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Food Shelves on the Front Lines

Increase in Need Comes with COVID-Crisis

BY MERYL BRACONNIER AND NICOLE MORRIS, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

As the COVID-19 pandemic forces many businesses to shut down temporarily — or in some cases, for good — more out-of-work Vermonters are turning to food shelves and food banks to help nourish themselves and their families.

Vermont Foodbank and its partner food shelves — including the Hinesburg Food Shelf — are busy shifting their operations to both adapt to social distancing measures and to meet the increasing need in their communities.

Nicole Whalen, director of communications and public affairs at Vermont Foodbank, described how the foodbank and other food shelves “have been really on the front lines of addressing the huge increase in the need for food assistance that is coming as a result of this crisis.”



Janet Calcaterra and Thron Crowe, recent graduates of Feeding Chittenden's Community Kitchen Academy assist with the emergency meal program. Photo by Anna McMahon.

Vermont Foodbank is the nonprofit hunger relief organization that works with a network of more than 300 community partners to distribute food across the state. Along with the Hinesburg Food Shelf, those partners include Shelburne Food Shelf and Feeding Chittenden in Burlington.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis and the closing of all nonessential busi-

nesses last month, Vermont Foodbank's operations have seen 30 to 100% more patrons.

“This pandemic is creating a food assistance emergency unlike anything we've ever seen in the 40-year life of food banking,” Whalen said.

According to projections from Feeding

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Growers Open for Virtual Business

BY STAFF REPORTER

COVID-19 is affecting the food supply chain in unprecedented ways. Supply and demand are out of balance on a global, regional and local scale. Vermont, however, is fortunate to have an abundance of local food producers ready to help feed our community.



Got milk? Yes, and lots more!

Hinesburg Locations

Full Moon Farm

Full Moon Farm offers a flexible community supported agriculture option, and also sells some items through Trillium Hill Farm (see below). For more information, go to fullmoonfarminc.com/summer.shtml.

Trillium Hill Farms

Trillium Hill Farms is offering online ordering Mondays through Wednesdays, with pickup Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. In addition to their own produce, meats and maple syrup, they are offering food items from other local farms and producers. For more information, go to trilliumhillfarmvt.com and click on “virtual farmstand.”

Red Wagon Plants

Greenhouses are closed to the public. Customers may order online or by phone for pickup or delivery. Phone:

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Two CVSD Teachers Honored

FROM CVSD PRESS RELEASE

The Champlain Valley School District congratulates both Tim O'Leary (Shelburne Community School) and Charlie MacFadyen (Champlain Valley Union) on being named fellows by the Rowland Foundation. Tim and Charlie are both digital learning leaders in their respective schools.

The 2020-2021 Rowland Foundation fellowships were announced in February and provide Vermont secondary school educators with a unique professional development and leadership opportunity and resources (through a one-year, \$100,000 grant) to positively affect student achievement and the culture and climate of their respective schools. The foundation supports proposals which:

- will lead to systemic change in the school, particularly in its culture and

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LETTERS

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All letters must be signed. Addresses and phone numbers must also be provided for verification purposes. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but reserve the right to edit based on available space. To the extent possible, letters should focus on local issues. Other forums exist for discussions of statewide, national, and international issues.

With these cautions, please keep those letters rolling in. Send them via email to news@hinesburgrecord.org, mail them to The Hinesburg Record, P.O. Box 304 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or deliver them to the Record drop box on Charlotte Road.

Response to Lake Iroquois Letter

I write to respond and expand upon the recent letter, “Lake Iroquois Improvements,” from Daniel Sharp. With one exception, I agree that Dan got it right. The parts with which I wholeheartedly agree are educating power boaters, supporting shoreline protection and continuing the many other activities aimed at con-

trolling the milfoil infestation in the lake. These other projects include educating lake users, the greeter and boat wash program, supporting lake friendly landscaping, diver-assisted suction harvesting, benthic mats and hand pulling milfoil. The Lake Iroquois Association and others have invested much time and many resources in each of these activities. The results have been beneficial, but they have not stopped the spread of the milfoil. Milfoil is an invasive and its means of propagation, as pointed out in Dan’s letter, is through plant fragments, which are very successful at rooting.

To date the approaches on which Dan and I agree have been actively and judiciously pursued and will continue to be a part of any program going forward. Yet, they have not proven sufficient. Further they cannot be made sufficient without intrusions that are not acceptable or likely and costs that are not supportable. Many lakes in Vermont and elsewhere have found this to be the case and have turned to careful and limited application of a short lived and targeted herbicide. The herbicide approved by the state and used by these other water bodies is ProcellaCOR. It has proven to be successful and needs to be a part of the mix of ways that Lake Iroquois uses to get control of this infestation.

Without doubt this is a complex circumstance we find ourselves confronting. The level of commitment, research and care put into the assessment of the alternative ways to address this challenge has been significant. I have been encouraged by the capacity of those planning the proposed approaches to listen closely to the science, the pros and cons of approaches, and the concerns put forth by others. I am equally as impressed with their willingness to change their minds as the evidence and information warrants.

I am quite sure that we would all like to have no invasive infestation. We are not in that position. Taking no actions or insufficient actions will continue to cause the degradation of the lake, destroying its native species and ultimately, the lake’s health.

Robert Kenny

Hoepfner Physical Therapy Closed

Sadly, Hoepfner Physical Therapy in South Burlington closed its doors for the last time on March 27.

The last year and a half have been personally challenging, at best. And the COVID-19 pandemic proved too much to overcome.

I want to personally thank you for allowing me to be a part of your community, your family. Over the past 20+ years, we have grown, laughed and cried together.

Something new is on the horizon for both of us.

Information concerning your medical records can be found at 802-862-4670.

Thank you again and be well.

Joe Hoepfner, PT

Winburn Running for Governor

My name is Pat Winburn and I am running for governor of Vermont. I would like to introduce myself. I live with my wife and our two dogs in Bennington, Vermont and have practiced law in Vermont since 1986.

I am a former school board member and currently serve as moderator of the Village of Old Bennington. I am not running to be somebody. According to my wife and our dog “Alfie” I already am somebody. I am running to get things done. You may have seen Alfie in some of my TV commercials — he’s better looking than me!

I have been listed in “Best Lawyers in America” for over 20 years and have served as president of the Bennington County Humane Society, the Bennington County United Way and on a number of other local boards including the Bennington Museum. I have a more complete list of my past service and summary of my stands on the issues at Winburn2020.com

I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming primary election on Aug. 11, 2020. Feel free to contact me any time at 802-447-0100 or pat@winburn2020.com.

Tomorrow will be a better day!

Pat Winburn



TOWN NEWS

Memorial Day Service Canceled

BY PEGGY CIOFFI

The Hinesburg Community Prayer Service at the Veterans’ Monuments is canceled. This annual event, which was scheduled for May 25, will not be held this year because of COVID-19. The safety and the health of the community was the primary consideration in making this decision. It is expected that the ceremony will resume in 2021.

Resources to Help Meet Food, Other Needs

BY LISA SCAGLIOTTI

Being laid off or just having one’s job substantially cut back can throw many individuals and families into a financial crisis. Making ends meet in a time of crisis is a challenge many are experiencing in the community now and one result is food insecurity.

Those who work in the local food distribution system report an increased need for food assistance and challenges for those who are at high risk for COVID-19 and need to stay home. In addition, many local residents may be in need of other types of support that community volunteers can provide.

Town Administrator Renae Marshall announced the creation of a local network of service organizations with volunteers who can help meet new needs.

Details are on the town website at hinesburg.org along with a new online Google form where people who would like to volunteer may sign up, and those who need assistance may make a request. The form is online at tinyurl.com/HinesburgSupport. Anyone with questions may contact Marshall at rmmarshall@hinesburg.org or 802-482-2281 ext. 222.

Here are some details regarding several local efforts to help meet those needs.

