

Discipline method devised

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In other matters, Christmann told the board that building principals have devised a "more timely and accurate" method of student discipline record-keeping. Christmann said that a student's trail of

infractions and their resolutions would be tracked from middle school through high school, with an eye toward enforcing rules similar to the district's athletic policy regarding other extracurricular areas such as the spring

musical and various clubs.

He also called attention to the ban on hunting on any school property. All school property is posted to that effect.

Christmann also told the board that parents and college-bound

students need to get to the application process early this year. He also wanted to inform the public that families may apply to the free and reduced lunch program at any time during the school year. Details are posted on the district website: www.k12.ginet.org. Christmann added that all pages of this website are currently being revised.

Lastly, official district enrollment data shows 3,151 students in the five school buildings on the Island. Christmann noted a marked decrease in kindergarten numbers this year.

Upcoming over the next few weeks are several key events for Grand Island schools:

- The week of Oct. 25-29 is New York State School Board Recognition Week.

- Oct. 25-26: International Baccalaureate authorization site visit.

- Monday, Oct. 25: a day and an evening assembly called Rachel's Challenge will address student bullying and tell the story of the first Columbine High School student killed 10 years ago.

- Tuesday, Nov. 16: Grand Island School and Business Alliance basketball game between school staff and Buffalo Sabres alumni. Tickets are available from business teacher Cheryl Chamberlain, at each elementary school and at the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce.

The next Grand Island Board of Education meeting will be Monday, Nov. 8, at Kaegebein Elementary at 7 p.m. The board will tour the building at 6:30 p.m.

Have a Warmer, Safer Winter.

Important information on carbon monoxide and natural gas safety from National Fuel.

Protect your family

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and potentially dangerous gas produced when fuel (heating oil, propane, kerosene, charcoal, gasoline, wood or natural gas) is burned without enough air for complete combustion. If inhaled in large quantities for a prolonged time period, carbon monoxide can cause unconsciousness, brain damage and even death.

Take steps to minimize the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning

- Have your chimney, appliances and heating equipment inspected and tested by a qualified professional every year.
- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home. Do not rely on carbon monoxide detectors as a substitute for maintaining appliances, heating equipment or chimneys. If you do choose to install a carbon monoxide detector, use it as an additional preventative measure.*
- Clear snow and ice from exhaust vents and intake air vents for gas appliances to prevent carbon monoxide from accumulating in your home.
- Never use a gas oven or stovetop for heating your home.
- Install ventless heaters according to manufacturer specifications, never using them as a primary heat source.
- Never run a gasoline engine (such as a gasoline generator or an automobile) in an enclosed space.
- Never use a portable charcoal or propane grill indoors.

* You should make sure that any carbon monoxide detector you consider for purchase is listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) to the current UL 2034 standard, "Carbon Monoxide Detectors." National Fuel does not endorse or recommend any specific brand of carbon monoxide detector.

Know the signs

If you, or anyone in your household, experience these symptoms, immediately open windows and doors to ventilate your home, then move outside and call **9-1-1** or the fire department.

- Dizziness
- Overall paleness
- Coughing
- Nausea
- Irregular breathing
- Cherry red lips and ears
- Headache
- Fatigue

Detect natural gas leaks

Natural gas is colorless and odorless. National Fuel adds an odorant that produces a distinctive "gas smell" so that leaks are easier to detect. If you detect a faint gas smell, check to see if you have a pilot light out or a burner that is not completely turned off, and then open windows and doors to ventilate. If you find a pilot light out, do not attempt to relight it without ventilating the area first. If you smell a strong gas odor, or are unable to detect the cause of the odor:

DO

- Leave the premises.
- Call National Fuel's emergency line, **1-800-444-3130**, from a different location.

DON'T

- Switch lights on or off.
- Light any matches.

Help prevent emergencies

If you smell natural gas, inside or outside your home, call us immediately at:

1-800-444-3130

24 hours a day, seven days a week

Neighbors lend help

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down. So I showed up there with my crew of one, and my wife and two children who were the nail-pullers," Shipman said.

He proceeded, over the course of a month, to take the carriage house down one step at a time, labeling all 84 pieces of wood by color and number as he went. He transported it to GI, where it sat under 14 tarps behind his garage for a year. He's now in the process of reassembling the structure at home, essentially moving the 1800s-era carriage house from near the hamlet of Ransomville to his property, the old Asa Ransom home that he and his wife, Robin, continue to restore inside and out to its 1860s appearance.

Shipman has seen firsthand that 1800s workmanship stands the test of time.

"Everything fits to the minutest detail," Shipman said of the reassembly process. "Exactly as it did in the 1800s."

Shipman is going full-out green, he said, with plans to recycle the original foundation into an inside fireplace, something the foreowners may have done as well. Small changes to the structure adhere to 1800s practices, too.

"When we took it down, all the wooden pegs had shrunk," he said, but Steve Stinner of Sawmill Run on Grand Island planed wooden replacement pegs, and they were driven into place with wood mallets.

"My wife would like to make it an art studio for herself," he said. "She's the one wanting it. I'm just the one doing the work." Though he could have bought a prefabricated structure, Shipman said his

family "can't even imagine" doing it another way.

"We have a love for log cabins and the whole work ethic of the people who built these things," he said. "This is not what you can ever find."

"We're finding all our friends say, 'You did what?' 'You took down a what?' They can't believe it," he said. Those same people, though, are anxious to lend a hand. Island neighbor Gary Burkhart groomed the area for the foundation of the structure and about a dozen friends and neighbors from Grand Island, Lewiston and Amherst showed up on a recent Saturday morning to help with the work.

"We told the people in our church, and five or six of them immediately said, 'Call me.' The neighbors have helped us. Everybody has helped us unload and rebuild and move wood," Shipman said.

The project is as it was 200 years ago, when a man put out a call and his neighbor came to help. As in the old days, no one expected anything in return, Shipman noted.

"They didn't even want us to buy lunch," he said. "They thanked us when we were done at the end of the day."

The project, 200 years in the making, is right on schedule.

"I want to have the floor on, the beams up, the rafters up and the roof on here by the first of November," Shipman said. "So we're looking for workers. If anyone wants to help on it or be part of the rebuilding process, just give us a call."

"Not a lot of people get the opportunity to work on an 1800 carriage house," he said.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Beverly A. Rasch of Bronson Road, Grand Island, a Tonawanda native, was recently honored as a 2010 Woman of Distinction in the Tonawandas area.

She serves on the Advisory Council of DeGraff Memorial Hospital and is a member of the

Red Hat Society.

She is the wife of Peter Rasch and a mother of four.

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