming to Chittenden County during the months of January and February. The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers — anyone from school children to corporate CEOs — to assist in taking requests for, packing and delivering daffodils during February and March. To help make a difference in the fight against cancer through Daffodil Days, contact your American Cancer Society in Williston, VT at 872-6300.

Chittenden County residents have until February 29th to place requests for daffodils. For a donation of \$10, supporters will receive a bouquet of fresh-cut daffodils and more importantly, the knowledge that they are helping defeat cancer. This year also marks the addition of Bea R. Hope, a special Boyds™ Bear designed exclusively for the American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days Bear and a Bunch™ that is available for a donation of \$25, which includes a bouquet of 10 daffodils.

The American Cancer Society Daffodil program will offer Daffodil Potted plants for a donation of \$15. The Gift of Hope component to the Daffodil Days program is available for \$20 donation. Gifts of Hope are a bunch of daffodils, delivered in a vase to a cancer patient in Chittenden County. Gifts of Hope are sure to brighten a Cancer Survivor’s day.

Dollars raised through Daffodil Days enable the Society to offer free programs and services that help people fight cancer with courage and optimism, while providing physical and emotional support and financial information to ease the cancer experience. Additionally, daffodil contributions provide the Society with much-needed dollars to fund groundbreaking cancer research, educate people about the importance of cancer prevention and early detection and advocate for meaningful public health policies that benefit the community.

For more information about Daffodil Days, to place an order or to get involved with the program, contact Amy Deavitt, Community Executive, at 872-6316, amy.deavitt@cancer.org.

Health News

Hibernate for Weight Loss

You know that eating well and exercising go hand in hand for weight management, but what about sleeping? Have you ever thought that sleep deprivation might be thwarting your weight loss efforts? Current research shows that sleep has several profound effects on your body’s hormones and metabolism.

According to Barbara Hicken, owner of Curves of Hinesburg, sleep restriction increases your body’s cortisol levels. Cortisol is a stress hormone, and elevated levels of this hormone promote fat storage. Obesity typically increases cortisol while weight loss typically decreases cortisol. This increase in cortisol as a result of sleep deprivation could promote increased fat storage. Sleep restriction also mirrors certain characteristics of Type 2 diabetes. Individuals with Type 2 diabetes produce insulin, but their insulin is not effective at pulling carbohydrates (glucose) from the blood into the cells. This is often referred to as “insulin resistance” and results in high blood sugar. Since sleep-deprived individuals exhibit a similar insulin resistance, it is believed that lack of sleep can increase the risk for Type 2 diabetes.

“Sleep deprivation increases your appetite by several mechanisms. At the most basic level, individuals tend to eat more when they are sleeping less, simply because there is more time in the day to eat. Tired individuals also tend to combat exhaustion by eating more food,” Hicken said.

Most recently, research has revealed that a lack of sleep also affects two hormones that regulate hunger and satiety. Sleep restriction increases ghrelin and decreases leptin. Ghrelin is a hormone that increases before meals and falls after eating, so it is believed to stimulate appetite. The opposing hormone, leptin, suppresses appetite and increases metabolism. Because the lack of sleep increases ghrelin (appetite) and decreases leptin (satiety and metabolism), you are more likely to overeat and gain weight if you aren’t sleeping enough.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, the average American sleeps an average of 6.9 hours per night compared to the recommended eight hours needed for good health. In fact, only 37 percent of Americans get the recommended eight hours per night. Approximately 70 million Americans are affected by a sleep problem and it is estimated that sleep disorders and sleep deprivation cost Americans more than \$100 billion annually in medical expenses, loss in productivity, sick leave and property damage.

“If you consistently have trouble getting eight hours of sleep per night, you should consult your doctor. Otherwise, this winter is the perfect time to start getting your Z’s. It’s healthy, and it may even help you lose a few extra pounds,” Hicken said.

Curves offers a 30-minute workout that combines strength training and sustained cardiovascular activity through safe and effective hydraulic resistance. Curves also offers a weight management program based on a groundbreaking, scientifically proven method to raise metabolic rate and end the need for perpetual dieting. Founders Gary and Diane Heavin are considered the innovators of the express fitness phenomenon that has made exercise available to more than 4 million women, many of whom are in the gym for the first time. Gary is the author of numerous books including The New York Times bestseller *Curves*, which is revolutionizing America’s approach to dieting. With more than 10,000 locations globally, Curves is the world’s largest fitness franchise and the ninth largest of all franchise companies in the world. For more information on Curves of Hinesburg, please contact Barbara Hicken at 482-4111 or visit www.curves.com.

New Year’s Resolutions and Life Style Changes

By Dianne Lamb,
University of Vermont Extension

It’s the New Year and probably you have made at least one resolution pertaining to your health...lose weight, begin an exercise regimen, or eat better. Often our resolutions are unrealistic or not specific enough. It’s best to set a small doable goal, something you can do every day. Begin by writing down your goal. Some people find it easier to have a buddy or someone to provide you with social support. There are many web-based programs you can join if you want to have assistance in charting your progress.