Hinesburg Food Shelf

Open Tuesday 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers pack up groceries and bring them out to people in their cars. Anyone who is ill or homebound and in need of an order from the food shelf may call 802-482-4946 to arrange for delivery.

The food shelf welcomes new patrons during this time to pick up pantry goods and fresh and frozen foods. New patrons should bring proof of residence from one of the towns the food shelf serves (Hinesburg, Huntington, Monkton or St. George). A personal ID or a piece of mail will do.

Those who wish to support the food shelf at this time are encouraged to

make a financial contribution which allows staff to purchase food in bulk from the Vermont Foodbank and seek out items most needed. Details are online at hinesburgresource.org. There also is a collection bin at Lantman’s for people to contribute nonperishable items they purchase when they shop for groceries.

Lantman’s Market

With the help of volunteers, Lantman’s is offering grocery delivery to the elderly, sick or anyone who is unable to purchase grocery items themselves. Working with town officials, a phone line with voicemail has been set up for people to place orders. Call 802-482-8115 and follow the voicemail instructions. A volunteer will reply to arrange for payment and delivery.

Little Free Pantry

The United Church of Hinesburg hosts the Little Free Pantry, a cupboard of free food items outside the Osborne Parish Hall with the motto, “Take what you need, leave what you can.” Volunteers have organized a system to keep this pantry stocked with nonperishable items. They ask individuals from designated areas of Hinesburg to restock the cupboard on specific days of the week. “We offer this in the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor during this stressful time,” organizer Lori McKenna said in a recent Front Porch Forum post.

The areas and days are: Area 1 (Sunday): Shelburne Falls Road. Area 2 (Monday): CVU, Mechanicsville Road, Pond Road. Area 3 (Tuesday): Richmond Road, Magee Hill Road. Area 4 (Wednesday): North Road, Texas Hill Road, Hayden Hill Road. Area 5 (Thursday): South Hinesburg, Lincoln Hill Road, Hollow Road. Area 6 (Friday): Hinesburg Village, Buck Hill, Gilman Road. Area 7 (Saturday): Charlotte Road, Silver Street, Baldwin Road.

Donations labeled “Little Free Pantry” are also welcome by check to United Church of Hinesburg, P.O. Box 39, Hinesburg, Vermont 05461. Reach McKenna for more information at lpn-vt@gmavt.net.



United Church of Hinesburg hosts the Little Free Pantry, a cupboard of free food items outside the Osborne Parish Hall. Photo by Lori McKenna.

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Hinesburg Recreation Office: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Jennifer McCuin, Recreation Coordinator, hinesburgrec@gmavt.net, 482-2281 ext. 230.

OTHER INFORMATION

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Williston, Redmond Road; Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 872-8111. South Burlington: Landfill Road (off Patchen Road), Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 872-8111. CSWD.NET.

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Weds., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center: 51 Ballards Corner Road. Rachel Kring, Executive Director, kring@hinesburgresource.org, 482-4946. Alex Konciewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org. Hours for **Hinesburg Food Shelf** are Fri. 10:00 a.m. –12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lobby & TriVendor: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 482-2292.

Hinesburg Community School: 10888 Route 116, 482-2106, CVSDVT.ORG/DOMAIN/9 for cafeteria menu, staff directory, department and team info, calendar, etc.

Champlain Valley Union High School: 369 CVU Road, 482-7100, VSDVT.ORG/CVUHS for calendar, cafe, staff directory, student portal, etc.

Carpenter-Carse Library: 69 Ballards Corner, 482-2878, CARPENTERCARSE.ORG for library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Business & Professional Association: business directory, membership, news and events. HBPAVT.COM

Connecting Youth: Chittenden South community-based organization dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for young people. SEEWHY.INFO

Have an ad? 482-7227 or ads@hinesburgrecord.org.

LEGISLATIVE

Zooming to the Legislature

BY HINESBURG STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL LIPPERT

Stay Safe. Stay Home. Social distancing. Mandatory Stay Safe/Stay Home orders. Mandatory wearing of protective masks in all public places. These have become the new bywords of our daily lives; the new norms of social behavior.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every Vermonter in every corner of the state — every closed school, shuttered business, every laid-off worker and especially our overworked hospitals and heroic health care workers, preparing for the worst, and caring for us 24/7. No one has been held harmless or immune from COVID-19's devastating effects and the requirements to suddenly and profoundly adapt to this new world.

The Vermont Legislature has been required to adjust and adapt to this new world as well. Who would have believed, just a short few weeks ago, that all legislators — 150 from the House and 30 from the Senate — would leave our posts from within the physical Statehouse, for the protection of our health and safety and that of our visitors and staff? Coronavirus has spared no one and no setting within the state.

Our Vermont Legislature website — legislature.vermont.gov — has become the center of the Legislature's organization in a way never before contemplated. The iPad that was issued routinely to every legislator, was once considered novel by some, but are now a necessary, day-to-day legislative accessory for maintaining remote communication.

The Legislature's "new normal" includes convening Zoom video legislative committee meetings, and learning the ins and outs of remote video voting procedures.

Legislative committee websites now announce not only the time and agen-

das for each House and Senate legislative "Zoom Committee meeting," but also the internet address to access livestreaming of committee meetings on YouTube channels. Viewing legislative work through YouTube has become the public's way to remotely access legislative proceedings — and to ensure the Vermont public's constitutional right to access.

What we have proudly proclaimed as the "People's House" under the golden dome in Montpelier, has now been translocated to internet and YouTube viewing access.

This has required all legislators, whether tech-savvy or tech-phobic, to adjust to using internet Zoom access, to learn the etiquette of muting and unmuting, virtually raising hands and creating virtual backgrounds or risk having the cluttered interior of home offices or living spaces be displayed for all to see on YouTube, and archived forever for future viewing.

New, too, has become adjusting to "remote voting."

The Senate has already begun virtual voting with their 30 members.

For the House, with 150 members, virtual voting has become more of a slower group training process. By the time you read this, I believe that the House will have begun trial runs of remote voting, including all manner of House floor protocols from points of order to roll call votes. Ensuring the integrity of voting procedures and secure internet access has become a priority — overseen both by the clerk of the House and secretary of the Senate, as well as by the Legislature's chief of police and internet security staff.

In many ways, the Vermont public now has greater immediate access to the proceedings of the Vermont Legislature than ever before. Up until now, Vermont Public Radio livestreamed the House and Senate proceedings, but did not archive them. House and Senate committee meetings have been recorded, and sometimes filmed by outside groups, but never livestreamed across the state. All are now available for anyone to view anywhere in Vermont, or for that matter, anywhere in the world, as long as you have a computer and internet access.

Responding to COVID-19 inquiries from Hinesburg neighbors, and, as chair of the House Health Care Committee, responding to the ongoing demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been as busy, or busier, than before living and legislating remotely.

We will get through this — working together, and supporting each other throughout our Hinesburg community and throughout our state. This is an incredibly stressful and difficult time. And I regret that an at-times over-

whelmed Vermont state government has not always been able to respond as quickly or fully as we would like.

Please feel free to continue to be in touch with me with your questions and concerns, or accessing help from state government during this extended time of crisis.

Reach out to me as Hinesburg's State Representative: Rep. Bill Lippert at wlippert@leg.state.vt.us. I will try to respond to your inquiry as soon as possible, and help direct you to someone who can assist you if I do not immediately have the information that you need.

Welch Urges USDA Secretary Purdue to Support Dairy Farmers

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Representative Peter Welch, co-founder of the Congressional Dairy Farmer Caucus, on April 14 led a letter to Secretary Purdue, urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support dairy farmers facing an economic crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Dairy farmers need support immediately," wrote the representatives. "We urge you [Secretary Purdue] to use your authority to provide support directly to producers. The CARES Act provides the USDA with \$9.5 billion to assist producers and specifically cites dairy in the statutory language. We ask that you take immediate action to support this critical industry."