It takes 21 days to make or break a habit. Make your resolutions or goals with a positive statement rather than a negative one. It is easier to add positive behaviors such as “eat more vegetables” instead of “won’t eat...” When your goal is positive, you’re less likely to feel deprived or feel guilty if you eat the “forbidden food.” Often when we eat that “forbidden food,” we give up and feel all is lost and give up practicing a “good” behavior.

Our goals need to be realistic and ones we can achieve. Smaller, short-term goals are better than large, unmanageable ones. So if your long range goal is to lose weight, say 20 pounds, it is more realistic to break it down into the first five pounds. It makes you feel good about your achievement and can give you confidence about losing the next five pound goal. If your goal is to get more exercise, take into account your present level of fitness. Set your goal high enough to be challenging, but not so high that you feel overwhelmed and that you cannot possibly achieve the goal. Remember, make the goal realistic and manageable and, once you achieve that goal, set a new goal to raise the bar even higher.

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Keep track of your progress. Post your goal where you can see it for a daily reminder. For some this means the refrigerator or bathroom door or on the computer.

Celebrate your successes! Reward yourself when you reach your goal. Your reward will vary depending on the goal, but the reward can keep you tracked. As with life, know that setbacks can and do happen. It may take longer to reach our goal than we planned, but hang in there.

The Eat Better America website, www.eatbetteramerica.com, has these four top resolutions that Americans are trying to achieve in 2008:

- I want to lose 10 pounds.
- I want a more balanced diet.
- I want to be better to my heart.
- I want to be active for 20 minutes every day.

Does one of these life style resolutions sound familiar to you?

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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Shelburne Players

The Shelburne Players are looking for anyone interested in directing, choreography, and musical direction for a projected musical production, possibly for Spring 2009. In addition, if you have any thoughts on a specific musical, please contact Joe Dye, Shelburne Players reading committee, at 864-4872.

Cast Selected for Shelburne Players' Spring Play "The Glass Menagerie"

Auditions for the cast of Shelburne Players' spring play "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams took place in November and December. All four roles have been filled, and the following actors chosen: Kevin Christopher will play the part of Tom Wingfield, Janice Gohm Webster will take on the role of Amanda Wingfield, Jessica Bernard will play Laura Wingfield, and John Klesch will portray Jim O'Conner. Performances take place on April 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, and 26 at Shelburne Town Center stage in Shelburne. Barbara Cimaglio is producing the play and Donald Rowe is directing. Updated information can be found at www.shelburneplayers.com.

New Officers Elected for Shelburne Players Board

In other Shelburne Players news, the board elected their new officers for the coming year at the December board meeting. Joe Dye was elected president, Dick Martin vice president, Linda Gilbert secretary and Roger Howland will be working as treasurer with Gerry Lawrence. The board also approved "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward for their fall production. The comedy will be directed by Colleen Alexander.

Shelburne Art Center Introduces New Workshops in Winter Session

The Shelburne Art Center is pleased to announce an exciting lineup of new classes and workshops beginning just after the holidays. This season the Art Center features a number of new offerings taught by well known artist-instructors in oil painting, bookmaking, ceramics, and jewelry-making. At this start of a new year, why not take up a new hobby in an art medium you've never tried before? The Art Center offers classes for adults and children at all levels.

New Workshops

Oil Painting: Living Craft with Tad Spurgeon. February 14, 21, and 28. In this series of three demonstration workshops, local artist Tad Spurgeon will teach 15th-17th century oil painting techniques using traditional materials that are artist-made. For painters who are interested in what has been lost about oil painting technique over time, these workshops will encourage a more dynamic relationship to the craft.

Woodworking: Huntboard in Three Parts with Garrett Hack. February 23-26. *Fine Woodworking Magazine's* Garrett Hack returns to the Art Center to instruct this extended workshop on how to make a huntboard—a country sideboard. Learn useful techniques from shaping legs, to flattening large surfaces, building drawers and doors, and many fun decorative details.

For a full listing of winter classes and workshops, see the Art Center's website at www.shelburneartcenter.org. You can register on line or by phone.

Shelburne Art Center is a nonprofit arts organization serving residents of Chittenden County and beyond. For over 60 years it has been a focal point in the cultural life of the community, offering year-round classes and education programs for people of all ages in our studios on Falls Road and Harbor Road. The Art Center's gallery exhibits the work of artists from Vermont and New England, highlighting the work of our Artists-in-Residence, Instructors and Students. All proceeds from gallery sales support the Art Center's educational mission. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Sports News

10th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot Benefits Land Trust

The Hinesburg Land Trust's 10th Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot held on Sunday, November 25th, fielded 65 participants—44 runners and 21 walkers. The day had been chilly and overcast until race time when the sun came out and the temperature rose to the low 40's, perfect for running.

All participants, both runners and walkers enjoyed the delightful day and the 4.25 mile loop course that enables everyone to enjoy viewing some of the land conserved by the Hinesburg Land Trust for recreational use. The Hinesburg Land Trust was able to raise an additional \$655, which will help to see the Bissonette Project through to completion.

Tony Bates, 48 of Salisbury, Vermont led the field and finished first in 25:04. Erin Lyman, 28, of Richmond, Vermont won the women's division in 31:07.

This year we added two more age groups to the prize categories to recognize the fact that as runners become more mature, they still like to have the chance to take home a prize for their efforts. Richard Wright, 60 of St. Johnsbury Center who placed 4th overall and Candi Schermerhorn of Diamond Point, New York were the winners in the 60 to 69 division. Don Lacharite, 76 and his wife Betty, 72 from Winooski, running as a team, crossed the line together to take the 70 and up division.

Other winners in their age divisions were:

Men:

- 18 to 29: Michael Mainer, Hinesburg, (2nd overall)
- 30 to 39: Mike Bessette, St. Albans (8th overall)
- 50 to 59: Bill Dysart, Charlotte (3rd overall)
- 60 to 69: Richard Wright, St. Johnsbury Ctr. (4th overall)
- 70 and up: Don Lacharite, Winooski (43rd overall)

Women:

- 30 to 39: Jill Meneilley, Hinesburg (31st overall)
- 40 to 49: Kathy Kjelleren, Hinesburg (26th overall)
- 50 to 59: Bonnie Acker, Burlington (23rd overall)
- 60 to 69: Candi Schermerhorn, Diamond Point (36th overall)
- 70 and up: Betty Lacharite, Winooski (43rd overall)

Walkers and their dogs are an important part of the Turkey Lane Turkey Trot. Walking allows the participants to make new friends as they enjoy the day. It is also a great way to enjoy the company of your pets and friends. Revealing your age for walkers is optional but we would like to recognize Ruth Painter of Williston as our senior member and Josee Larocque as the youngest.

Sponsors were Hinesburg's own Bell's Maple Syrup, Koval's Coffee, Showtime Video, and The Paisley Hippo Sandwich Shop.

Since the Annual Turkey Lane Turkey Trot, the only "Turkey Trot" in the world run on a road named Turkey Lane; we are working on getting this fact listed in the Guinness World Book of records. The 11th race will be on Sunday, November 30, 2008. We hope to see you there.

Redhawk Wrestling News

By Rahn Fleming

Coming out of the holidays, there is a bit of looking back to do. We have been busy at both the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels.

On December 19, the Redhawk Wrestlers traveled to St Johnsbury for a tri-meet with the St Johnsbury Hilltoppers and the Harwood Highlanders. Even allowing for forfeits in seven

out of 14 weight divisions, the Redhawk grapplers fared well: defeating Harwood 39-6, and fighting to a 39-30 loss to St Johnsbury. Tim Simmons (#215, Jr., St. George) pinned opponents from both schools. Sherman Wood (#130, Jr., Williston), Stephan Fortin (#152, Jr., Hinesburg), and Patrick Fortin (#189, Sr., Hinesburg) each had a pin on the night. Jason Marko (#135, Jr., Shelburne) improved his varsity record to 4-2 with a 6-4 decision over his Harwood opponent. Steven Campbell (#285, Sr., Hinesburg) showed remarkable agility for a big man, executing a perfect Peterson Roll through to a pin against his opponent from Harwood.

On December 22, seven Junior Varsity wrestlers traveled to Spaulding High School for a day of wrestling against opponents from nine other schools. The tournament format did not include team scores, but did guarantee each wrestler three matches. Five of the seven finished the day with 3-0 records. Nick Meunier (#130, Fr., Hinesburg) wasted no time, pinning his opponents in the first period of each match. Jason Marko (#135, Jr., Shelburne) also pinned all three of his opponents. Bryant Gray (#140, So., Shelburne) wrestled the best match of his life – getting two takedowns and two near-pins before being pinned himself in the third period of his match. Jesse Duke (#119, Fr., Charlotte) remains a talented, if frustrated, wrestler coming away without a win despite laudable improvement from week to week.

Finally, on December 28 and 29, Redhawk Wrestling went to Middlebury High School's Hubie Wagner Memorial Varsity Tournament. By the numbers: seven wrestlers made the trip, five advanced to the semi-finals, and three earned honors in their weight division. Tim Simmons (#215, Jr., St. George) and Steven Campbell (#285, Sr., Hinesburg) each made it to the semi-final round before being eliminated. Ethan Ordway (#140, Sr., Hinesburg) defeated three opponents on his way to a fourth place finish. Sherman Wood (#130, Jr., Williston) wrestled with efficient intensity, pinning every opponent he faced on the way to the finals where he suffered his one loss of the tournament to finish in second place.

Logan Ordway (#145, Sr., Hinesburg) provided the feature story of the tournament, though. Starting out as an unseeded wrestler, Logan went 4-0 in his matches. He defeated the fifth, second, and first-seeded wrestlers on his way to winning his weight class. Logan also won the respect of all coaches in attendance, being voted the "Outstanding Wrestler" of the tournament in a landslide.



Logan Ordway of Hinesburg with his Outstanding Wrestler trophy from the Middlebury Hubie Wagner Memorial Tournament.

As a team, on the shoulders of the five wrestlers who scored (again, out of a possible 14), the Redhawks placed tenth out of 22 teams invited from Vermont, Connecticut, and New York.