Specifically, the letter urges USDA to use tools available to it to help dairy producers, such as:

- Paying producers to reduce production.
- Compensating producers for milk that must be dumped.
- Providing capital for processors to expand their capacity and increase their inventory.
- Purchasing dairy products for food banks.
- Reopening the Dairy Margin Coverage Program and providing retroactive coverage.
- Working to increase international food aid.

The full letter is available at tinyurl.com/welchdairyletter. Fourteen other representatives signed the letter, including all of the bipartisan co-chairs of the Congressional Dairy Farmer Caucus.

The Congressional Dairy Farmers Caucus is a bipartisan organization launched in 2009 by Welch and more than 50 other members of Congress to ensure that critical issues confronting the American dairy farmer are understood in Congress.

CSWD

Not Just Another Spring

SARAH REEVES, CSWD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear neighbors,

As I write this, I'm looking out my window at crocuses brightening the lawn in unexpected spots where the squirrels thought they might look good, eastern bluebirds are finally sporting bright feathers, and willow buds are emerging as soft and fuzzy as baby rabbits.

You'd think it was just another spring in Vermont.

But as we all know all too well, this spring has been anything but normal. Those of us fortunate not to have been personally impacted by illness or job loss directly caused by the novel coronavirus have felt its tentacles in other ways too numerous to count.

On behalf of everyone who works at CSWD, I can't express how grateful I am for the understanding and support you — our members and customers — have shown regarding the changes we've implemented in response to the challenges posed by this state of emergency. Your cooperation with our efforts and willingness to help your neighbors navigate this new territory is essential, and sincerely appreciated.

To see a summary of the changes we've made, including the new fee structure and restrictions at our drop-off center, please visit the COVID-19 blog page on our website at tinyurl.com/CSWDcovid. Elsewhere in these articles you'll find links to helpful videos and more details about what we're doing during the state of emergency.

Meanwhile, you may have seen news about adjustments the Vermont Legislature is considering to statewide requirements for food scraps and recycling management. We've posted the testimony provided by Jen Holliday, CSWD's director of public policy and communications in this blog post at tinyurl.com/CSWDHolliday so you know where CSWD stands.

We're working as hard as ever to meet our mission and to serve you, the Chittenden Solid Waste District members, while also doing everything we can to protect our employees and customers from unnecessary exposure to the novel coronavirus. I invite you to send suggestions for how we can continue to improve to info@cswd.net.

We're Buried in Leaves and Wood!

With people staying home and the recent nice weather, we understand that it feels like the perfect time to clean up your yard and prepare for summer gardens.

The Vermont Department of

Environmental Conservation and CSWD are asking that you hold off on bringing your leaves, garden debris and tree branches to our facility. We are reaching the limit of material and traffic we can manage at Green Mountain Compost. We are not accepting these materials at the drop-off center at this time.

If you absolutely must bring these materials, we've created a short video that will help you navigate dropping your materials off safely. View the video at tinyurl.com/CSWDvideo.

Green Mountain Compost is located at 1042 Redmond Road in Williston. The facility is open Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and accepts the following materials for no fee:

- Leaves — loose or in paper yard and garden bags only. NO tape on paper bags, no plastic bags.
- Food scraps. No charge for residential quantities.
- Tree branches, twigs and dimensional lumber that has never been painted, stained or treated.

Williston Drop-Off Center

What You Need to Know

- Due to the impact of the novel coronavirus, CSWD has implemented changes to how we do business. These temporary changes are being made to help protect our customers and staff and to manage operations efficiently and safely.
- Staff is observing the six-foot social distancing recommendation. Please help our staff by being patient and by keeping your distance.
- We are accepting essential materials only — household trash (up to four bags or barrels of any size), blue-bin recycling and food scraps.
- Per-visit fee of \$10; no other fees apply.
- All leaves and garden debris and clean/untreated wood is being directed to Green Mountain Compost.

For full details on why these changes were made, please visit tinyurl.com/CSWDcovid.

Milk and Juice Cartons

All milk, juice and soup cartons (aka aseptic packaging, gable-top, etc.) should be placed in your regular trash.

Cartons are made of several different materials — like paper, plastic and aluminum — that are pressed together to form a waterproof, temperature-resistant seal. This makes them difficult to recycle.

While some facilities in different parts of the country have the technology required to separate these materials and process them for recycling, we can't handle them at our recycling facility here in Chittenden County.



Home Composting Products Now Available for Sale

Green Mountain Compost is now accepting orders for the SoilSaver Composting System and the Green Cone



SoilSaver.



The Green Cone.

The SoilSaver makes it easy to turn yard waste and food scraps into compost — black gold for your garden. Just layer your "browns" (leaves, paper, sawdust) with your "greens" (food scraps, fresh grass clippings), mix occasionally, wave your magic wand, and behold — rich, dark compost!

The Green Cone aerobic digester is the perfect complement to a backyard composting system! The Green Cone reduces food waste to its natural components of water, carbon dioxide and a small residue. The solar-heated garden unit safely eliminates all cooked and uncooked food waste, including things your backyard compost pile can't handle — like meat, fish, bones, dairy products!

How to Order:

Place your order by phone, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 802-777-8698. Payment by credit card only.

When you place your order, GMC staff will schedule a time for you to pick up your item. Pick-up is by appointment only and is only available on Monday and Fridays.

Walk-in sales are not available at this time due to COVID-19 precautions.

FIRE

Spring Craft Fair

It is out of concern for everyone's health and safety that the association has postponed our Spring Craft Fair.

We Are Ready to Respond

At the time this article was written, things in Hinesburg are stable because everyone in town is doing the right thing. The fire department is well equipped with our needed medical supplies including protective clothing. Our staffing level is stable.

As you may have read in The Citizen, some of our members were exposed at the end of March. The members isolated themselves immediately following

the call, and remained isolated for the full 14 days. As I am writing this article, everyone is doing well and the members have returned to covering shifts. We are monitoring ourselves daily and taking every precaution before we start a shift and when responding to calls.

When we respond to a medical call, we are doing so in white protective suits, masks and face shields. If we have not suited up prior to leaving the station, we will be doing so when we arrive. This will take a few minutes so please be patient until we have fully donned our protective garments. When we arrive at your door, the first thing the EMT will do is give the patient a surgical mask to put on to help protect everyone. We will then proceed with patient care and treatment. If other mem-

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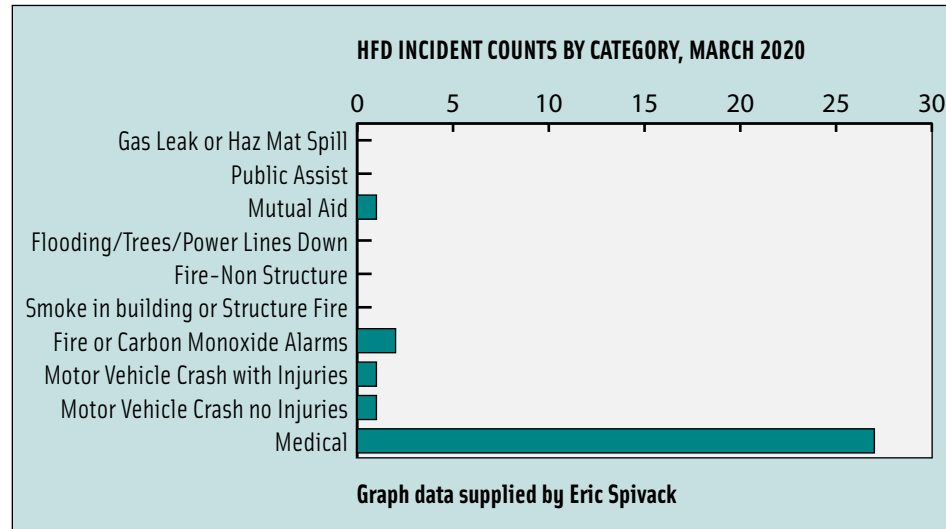
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BUSINESS**Local Businesses Adjust to COVID-19 Precautions**

BY STAFF REPORTER

Gov. Phil Scott extended his stay at home order to May 15 with many Vermonters adjusting to working from home or practicing social distancing when at work to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Many businesses are closed or have significantly adjusted how they operate to remain open.