Twin brothers Ethan (left) and Logan Ordway of Hinesburg celebrate with Logan's Outstanding Wrestler trophy from the Middlebury Hubie Wagner Memorial Tournament.

Otter Valley Invitational

We took what was for us an almost "full" varsity squad to the Otter Valley Invitational on Saturday, January 5th. Six wrestlers (of a possible 14) made the trip.

Sherman Wood (#132, Jr., Williston, 14-3 on the season) was the second seed in his weight class, and took second place in the tournament. He went 2-1 on the day, pinning two opponents before being pinned by Scott Legacy of Mount Anthony in the finals.

Ethan Ordway (#142, Sr., Hinesburg, 14-7 on the season) also went 2-1 on the day. After winning his first two matches, it was Ethan's turn to be the Ordway in the finals. He battled courageously, despite a swollen patellar bursa that made it almost impossible to bend his right knee. In the end, though, he lost by decision in the finals to Matt Parisi, also of Mount Anthony.

Logan Ordway (#147, Sr., Hinesburg, 7-5 on the season) worked his way to the podium for a second week in a row. Logan went 2-2 on the day - one of the one point matches went the other way this time. Logan placed fourth in his weight class, losing in the consolation finals to Devin Grammo of Colchester.

And Patrick Fortin (#191, Sr., Hinesburg, 7-1 on the season) went 2-1, wrestling his way to a third place finish over Richard Hall of Fair Haven. Pat's efforts are noteworthy, in that his healthy natural weight is about 180-182 pounds. This means he's giving up between seven and twelve pounds per match, after growth and meal allowances. The next weight class down is 171. His teammates tease Pat about being "fat and happy" at 180. But no Redhawk wrestler will ever be asked to drop ten pounds (or even five) in order to make a lower weight class, if to do so would impact their health, mood, and ability to function in the classroom, at home, or in life.

Anyway, our team finished a respectable 4th out of 14 in attendance. We are pleased with, and proud of, our season so far. The kids all work as hard as we ask them to in every practice, and it's showing in their individual records and tournament results.

Dave Brautigam Conveys Second Huntington Trail Easement to CTA

By CTA Staff

Just prior to the Catamount Trail Association's (CTA) Annual Meeting on November 10, CTA and Dave Brautigam signed the necessary documents to permanently protect another section of the Trail in Huntington. CTA is actively pursuing permanent protection of the entire Trail and now holds five easements in Huntington.

Together with a stretch that crosses the Huntington Town Forest, and several sections traversing state land, these five easements give cross-country skiers ample assurance that the Trail will be accessible for generations to come.

This length of newly protected Catamount Trail travels along the Cobble Hill Trail, one of many trails in the Camel's Hump Skier's Association network. An old favorite, the Trail goes up and over - you guessed it - Cobble Hill! Seductive glimpses of Camel's Hump tempt you to the east, while views of the Champlain Valley fan out to the west as you traverse

the western flank of the Green Mountains.

Since its founding in 1984, the member-supported, non-profit Catamount Trail Association has worked with hundreds of volunteers and private and public landowners to establish a linear, 300-mile public cross-country ski trail that travels the length of Vermont. Beginning at the Massachusetts border, the Trail winds its way north through the Green Mountains to the Canadian border in North Troy.

The Catamount Trail provides a unique opportunity for the public to access, explore, and appreciate the winter landscape of Vermont. Skiers encounter unbroken wilderness conditions as well as tracked and groomed trails at the eleven cross-country ski centers the Trail connects - often times witnessing some of the most awe-inspiring scenery in the Northeast. The terrain varies from challenging mountain climbs and descents to many miles of gentle terrain through fields and wooded glades. The Trail provides a place for people to reconnect with a part of their humanity that finds healing and spiritual solace in the natural outdoors, while promoting better health and fitness.

Approximately 165 miles of the Trail cross private land through the generosity of more than 200 landowners. However, development pressure and changes in land ownership constantly place it in jeopardy of closure. Recognizing the future existence of the Trail can only be assured by permanently conserving the Trail corridor, one of CTA's primary objectives is to actively work with landowners who are willing to either donate or sell trail access easements. CTA also partners with the State and private land conservation groups on projects that include the Trail.

By then end of 2007, more than 75 miles of the Trail will have been protected through permanent easements held by CTA or a conservation partner.

For more information on the Catamount Trail go to www.catamounttrail.org.

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Safe Kids Vermont Offers Safety Tips

More than a quarter million children each year are injured while participating in winter sports in the United States. Safe Kids Vermont offers a few simple precautions: kids need to be dressed appropriately, take lessons, be actively supervised and stick to safe terrain. For many winter activities, protective headgear is also recommended.

"Kids should wear helmets when they ski," says Susan Victory, program manager, Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care and Safe Kids Vermont Coalition coordinator. "Buy or rent a ski helmet that's certified by the Snell Memorial Foundation or ASTM International, and have an expert make sure it fits correctly so it won't come loose at a critical moment." According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, ski helmets could prevent or reduce the effects of 53 percent of the head injuries suffered by children under 15 while skiing or snowboarding.

"Caregivers should wear ski helmets too — remember, your children learn safety habits by watching you," says Susan Victory.

Each year, children ages 0-14 years sustain nearly 52,000 injuries involving snowmobiles, sleds, snow skis or snowboards. "Kids under 12 should wear a helmet while sledding," says Susan Victory, citing a position statement by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. "Don't go down a hill headfirst — sit up and face forward. Make sure there's adult supervision and a clear, safe path." A good sledding hill does not lead to a street, a body of water or a crowded gathering place. In addition, the CPSC reminds parents and kids to inspect sleds regularly for worn, damaged or loose parts that could break or snag at high speed.

"Children under 6 should not be riding a snowmobile, period, and nobody under 16 should be driving one," says Victory. "All snowmobile drivers and passengers should be wearing helmets designed for high-speed motor sports — a bike helmet isn't sufficient for a four-wheeled motorcycle that can go up to 90 miles per hour."

There is no consensus among experts about the need for helmets while ice skating, but parents should keep in mind that beginners are likely to fall down a lot. Helmets are a must for ice hockey, along with mouth guards, knee pads and elbow, shoulder and shin protection. "Skate only on ice that's approved for skating," says Victory. "Teach kids how to protect themselves if they do fall through the ice: stretch their arms out wide and kick as if swimming, shout for help and try to crawl backward onto solid ice."

"Basic health and comfort precautions can go a long way in preventing injury," says Victory. "Dress in layers. Wear sunscreen. Stay hydrated. Children — or caregivers — who become distracted or irritable, or begin to hyperventilate, may be suffering from hypothermia or altitude sickness, or they may be too tired to participate safely in winter sports. They need to go indoors, rest and warm up."

In 2005, more than 49,000 children ages 5 to 14 were taken to emergency rooms for injuries resulting from winter sports, including approximately 29,000 from skiing and snowboarding, 20,000 from sledding, and 660 from snowmobile accidents.

For more information about sports safety, call 802-847-7055 or visit www.usa.safekids.org.

Safe Kids Vermont works to prevent accidental childhood injury, the leading killer of children 14 and under. Safe Kids Vermont is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing accidental injury. Safe Kids Vermont was founded in 1990 and Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care is the lead organization.

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NAMES In The NEWS

Compiled by June Giroux

New UVM Extension AgrAbility Tech

Gail Lapiere recently joined the University of Vermont Extension AgrAbility program as an AgrAbility outreach specialist. She is working full-time alongside veteran AgrAbility project specialist Bill Snow.

Lapiere brings a wealth of experience to her new role. She has a BS degree in Animal Science from UVM and had been dairy farming with her husband Claude for 25 years. The Lapieres switched to crop farming after a devastating fire took out their dairy operation. She also worked in the UVM Plant and Soil Science department until late 2007, when she joined AgrAbility.

The AgrAbility program is closely aligned with and works very closely with the University of Vermont Extension Rural and Agricultural VocRehab (RAVR) program. While the Vermont AgrAbility program works solely with farmers with disabilities, the RAVR program also works with other rural residents.

Burlington Winter Festival February 9

By Suzzanna Guevara

The 16th annual Winter Festival, sponsored by the Chittenden Bank, will be held February 9 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9 in Burlington.

Winter Festival will enter its sixteenth year, and the Church Street Marketplace will become center stage for two of the weekend's most popular events: the internationally-sanctioned snow sculpting competition and the dramatic ice walk. Come enjoy this fun-filled community event for all ages hosted by students of UVM's Department of Community Development and Applied Economics with support from Burlington Parks and Recreation and the Burlington community. There will be giveaways, raffles, and fun for all ages.

Baker Appears in St. Michael's Production

Brittany Baker, daughter of Russell and Robin Baker, was a member of the Saint Michael's College Chorale which performed a Christmas Concert of *Lessons and Carols* in December. The 38-voice performing group joined with the Johnson State College chorus for the celebration of the season, singing before a large audience in the church at St. Michael's College.

Brittany, a first-year student mathematics major at St. Michael's College, graduated from Mt. Abraham Union High School.

Mary Marlin

Mary Marlin, of Sunnybrook Village on Bath Road in Brunswick, Maine, died Thursday, November 29, 2007 at her home.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Marlin of Brunswick, and Eileen Marlin of Chicago, Illinois, a son, Glenn Marlin and his wife, Sandy, of San Diego, California, and a granddaughter, Nena, of Brunswick.



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She was predeceased by her husband, Charles G. Marlin, on August 15, 2007.

A memorial Mass was celebrated in the St. John's Rectory Chapel with Rev. John Granato officiating. Internment was in the Maine Veteran's Memorial Cemetery on Mount Vernon Road in Augusta, Maine.

Charles and Mary Marlin were long-time Hinesburg residents, owned a home at Lake Iroquois, and were active members of St. Jude the Apostle Church in Hinesburg. They retired to Florida and then to Maine.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's School, 38 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011.

Memorial condolences may be expressed to Karen Marlin, 10 Sea Grass Farm Road, Brunswick, Maine 04011.

Red Cross Gallon Pin

Mr. Marty Baillargeon has received his 18 gallon pin from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region recently. Thanks to Marty for his efforts in this regard.