Here is a guide for many local businesses and organizations that have made changes to how they operate. Because circumstances are shifting rapidly for some, be sure to call or check websites and social media postings for more up-to-date details.

To be included on this list for the email or print edition of the Hinesburg Record, send an email with the important details and a phone number to news@hinesburgrecord.org.

Essential Businesses**Age Well**

Direct in-person Meals on Wheels deliveries have been suspended. The new setup involves a call, drop-off and observation process to ensure clients receive their meals but minimize direct contact. To volunteer as a driver, contact Erica Marks, director of volunteer services at 802-662-5249 or emarks@agewellvt.org. More information online at AgeWellVT.org.

Animal Hospital of Hinesburg

Animal Hospital of Hinesburg has implemented new practices to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure to staff and clients that will be in place until May 18. The providers will still see sick and injured pets while preventive care and nonessential appointments are postponed. Exceptions will be for puppy/kitten booster vaccinations. To limit traffic in the clinic, staff will get pets

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Brookside Family Health Center

This is the family practice medical clinic next to the Hinesburg Post Office. The clinic is in operation with providers seeing patients via telemedicine (video chat over the internet). Dr. Roger Giroux says the clinic is offering same-day appointments, and is accepting new patients. More information: 802-482-3900 and BrooksideHealth.com.

Chittenden Solid Waste District

The Hinesburg trash and recycling drop-off center is closed. CSWD has temporarily closed all drop-off centers except the Williston drop-off which is open Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 1492 Redmond Road.

Staff ask customers not to visit the facility as frequently as usual. To simplify the process, there is a new \$10 flat fee to drop off up to four bags or barrels of trash of any size; cash and checks only.

Blue-bin recyclables are included in the flat fee for trash. Customers with just recycling will be charged the \$10 flat fee.

To reduce trash, the district encourages people to separate food scraps. CSWD's Green Mountain Compost facility on Redmond Road accepts food scraps free of charge. It also accepts leaves and clean wood such as yard waste and untreated lumber.

Collections of bulky waste and hazardous waste are temporarily closed.

For more details on current operations, visit the district's website CSWD.net or call 802-872-8111.

Kinney Drugs

Open normal business hours. Monday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Customers not feeling well are advised to use the drive-through window or free delivery service. Phone: 802-482-4886.

Lantman's Market

Lantman's Market has new hours for the general public: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Seniors and those at a high risk for COVID-19 are invited to shop Tuesdays and Fridays between 7 and 9 a.m.

Also, thanks to volunteers, delivery service is available for seniors, anyone at high risk and those unable to leave home due to quarantine. Call 802-

482-8115 for voicemail instructions to place an order of up to \$100. Payment by credit card is preferred. A volunteer will call to confirm delivery details. Email questions about the delivery program to info@lantmansmarket.com.

Sign up on the market's website lantmansmarket.com to get email updates. New information also will be posted on the store's Facebook page and Front Porch Forum. Phone: 802-482-2361.

Churches

Local churches have suspended in-person services during the stay home order period. All are hosting some manner of online services and gatherings using platforms such as GoToMeeting and Facebook Live. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington has daily masses online as well. Check individual church websites for details.

Businesses**Frost Beer Works**

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Banks**Community Bank**

Branch lobby is closed. Drive-through and ATM is open. Phone: 802-482-2923.

National Bank of Middlebury

Branch lobby is available by appointment only, Monday to Friday, 9-10 a.m. The drive-up is temporarily closed. ATM and night deposit remain available. Phone: 802-482-4982.

Restaurants**Bucky's Pub**

Closed through at least May 4.

Good Times Café

Open for takeout 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Place orders online and pick up curbside or have delivered to you. Updates posted on Facebook and Instagram. Phone: 802-482-4444.

Hinesburgh Public House

Using a photo of their chalkboard, they post a limited menu every day on social media. Place orders starting at 2 p.m. with pickup between 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Phone: 802-482-5500.

Paisley Hippo

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Subway

Open daily for takeout only, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Order in store, or call ahead. Phone: 802-482-5019.

Government and Organizations**Carpenter-Carse Library**

Closed until at least Friday, May 1, according to the library's website.

Library staff can assist patrons with reading material or DVDs via delivery or meeting in the parking lot. Patrons may hold onto materials for longer or use the drop box for returns. Library cardholders may use Libby, an ebook and audiobook app, to rent digital materials. Staff can assist in setting up access. For more information call or email 802-482-2878 or library@carpentercarse.org.

Emergency Assistance Fund

The Emergency Assistance Fund is available for Hinesburg and St. George families who are facing a crisis. Call for more information during office hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 802-482-4946.

Friends of Families

All Friends of Families programs are closed. This includes playgroups, the Spring Clothing and Book Swap and the Welcome Baby Brunch. "We hope to reschedule the swap, some sort of Welcome Baby celebration and also host a special summer playgroup reunion when it is safe to do so," Director Alexandra Koncewicz wrote in a recent Front Porch Forum post. Check Facebook for updates and resources for keeping little ones occupied.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center

Donations to the Hinesburg Community Resource Center will allow staff to direct contributions to areas of greatest need. Details online at hinesburgresource.org.

Hinesburg Food Shelf

Open Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. to noon. Individuals are asked to stay in cars and packed groceries will be brought out to them by a volunteer. Anyone ill or homebound may send someone to pick up for them or call to arrange delivery. Phone: 802-482-4946.

Town Offices

Hinesburg Town Hall is closed to the public. Meetings and functions at Town Hall have been canceled until further notice. All ongoing recreation programs are canceled.

Town staff will work remotely or at Town Hall and will be available to assist the public by phone or email Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The selectboard will now conduct meetings

remotely. Details are on the town website homepage at hinesburg.org.

U.S. Post Office

Open regular hours. Customers are asked to be mindful of social distancing while visiting the post office.

VT Dog Rescue

All available animals have been adopted. New adoptions and all applications are on hold. Updates will be posted online at vtdogrescue.rescueme.org

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America, this crisis could result in a 46% increase in the number of people experiencing food insecurity nationwide. Whalen said that could mean an increase of about 34,000 more Vermonters facing food insecurity, pushing the need to approximately 108,000, up from 74,500.

Whalen referenced two of their monthly VeggieVanGo events — one on Thursday, March 19 at Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury and another on Friday, March 20, at a school in Winooski. “Typically, when we do that [hospital] event, we usually serve 200 people, and we saw 400.” As for the Winooski event, she said: “We usually serve 400 families and [we] served 650, so we’re seeing just really dramatic numbers.”

By April 6, the increase reached 98%, Whalen said, with 1,685 families served, up from a typical 849.

Local Experience Backs Up Statewide Trend

Volunteers who run local food shelves confirm this trend.

In Hinesburg, the crisis has sparked an increase in new patrons at the food shelf along with an increase in donations from the community.

Jeff Glover, co-director of the Hinesburg Food Shelf, said that in the first week of the state’s stay home order, five new families had come in — a noteworthy increase for the small operation that serves residents of Hinesburg, St. George, Huntington and Monkton.

Rachel Kring is the executive director of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center, the parent nonprofit that runs the food shelf. She remarked on how donations are keeping pace with the spike in need.

“It’s great to know that there are so many neighbors who care about people living check-to-check. The community has responded in a way that we know we’ll be able to keep groceries on those



Photo by Linnie Trimmer.

shelves,” she said.