Welcome to Hinesburg's Newest Residents

It was, evidently, a quiet month on the local newborn baby front.

(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.)

Senior News

Feed Pets 2

CVAA Prepares to Help Seniors Feed Their Pets

By Sarah Lemnah, Development & Communications Director

Every day, there are seniors in the Champlain Valley who worry about how they are going to afford to take care of their pets. Many Meals on Wheels recipients share their meal with their dog or cat. The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging wants to make sure that seniors and their pets receive their proper nutrition and that no senior has to worry about how they will take care of their primary companion.

According to Beverly Hill, Volunteer Coordinator for the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, there are many seniors who are feeding their food to their pets. To address this problem, CVAA is kicking off Feed Pets 2, a pet food drive to help seniors not have to choose between feeding themselves and their pets. According to Hill "By helping seniors' pets, we help maintain the health of the pets and ensure that the seniors eat their own food which helps maintain their own health."

Dr. Michael Romp, proprietor of the Banfield Animal Hospital in Williston, was eager to sign onto the Feed Pets 2 campaign. According to Romp, "When a single daily meal prepared for a person is shared with a pet, neither one is getting the proper nutrition they need to stay healthy. We want to keep pets healthy so they can give their companions many years of friendship and unconditional love. We know the human-animal bond contributes to happier, healthier lives for people with pets. Senior and homebound Vermonters need their pets. For many of them, their pets are their only friend."

The St. Albans Coop stepped up to the plate offering their facility as a drop off site and working with their distributors to solicit corporate donations. Steve Martin, Manager of the St. Albans Coop store, was able to secure a large donation of pet food from Blue Seal. Martin got on board because he thought Feed Pets 2 was a "great way to reach out to the community. Many quality feeds are made here in Vermont and the people at Blue Seal stepped up to the plate to offer a lot of support. Blue Seal is local right here in Richford so we are supporting local business and helping seniors." According to Martin pet "companions are very important to seniors so if we could help out, our role was to do so, I think it is important to reach people in our community and senior citizens are not as much at the forefront during this time of the year."

Gilbert Goodyear of Paris Farmers Union is working the phones trying to secure corporate support including a donation from Iams and Nutro. Goodyear has been told he looks like Santa Clause and his store has a company cat named Charlie so they seemed like a perfect fit for this project. Goodyear believes that Feed Pets 2 is a "good thing to do for everyone involved, good that I can help, it fits into our way of doing things." Evan Wisell, Marketing Manager for Pet Food Warehouse readily agreed to be a drop off location. According to Wisell "Through their Feed Pets 2 Program, I know that CVAA is really helping a lot of pets in our community. At Pet Food Warehouse, we're very concerned with helping our community's pets, so partnering with them on this terrific project is a perfect match."

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

For information about services available for seniors 60 and older call the Senior Helpline at 1.800.642.5119 or go to www.cvaa.org.

Other News

Support Group For Alzheimer's Families

The Arbors At Shelburne and Armistead Caregiver Services are pleased to offer a free support group series for individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This innovative series gives caregivers the opportunity to better understand and develop strategies for the future. Concurrently, individuals who have been diagnosed learn about the uncertainties they face and find comfort in knowing they are not alone. Held monthly at The Arbors At Shelburne the topic on February 20 will be Communication with The Cognitively Impaired.

For more information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, Director of Family Services at The Arbors At Shelburne at 985-8600.

Vermonters Favor Funding For Tobacco Prevention

A new statewide survey of 400 Vermonters released in December shows that Vermont residents overwhelmingly support using tobacco settlement revenue for programs to prevent kids from starting to smoke and to help smokers quit. In releasing the survey, the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Vermont (CTFV) reiterated the need to continue funding for the state's program to reduce tobacco use in Vermont.

Eighty six percent of Vermont residents believe funding for the state's tobacco prevention program should be more than or equal to the level recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Support for tobacco prevention comes from a broad base of Vermonters.

"We can spend a little now or a lot later", said John Hughes, MD, Medical Director for the Coalition. "Tobacco prevention is one of the smartest and most fiscally responsible investments we can make, even in difficult budget times. If we continue to invest in tobacco prevention now, we will not only reduce smoking and save lives, but also save far more money than we spend by reducing smoking-caused health care costs."

Support for tobacco prevention funding is not surprising, given that 88 percent of Vermonters said that the state should spend at least one-half of the funds it receives from the tobacco settlement on programs to reduce tobacco use. Vermont collects about \$40 million a year in revenue from the state tobacco settlement. It takes about one-quarter of this tobacco revenue to fund tobacco prevention at the level recommended by the CDC (\$10.4 million dollars per year).

The survey also shows that Vermont residents will express their support for tobacco prevention at the polls. By a margin of 77 percent to 7 percent, Vermont residents would look favorably on a candidate for state office who wants to preserve tobacco prevention funding over one who opposes funding the program at the level recommended by the CDC.

Despite progress made in reducing smoking, tobacco remains the leading preventable cause of death in Vermont, claiming 900 lives each year and costing the state more than

\$230 million annually in health care bills, including \$72 million in Medicaid payments alone. Smoking-caused government expenditures amount to a hidden tax of \$632 per Vermont household. Currently, 17.9 percent of Vermont high school students smoke, and 800 additional kids become regular smokers every year.

For more information contact the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Vermont at (802) 872-6303, or visit their web site at www.tobaccofreevermont.org.

Course Helps Vermonters Become Tree Stewards

Vermonters can learn about tree care and explore urban and community forestry issues through a course offered statewide in 2008. The Stewardship of the Urban Landscape (S.O.U.L.) will be offered by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program at seven locations this winter: St. Albans, Williston, Montpelier, Lyndonville, Castleton, White River Junction and Middlebury. The course will run Mondays, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting February 18 through April 14.

The SOUL tree steward training program teaches volunteers how to plan for, plant and maintain trees in the built environment. The eight-week course curriculum includes the following topics: Tree Identification, Tree Biology, Landscape Planning and Design, Tree Planting, Tree Maintenance and Pruning, Municipal Forest Management, Tree Health, Risk Tree Management, Tree Inventories, Establishing a Tree Board or Tree Committee, Funding Community Forestry, Conservation Planning, Species Selection, Working with Volunteers, Public Speaking, Working with Media and Developing a Tree Policy.

"No prior experience is necessary, and any community members interested in improving their town's urban and community forest are encouraged to participate," says VT Urban and Community Forestry Program Director, Danielle Fitzko. The Stewardship of the Landscape (SOUL) course is open to anyone. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration for the course is required. Registration will be accepted until February 8. Tuition for the course is \$75, and includes a training manual and other course materials. Scholarships may be available.

For more information, including complete course syllabus and registration materials, visit the S.O.U.L. website at <http://www.uvm.edu/extension/soul/>. For further questions, contact Kate Forrer at katherine.forrer@uvm.edu, (802) 223-2389 x25, or toll-free (in VT) at (866) 860-1382. The Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program is a joint initiative between the University of Vermont Extension and the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. *(Continued on the next page.)*

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2008 Hunting and Fishing Licenses Are Available

Vermont 2008 hunting, fishing and trapping licenses are now available for purchase online and at license agents throughout the state. Licenses may be purchased on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). Hunting and trapping licenses are not available online for first-time license buyers due to Hunter safety and trapper education course requirements.

Licenses are also available for purchase at more than 320 license agents, such as general stores, quick stops and sporting goods stores. Hunting license buyers are reminded that they must show a previous or current hunting license or a hunter safety certificate from any state or Canadian province, or sign an affidavit stating they previously had a hunting license, in order to purchase a Vermont hunting license.

License fees support the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for all Vermonters. License funds allow the department staff to manage 81 State Wildlife Management Areas totaling more than 118,000 acres for habitat and wildlife-based outdoor activities. They also maintain 195 public fishing access areas for the public to fish from and launch boats free of charge. State game wardens protect fish and wildlife resources through law enforcement and they provide search and rescue services in remote areas. The department also monitors and conserves species that are hunted as well as those that are threatened or endangered, including the restoration of many species to healthy abundance. Fisheries professionals help ensure future generations of Vermonters will be able to enjoy fishing for bass, trout, northern pike, walleye and other species. Department staff also provide helpful information about fish and wildlife through publications, the department website, the news media and by telephone (802) 241-3700. The department also has extensive educational efforts through the two Green Mountain Conservation Camps, a one-week accredited course for teachers and a Let's Go Fishing program.

If you launch a boat, canoe or kayak at state fishing access areas, consider purchasing a fishing license to help the department cover the cost of maintaining them.

Ice Fishing Safety Tips

Ice fishing is popular and a lot of fun in Vermont. Each winter thousands of anglers venture out onto frozen lakes to fish through the ice. And, each winter there are ice-related accidents often caused by poor judgment or poor decisions based on inadequate information. Here are some safety tips every person venturing out onto frozen lakes should observe according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

Leave information about your plans with someone — where you intend to fish and when you expect to return.

Wear a personal floatation device and don't fish alone. Ice varies in thickness and condition. Always carry an ice spud or chisel to check ice as you proceed.

Be extremely cautious crossing ice near river mouths, points of land, bridges, islands, and over reefs and springs. Currents cause ice to be thinner over these areas.

Avoid going onto the ice if it has melted away from the shore. This indicates melting is underway, and ice can shift position as wind direction changes.

Waves from open water can quickly break up large areas of ice. If you can see open water in the lake and the wind picks up, get off!

Carry a set of hand spikes to help you work your way out onto the surface of the ice if you go through. Holding one in each hand, you can alternately punch them into the ice and pull yourself up and out. You can make these at home, using large nails, or you can purchase them at stores that sell fishing supplies.

Carry a safety line that can be thrown to someone who has gone through the ice.

Leave your car or truck on shore. Every year several motor vehicles go through the ice on Vermont lakes, and people have drowned as a result.

Heated fishing shanties must have good ventilation to prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Open a window or the door part way to allow in fresh air.

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annually to recognize outstanding achievement in community planning in Vermont. All of the recipients of this year's awards are excellent examples of how Vermont citizens can work cooperatively to achieve great results for our communities."