Susan Stock, chair of the Shelburne Food Shelf board, reports a similar uptick in patrons. “Our demand last time we had a distribution was up about 50%, and we anticipate that that’s going to continue,” she said.

Whalen of Vermont Foodbank explained that the current crisis is having a double impact: people who normally struggle with hunger are needing more help than ever before, and others are now seeking help for the first time.

On Monday, Whalen said the state of Vermont reported a six-fold increase in applications for 3SquaresVT (SNAP) benefits. Foodbank outreach staff between March 16 and April 8 assisted 152 people looking to sign up. They helped just 24 applicants in the same period in 2019.

Foodbank Ramping Up to Support Local Food Shelves

In response, the Foodbank is trying to purchase as many additional staple food items as possible to support their partner food shelves, said Whalen. March distribution — aided by two more leased trucks — was up by



Feeding Chittenden’s Distribution Coordinator Edi Abeneto checks out a food order. Photo by Anna McMahon.

370,000 pounds of food to stock local food shelves.

To meet the initial wave, the foodbank spent an extra \$75,000 to buy Vermont-grown produce.

“We know that this crisis is impacting our farmers as well and we want to do what we can to support them while fighting hunger,” Whalen explained, adding that the foodbank has budgeted to spend an additional \$200,000 on local produce in the coming months from farms now struggling since restaurants and farmers markets are closed.

But central distribution alone won’t meet the need quickly enough. “We recognize there is some lag time before our bulk orders will arrive. To address this, we are providing a total of \$195,000 in cash grants to 128 food shelves and 42 meal sites in our network,” Whalen said. “They can use these funds for emergency food and supply purchases, or whatever else they need to keep their doors open. These checks range from \$150-\$10,000 depending on how many people each site serves.”

Whalen said another role for the foodbank is to consult with state emergency response officials to ensure that the needs of people facing hunger are met. Plans are underway, she said, to partner with community action agencies on a proposal for a mass feeding program.

Vermont’s network of donations and food distribution will likely see some federal support from relief legislation passed by Congress through the Emergency Food Assistance Program. “But it will take time for that food to reach us — likely not until June or July,” Whalen said. “And what is cur-

rently legislated will not come close to meeting the need, particularly given the timing and the restrictions on distribution.”

Virus Precautions Affect Operations

“What’s extra crazy right now,” Whalen explained, is that the need is increasing as everyone involved in food distribution must adapt their operations to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Typically, food shelves follow a client choice model, allowing guests to come in, peruse the shelves and choose what they want. Now, food shelf staff are pre-bagging and pre-boxing food for people to take, Whalen explained. “There’s a huge need for bags, boxes and to-go containers for meals. And a huge need for the labor to pre-pack everything. That’s much more labor-intensive,” she said. In addition, only four people are on site per day in order to keep appropriate distance, and they are particularly attentive to cleaning measures.

Similar practices are in place at the Hinesburg Food Shelf. “All volunteers are wearing safety masks and gloves, and we’re opting to use already bagged fresh produce and wiping down all high-touch areas,” Kring explained. “Volunteers [are] checking people in at the parking lot and volunteers inside the building [are] being kept separate.”

In some cases, food shelves had to experiment before finding a system that works.

For example, the Shelburne Food Shelf started with a drive-through process. “That worked OK, but we weren’t satisfied mostly with the safety that it of-



Photo by Hannah Harrington.

fered our volunteers,” Stock said. “Our food shelf is incredibly small. It’s hard to get two people into the food shelf with them being six feet apart.”

Now the food shelf asks patrons to preorder and use delivery as much as possible to further protect volunteers. People fill out an online survey with their food preferences. Then, board members and their immediate families will go to the food shelf at different times to pack up the food orders to be delivered on the subsequent day.

Relying on family volunteer groups will help alleviate the need for six-foot distancing in the process, Stock explained.

Feeding Chittenden in Burlington is offering a mix of pick-up and delivery, according to Anna McMahon, donor and community engagement manager. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday they distribute pre-boxed groceries at the door of their food pantry to over 800 people each week.

They also have transitioned to a take-out dining service from their soup kitchen, feeding about 60 people a day. Breakfast foods are packed up in to-go containers as well, McMahon said, and are available on weekday mornings.

“Our biggest undertaking right now is our meal delivery service,” McMahon added. The operation’s Emergency Meal Delivery program now “prepares and delivers over 1,000 meals daily to homeless and displaced individuals living in temporary shelters throughout Greater Burlington.”

Before the pandemic, Feeding Chittenden already ran a homebound delivery service, serving 150 households in the area. That number has since increased to 200 households and McMahon said she expects that figure to increase.

“Folks that would normally come here to get food are now calling,” she said.

Hinesburg’s food shelf also has shifted to pickups and deliveries only, something that Glover said comes at the expense of personal connections. He laments the loss of community-building due to the new social distancing practices.

The food shelf used to offer a very friendly setup where people would enter and explore with a volunteer, building rapport. Glover said. “The whole goal of that for many people was to take the shame out of coming to the food shelf. It allowed people to get to know each other,” he explained.

Now, given social distancing guidelines, people must pull up in their car and open the trunk. Volunteers place the pre-packed boxes of food in the car, close the trunk and say farewell. “It’s very sterile now compared to the fun it was before,” Glover said.

And for the elderly, those at high risk for COVID-19, and anyone with difficulty leaving their homes, volunteers are making deliveries. “Anybody who calls up can have food delivered to them once a month,” Glover said.

Another Challenge: Limited Volunteers

In addition to meeting a sharp increase in demand and adapting to public health guidelines, those running food assistance programs during the COVID-19 crisis may be struggling with a shortage of volunteers.

Glover at the Hinesburg Food Shelf said that many people who used to volunteer are older and now need to protect themselves from exposure to the virus. For example, the food shelf had 30 volunteers with six people per shift; now

Glover is managing with only four people per shift, he said.

Luckily the food shelf has a deep bench of willing volunteers. “We have had a lot of people interested in helping even before the crisis,” Kring said. “We’ve had such a deep list of volunteers that we have some people volunteering just once a month. Now during the crisis, some at risk people can’t volunteer but we have quite an extensive list to pull from, that we can limit who is in the building to people we know have been safe and social distancing at home.”

Creativity During a Time of Crisis

Despite the layers of challenges, Vermont Foodbank and its partner food shelves are persevering with high spirits.

Although she recognizes it at all times of the year, McMahon at Feeding Chittenden said this crisis is really “emphasizing the importance of this work” and the dedication of those doing it.

At the Vermont Foodbank, Whalen said the crisis creates an opportunity for the community to come together and help each other. “It’s been amazing to see the support and the willingness to step up and try and help their neighbor. There are so many creative ways that people are doing that,” Whalen said.

The foodbank and the other operations all report an outpouring of support from the community, as individuals, businesses and restaurants offer their help and donations.

Whalen pointed to a project with Skinny Pancake to make takeout meals and the Vermont Foodbank’s Community Kitchen Academy producing meals for people facing homelessness who are staying in motels.

As everyone in the food assistance pipeline pushes to meet the new demands under difficult circumstances, they say their aim is to not leave anyone behind.

“The important message that we are trying to get out is that we are here for anyone who needs help,” emphasized Whalen. “We know that during this crazy time a lot of people who haven’t had to reach out before are finding themselves in challenging situations where they need help accessing food. And there is no shame in that and we want people to know that they are welcome.”

How to Help

Food program officials suggest that those who are able to support the foodbank and local food shelves consider online monetary donations for staff to meet specific needs.

“Donating funds allows us to steer them where they need to go, as we also offer emergency financial assistance which I expect will be more needed after the crisis is over and people have bills to pay that are on hold right now,” Kring said of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. “And money also allows us to buy different kinds of food in bulk, and more specific items that kids and families would like.”