One of two 2007 Outstanding Citizen Board awards went to the Town of Hinesburg's Task Forces, Committees and Boards. In 2006 with the help of the Vermont Council on Rural Development, Community Visit program, more than 150 residents stepped up to review their values and helped identify priority areas to advance. The process led to formation of four task forces that are working to implement the vision for the community as expressed in the town plan. Their work coalesces around the concepts of sustainability and community, connecting the rural landscape to the local economy. Through their work, the town has made progress on several fronts, including LEED certified building standards, volunteer alternative transportation services, an award winning Safe Routes to Schools program, and plans for a new community center that connects the youth of Hinesburg with its senior community.

As Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning and Zoning, states, the work of the town's citizen committees is "an incredible complement, demonstrating an obvious and sustained dedication to improving the community as a whole."

Weinhagen was the 2007 Outstanding Professional Planner of the Year. The work of Hinesburg's citizen committees has been energized and sustained by the town's planner. Without Weinhagen's resourcefulness and progressive thinking, it would have been difficult for the volunteer committees to accomplish what they have. With limited funds and a restrictive town budget, he has secured seed funding to help implement the town's vision. He has demonstrated impressive leadership in bringing his community together and given them the necessary momentum to make great strides in planning for their future. Weinhagen also received the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association's 2007 Outstanding Professional Planner Award.

The Town of Tinmouth was the recipient of VPA's 2007 Outstanding Plan Award for their town planning process in the development of their 2007 Town Plan. This latest edition of the town's plan places a far greater emphasis on the people of Tinmouth than ever before—the plan is no longer simply a *land development* plan, but rather a *community* plan.

John Lambert, of North Hero, Vermont, was recognized as the 2007 Outstanding Citizen Planner, for his commitment to improving his community and region. Lambert also received the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association's 2007 Outstanding Citizen Planner Award.

The other award for 2007 Outstanding Citizen Board went to the Montpelier Housing Task Force. This task force was created through a grass roots effort by a group of concerned citizens who recognized the need to examine and respond to local housing issues.

The award for 2007 Outstanding Project Award was given to the Vermont Land Use & Training Collaborative for their development of the Vermont Land Use Planning Implementation Manual. The document is available at www.VPIC.info under publications/resources.

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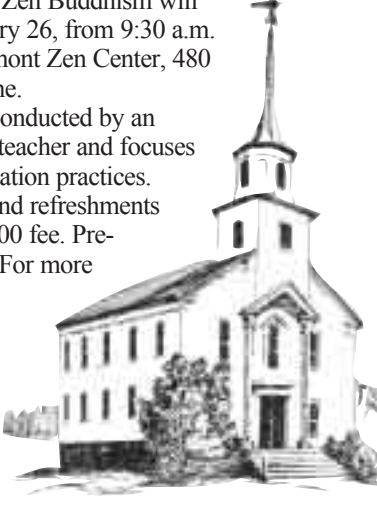
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26:
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MONDAY, JANUARY 28:
CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30:
Advertising and News Deadline for February 23 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4:
Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting, 4:30 p.m., Williston Town Hall. Public invited.
Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.
Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m. UVM Waterman Building, Room 413.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5:
Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6:
Ash Wednesday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7:
Fire and Rescue/Medical Training, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.
Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center. All welcome.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11:
CVU Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.
Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. Contact George Dameron, Chair. 482-3269.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12:
Lincoln's Birthday.
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.
Buy Local/Specialty Farming Task Force, 7:30 p.m., top floor of Town Hall. Contact Bill Schubart (bill@schubart.com 482-3287) or James Donegan (doneganmaple@hotmail.com 482-3245).
Iroquois Snow Beavers meeting, 7:00 p.m., Third Floor, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13:
HCS School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, Room 101.
Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., third floor Town Hall.
CSSU Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Room 104, 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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14:
Valentine's Day.
Fire and Rescue/ Heavy Rescue-Medical Training, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18:
President's Day.
Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19:
Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m. Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Tom Mathews at 496-8537 (tmathews@gmavt.net) for information or to make reservations.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20:
Hinesburg Trail Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lower level or second floor of Town Hall. Frank Twarog, Chair.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21:
Fire and Rescue/Business meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.
Hinesburg Historical Society meeting, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mildred Aube's home on Pond Road. Call 482-2699 for information.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22:
Washington's Birthday.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23:
February 23 issue of The Hinesburg Record published.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25:
CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 106, CVU.
Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26:
Lion's Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant. call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information..

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27:
Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.,

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28:
Fire and Rescue/ Fire Training, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5:
Advertising and News Deadline for March 20 issue of The Hinesburg Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29:
March 29th issue of The Hinesburg Record published.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS
Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2096. 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 Weinhalten 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 third 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 Mathews (tmathews@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.

Buy Local/Speciality Farming Task Force. Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., top floor of Town Hall. Contact Bill Schubart (bill@schubart.com 482-3287) or James Donegan (doneganmaple@hotmail.com 482-3245) with questions.

Playgroup at Town Hall: Weekly group of parents and children, birth to age five. Wednesdays, 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. You may leave a message for Roberta Soll at 482-2878. Elly Coates (482-3460) 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.

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