Helpful Links:

vtfoodbank.org
feedingchittenden.org
hinesburgresource.org/food-shelf.html

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Brave New World

BY BILL SCHUBART

The pandemic we're muddling through confronts each of us both with life-threatening risk and prospective opportunities for renewal. Anyone not rethinking their own life, human life in general, our care for the natural world that sustains us, and the value of informed governing is either paralyzed with fear or in a spiritual burrow.

The existential question we must grapple with is whether our post-pandemic world will continue to be only about enriching ourselves ... or about rethinking our democracy, building and strengthening community, and healing the natural world that sustains us.

The centrifugal impacts of social distancing and an imploding economy force the existential question, "Is human endeavor only about the accretion of wealth or also about mutual well-being and community?" The current administration's evisceration of government agencies, their scientific resources and experience to cut taxes at any cost would suggest that it's just about money. We mustn't lose this opportunity to reimagine a democracy in which human and natural life are sustained to form the basis of an equitable economic revival.

Our most daunting challenge in Vermont is our tiny role in the federal system. Beyond what we control by statute within our borders, we have little control when it comes to the environment, supply chains, social trends,

the economy or security.

But alongside our innovations in gay marriage, equitable educational funding, efforts to expand health care coverage, and women's reproductive rights, our most powerful opportunity lies in exemplary innovation. Even then each of these initiatives is complicated or limited somewhat by federal policy, regulation or just politics.

While we must be mindful of the art of the possible in a federal system, we must ask ourselves what might we do better here at home — what lessons we can learn from what we're experiencing now that throw into relief our current policy inadequacies?

Social distancing has closed our schools and colleges, most of which were already overwhelmed with deferred maintenance and infrastructure carrying-costs that taxpayers, students and donors can no longer afford. We must reimagine the public and private educational systems in ways that reduce their dependence on residency infrastructure, offer more participatory flexibility, share space and reduce discrimination based on tuition. While ensuring that all students have access to terminals and networks, we must develop and deploy broadband tele-education standards, preserving the es-

sence of educational quality — teacher excellence, personal mentorship and inspiration.

Before we rebuild Vermont's roads and bridges and re-smog our urban centers, let's reimagine a 21st century public transport system that moves us from home to downtown and city to city efficiently. Our romance with the fossil-fueled car must end, except where it remains the only travel option.

In my lifetime, retail has migrated from downtown to malls to e-commerce. We must rethink everything from insecure supply chains to access and delivery options. Local retail will reemerge as a viable option for consumable and repeatable purchases, whereas lower-trafficked goods may well remain online. Personal service, advice, quality and price will be the determinants of what's sold locally or online.

We must reimagine Vermont's food supply and delivery systems.

The national food industry has denatured and polluted raw, nutritious natural food, contributing to the obesity of 70 million Americans by adding sugar, salt and trans fats. We must help our 660 remaining dairy farms wean

themselves from their dependency on a shrunken market and the mercenary price supports that have farmers dumping milk into fields and streams. We must support local farm-to-plate supply chains, encourage regenerative agriculture and regulate the use of toxic chemicals in soils and foods. In an economy that wastes 30-40% of its food supply, we can and must right-size supply and demand, restore nutrition and eliminate hunger.

Automation will continue consuming menial jobs while opening up more in information technology and engineering. Employment in service sectors like health care, education, social services and research will rebound. And we'll need to join the rest of the civilized world in compensating while we retrain those whom the business sector discards.

The U.S. jails a greater percentage (2.3 million) of our population than any other major society including Russia and China. Vermont is reversing that trend. Our prison population is down from 1,650 in mid-March to 1,422 today. But we still spend \$158 million annually on supervision, confinement and rehabilitation of those in jail or on parole and another \$36 million on caring for their children. We're well into a dialogue about moving that investment upstream and reducing it over time by investing in mental health care, addiction treatment, early treatment of adverse childhood experiences and reducing poverty.

Perhaps the strongest take away from the current pandemic is that we need a national health care system accessible to all. We must plan for future pandemics, as well as other natural and human-made disasters. Wealth can no longer be a determinant of care: illness and injury should. We must optimize our health care delivery networks, eliminating competition and better deploying individual practices, local clinics, critical-care and tertiary-care hospitals consistent with population densities. Medical education must be affordable, offering debt-forgiveness to attract more providers. Investment in new telemedicine technologies will triage and alleviate emergency admissions. Sadly, however, Vermont is held captive to national policy and a current administration trying to tear apart the progress made under Obama. Health care is an area where Vermont's pioneering options are limited by national policy and reimbursement systems, as we saw during the Shumlin administration.

Finally, we must rethink the appropriate role of a democratic government, its values, the expectations of its citizens and the benefits it provides. The chaos that ensued when Reagan and Thatcher declared government "not the solution but the problem" persists today. Ironically, under Trump, the endgame of their ideology, bears out their contention that government is the problem.

Is the essential disagreement really philosophical or one that merely cam-

ouflages a means of allocating additional wealth to those in power?

The current crisis is teaching us that the general well-being of citizens, their families and communities is, in fact, a prerequisite for a healthy economy. So, if government has a role in our well-being, we must answer the question ... how so and for whom?

The Bell of Our Lady

BY ROGER DONEGAN

One Sunday at the conclusion of the 8 o'clock service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Charlotte, bright sun flooded the east-facing entrance of the church through the open double doors. The Rev. David Cray greeted exiting parishioners and newcomers alike, engaging individuals with a familiar topic, or spontaneous conversation, however the spirit moved us and our individual steps out into the secular world. Uncertain as to when this specific subject came up, perhaps midway between Cray's arrival in 2003 ("Welcome Father David Cray," "The Hinesburg Record," October 2003) and today, I heard him talking of a refurbishment to the church's bell and belfry. This piqued my interests, realizing the bell couldn't have been homegrown, homemade or homespun. Next, I wondered if it was known where the bell was cast, and so I popped the question on my way out. Father answered "Troy, New York" without hesitation. And life went on.

Cray's predecessor, the Rev. Ragis (who like Cray was similarly appointed as the pastor of two parishes before him: St. Jude the Apostle Church in Hinesburg and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Charlotte), would shorten his title in jest and refer to leading the two parishes ensconced in the picturesque set of rising ridges between Lake Champlain and Camel's Hump, as "Pastor of Lottenburg," imparting a bit of drama to his explanation.

Out of necessity the parishes began having Sunday Mass at each of the churches on an alternating schedule. Attending the 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady has early morning appeal in addition to being in a unique chapel-sized church near nascent crossroads in East Charlotte where earlier communities gathered in simpler times. The 150th commemorative book (1858-2008) of Our Lady of Mount Carmel recalls the church's earliest years, which begin with the acquisition of a disused Quaker Meeting House in Starksboro that was moved to Our Lady's location on Spear Street just up from "Baptist Corners." A pittance of federal highway dollars funded an interpretive roadside sign planted above the green at the turn to Spears Corner Store which at-



Williston's Meneely bell and rotary yoke.

tributes the name "Baptist Corners" to a Calvinist Baptist Church built in 1807, rebuilt in 1839, and later merged with the Congregational Church in 1943. The church still stands, beginning a curious row of three church-like edifices on the west side of the road, with the Grange No. 398 structure of 1897 holding the middle. The former Baptist Church, stained glass windows and all, is currently a private residence.

"The History of Our Lady of Mount Carmel" by Carol Novick, and updated by Frank Thornton, informs us that Pastor Fr. Pierre Campeau is credited with adding Our Lady's bell tower and purchasing the church bell in 1884. The design is similar to the projecting bell tower of the One-Room Schoolhouse (1840) relocated from Vergennes to the Shelburne Museum. The 150th commemorative book informs us that the bell, made of bronze, was cast in 1885 and shows a photo of the bell's inscription bathed in sunlight while the bell hangs in place in the open-air belfry. The inscription consists of cast lettering where "Charlotte" appears above a cross while two lines "Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel" and "Given by the Congregation of Charlotte" appear below. The raised letters "N.Y." appear tattoo-like in the sunlight on the right arm of the husky iron bell yoke while "Troy" is thought to be in shadow on the left arm.

Once casually researching the genesis of a large bell displayed by the

sidewalk at UVM, between the Royall Tyler Theatre and the Old Mill building, years after Father Cray said "Troy, NY" I stumbled across the legacy of the Meneely Bell Foundries.

Andrew Meneely and two sons are associated with the West Troy (Watervliet, New York, today) bell foundry beginning in 1826. A third son, Clinton H. Meneely, began operation in 1870 on the opposite side of the Hudson in Troy, New York. The two foundries were competitors, both closed in 1952.

The Meneely foundries produced 65,000 bells, ranging in size from super large bells to chimes.

The Meneely Foundry produced the replacement of the original Liberty Bell for the 1876 Centennial. Not meant to be a replica, this bell intentionally weighed 13,000 pounds, one ton for each of the country's 13 original states. Meneely foundry ledger entries on record for bells destined for Vermont locations include the Berlin Center Congregational Church, Wilder Center, St. Peter's Catholic Church in Rutland, Brattleboro Union High School and Williston Town Hall.

Another sign that the bell of Our Lady is a Meneely Foundry bell is the conical rotary yoke and attached rope wheel which can be partially viewed from the ground, the works are no loftier nor out of scale with the small bells mounted on roof ridges of old farm houses scattered throughout the hills and vales of the community. Although round as a wagon wheel the rope wheel has asymmetrical spokes to enable installation and replacement. "A swinging [Meneely] bell required a rope wheel larger than the longest dimension of the floor space required for the factory supplied timber base upon which the side supports was mounted." If the season, day or the moment was right for a personal anecdote, a token life experience in his homely, or some light humor after the conclusion of Mass, Cray would share one. One memorable morning he shared hearing voices coming from the fan in the rectory on Spear Street. We stood stock still until he next explained the voices had British accents and that the source of the stray broadcast phenomenon was certainly the neighboring BBC radio tower facility further up the road and across on Spear.

In addition to Rev. Cray's administrative apostolic roles, he's otherwise always been engaged on many levels within our community and elsewhere, such as head of the Society of St. Edmunds and at Saint Michael's College, to name a few. We know he'd rather stay put but other duties call. We'll miss him.



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When we asked readers for a few photos of how Spring was developing for them, what we got was amazing! Hinesburg Strong is Hinesburg beautiful.

See all these photos online at hinesburgrecord.org/bud_season or scan image at right.



SCAN ME



Mary Jo Brace. Off Charlotte Road.



Amy Carlson. Buck Hill.



Amy Carlson. HART trail system off Buck Hill. Taking spring photos has kept me sane for the last month!



Bill Lippert. Baldwin Road.



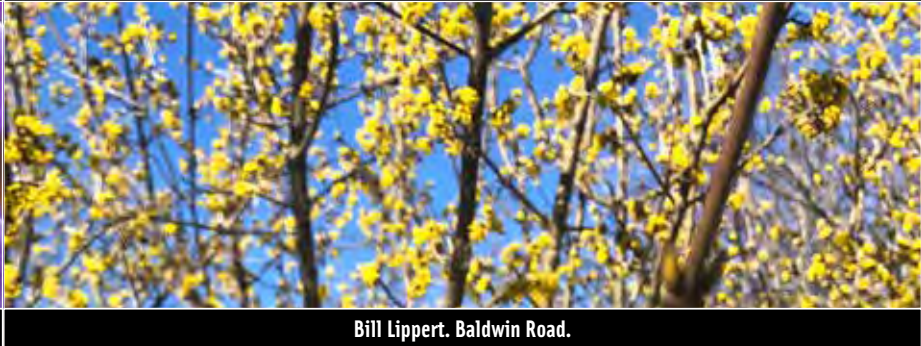
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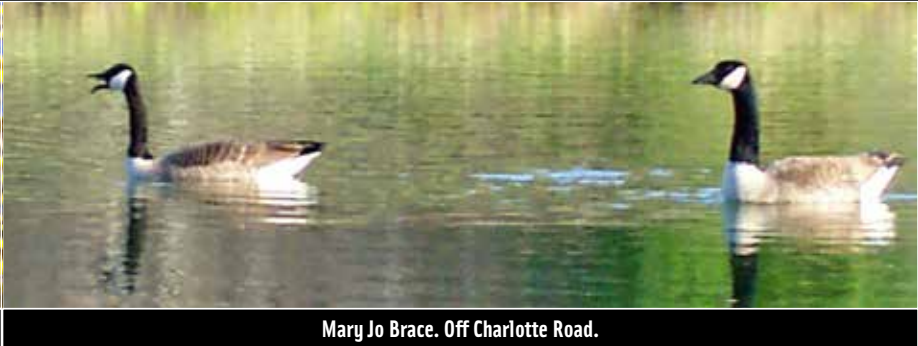
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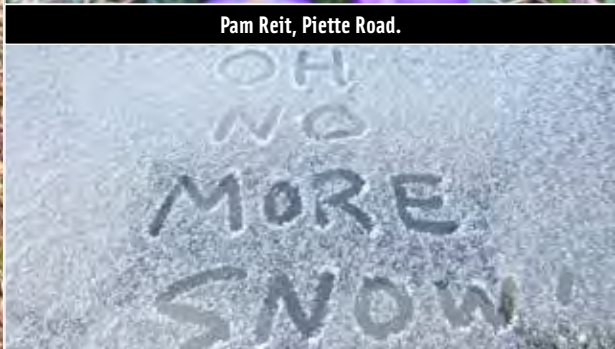
Eric Picard. East side of North road just south of Texas Hill Road.



Jane Sheldon. Texas Hill. The grouse was being territorial, not so friendly!



Lenore Budd. UVM Carse Wetlands Natural Area off Baldwin Road. Who created this woodland work of art.?



Pam Reit, Piette Road.



Amy Alfieri. Trillium Hill Farm.



Kathleen Bruce. Near Magee Hill Rd.



Kathleen Bruce. Near Magee Hill Rd.



Mary Jo Brace. Off Charlotte Road.



Amy Carlson. HART trail system off Buck Hill.



Tim Yandow. Lake Iroquois trails.



Tim Yandow. Lake Iroquois trails.



Mary Jo Brace. Off Charlotte Road.



Ann Parker Brigham. Charlotte Road.



Tim Yandow. Lake Iroquois trails.



Eric Picard. East side of North road just south of Texas Hill Road.



Mary Jo Brace. Off Charlotte Road.



Marilyn Stolberg. Nesting osprey pair at Chimney Point.



Eric Picard. East side of North road just south of Texas Hill Road.



Tim Yandow. Lake Iroquois trails.

EDUCATION

School Students, Teachers, Families Settle Into New Remote Routine

BY EMMETT GARTNER,
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Although Vermont pre-K-12 schools are closed for the remainder of the school year, students across the state have shifted to learning at home as part of the effort to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Gov. Phil Scott issued the closure order on March 26 and teachers, students and families have since established new routines around the state and in the Champlain Valley School District. While adapting to the new learning environment, they have not let distance diminish their presence in one another's lives.

"Most operations have moved completely online," said Champlain Valley Union High School Principal Adam Bunting. "We have remote schedules, remote learning, remote daily announcements ... but the remote relationships are still strong!"

In addition to remote learning, school districts around the state are offering food programs to provide nutritional support to families with school-age children.

Since mid-March, the Champlain Valley district has been providing free meals to anyone age 18 and younger who resides in Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George or Williston.

Meals are prepared and packed for distribution at schools in each community on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Families may pick up two breakfast

meals and two lunches per child on each distribution day. Details on how to sign up for the program can be viewed at tinyurl.com/CVSDfoodservice.

Building on Bunting's spirit of staying strong under these unusual and challenging circumstances, the school district launched a video series called #CVSDStrong that is posted on the district's website and social media channels. Each installment is created by combining clips that students record at home and submit.

**Videos can be seen at
tinyurl.com/CVSDYouTube
and cvsdstory.blogspot.com**

In the first video, Megan Roy, acting superintendent for CVSD, starts with a message of solace for students: "We will miss you, but we're here and we will get through this." Since then, five additional videos have been added, each depicting the lives of students and faculty as they transition to a world of virtual education. Each one is a bit more interactive than the previous installment.

In the clip titled "Redhawks at Home," CVU high school students talk while tossing a roll of toilet paper virtually from screen to screen. Along the way, they share what they miss most about school and how they are spending their time at home.

The video activities have been a way to build community and stay connected — something even more significant since the order shuttering schools for the rest of the school year. Students and teachers initially received a closure plan until early April with remote learning aimed at what educators called "maintenance." The updated plan for Vermont's online learning efforts through the end of the school

year now emphasizes new lessons and a "Continuity of Learning Plan."

The Vermont Agency of Education describes it as a means to "support the well-being of our students and continue their learning over this extended period."

Everyone Learns by Adapting

Teachers and students from each school will work through the new system in the remaining weeks of the school year.

Over email, Bunting recognized the blistering pace at which CVU staff have adapted their strategy, saying "Our faculty, staff and learning coordinators have stepped up big time. Quite frankly, we've done a year's worth of professional development in just under two weeks. I'm so proud of our whole team!"

In many ways, teachers are experimenting with new, fun ways to engage students scattered around the community at home. Coming up with ways to collaborate requires creativity.

Hinesburg Community School fifth grade teacher Paul Lasher was successful in keeping his students' attention from afar recently. He started by sending students a daily trivia question each day by video. They needed to research and submit their answers.

Lasher promised to shave his hair into a mohawk if 80% of the students had correct answers throughout the week.

The last video in the series shared by the school district's blog shows Lasher getting the extreme haircut. You can see it here: tinyurl.com/LasherMohawk.

Keeping Some Routines

Despite the upheaval, the state Agency of Education has told school districts to stick with their school calendars. That means that next week, April 20-24, will still be school break week. Teachers may offer some enrichment ideas for families who are interested, but remote learning will have a week off.

Meanwhile, athletics remains one aspect of high school life that has not been officially called off for this school year. The Vermont Principals Association announced Tuesday that it will wait until April 30 to make its final decision on whether to completely cancel spring sports for this season.

In March as concern about COVID-19 heightened, the VPA cut short the winter sports season before final championship games were played. The association later set April 30 as the date by which it would make a decision regarding the spring season.

Despite the cancellation of in-school instruction for the remainder of the year, the VPA this week said it would still wait until the end of the month to make the final call regarding spring sports.

"The VPA and the Activity Standards

Committee recognize that it remains unlikely we will be able to reconvene in-person school and activities this spring. However, given the rapidly changing health concern notifications, we will gather any relevant information and review any possible changes between now and April 30th before making a final decision on a spring sports season," the VPA said in its news release on April 14. Despite the drastic departure from normal in-class instruction and routine this spring, Bunting said that schools like CVU remain committed to their students having meaningful experiences for the remainder of this school year.

He mentioned the graduating class of 2020 in particular, noting that it is important to ensure that their hard work at CVU is rewarded. Just how that will happen — like so much else unfolding right now — remains to be seen.

"We are committed to honoring and celebrating our seniors. I'm not sure what that looks like yet, but I will reach out to our students to get their ideas soon!" Bunting promised.

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Vermont Holocaust Memorial Launches Student Essay Contest

Rescuers in The Time of Covid-19

Statewide Contest Launched to Commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 21

FROM PRESS RELEASE

To acknowledge the heroism and sacrifice of Vermont's medical and service personnel in the fight against COVID-19, the Vermont Holocaust Memorial today announced the launch of an essay competition that will challenge Vermont students to reflect on those neighbors and relatives on the front lines against this historic threat and how their values reflect those rescuers of the World War II Holocaust. The memorial is the state's sole voice for advocating Holocaust education as a means of transmitting the tragic lessons of the Holocaust to combat antisemitism and intolerance.

"VTHM is inviting Vermont students, elementary through high school, to honor a person or group who has helped in arguably the greatest 'rescue' of modern times," said Debora Steiner, president and cofounder of VTHM. "This hero can be a doctor, nurse, religious leader, volunteer organization, nurse, grocery clerk or a neighbor, friend, parent, delivery person — anyone or any group."

"Our message: 'Ordinary people can do and are doing extraordinary things, often at great risk.' This is the only way people survived during the Holocaust, and the way Vermonters, and all Americans, will survive this current crisis."

The deadline is Sept. 30. For additional information and contest guidelines please visit holocaustmemorial-vt.org/2020essaycontest.

CVU Honor Roll

Following are Hinesburg CVU students who achieved the honor roll for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

High Honors

Levon A. Applin	Layla J. Morris
Elise M. Ayer	Olivia Morton
Shelby L. Companion	Avery L. Murray-Gurney
Phoebe B. Dennison	Elliot J. Murray-Gurney
Skylar A. Francis	Anna L. Pelkey
Eva C. Frazier	Bruce T. Raymond
Cole R. Glover	Thomas E. Roberts
Neika M. Haire	Cailean Sorce
Asha G. Hickok	Chloe G. Stidsen
Sarah S. Johnson	Jake P. Twarog
Madison Kittell	Mia E. Twarog
Morgan D. Kittell	Calvin H. Wuthrich
Cassandra A. MacMahon	Tyler G. Wuthrich

A/B Honors

Eliza Amsbary	Julia M. Blanck
Magner Amsbary	Connor Brien
Jacob T. Ashe	Nicholas R. Burroughs
Delaney E. Ayer	Vivienne F. Babbott
Sophie M. Ball-Dolan	Michaela J. Buscher
Ashton T. Barbeau	Kayden Bushey
Lucas J. Barton	Grace K. Buzzell
	Kyle W. Cahn

A/B Honors (cont.)

Kayli A. Carlson	Corinna Hobbs
Aidan Carroll	Kayla Howatt
Elizabeth M. Charney	Peter Hyams
Katherine N. Cheney	Simon H. Johnson
Clara A. Cichoskikelly	Elijah Jones
Julia Cichoskikelly	Holden L. Lalumiere
Kassidy J. Cleveland	Chloe E. Landers
Graham P. Coates-Farley	Elise Lavigne
Oliver R. Cobden	Jade A. Leavitt
Caille Comeau	Zachary C. Loftus
Connor M. Contois	Mia E. Marino
Ethan F. Cook	Saphire Martin
Willem D. Cornish	Aidan N. Miller
Chandlee A. Crawford	Shaunna J. MonFreda
Alena J. Curtis	Anna R. Morton
Isaac B. Davies	Avery S. Murray
Geoffrey DeBrosse	Frances J. Murray-Gurney
Samuel V. Decker	Caleb Nye
Sam Dennison	Trinity Nye
Sumner G. Depot	Finn O'Brien
Jason P. Douglas	Maxwell J. Opton
Isabella B. Durochia	Skyler J. Paya
Evan J. Ferrara	Ella R. Polli
Ethan S. Frost	Jake Potter
Thomas B. Garavelli	Deona Proulx
Miles H. Glover	Alexander M. Provost
Miro Gohacki	Ashleigh Provost
Julia A. Grant	Diego V. Robinson
Lillian W. Greenwood	Dakota Ryan
Ella R. Haire	Josephine Sayre
Miranda A. Hamlett	Shiva L. Sherr
Yonatan D. Herskowitz	Erik D. Simkins
Daniel W. Hibbeler	Devin M. Sprano
Julia C. Hillier	Olivia St. Peter
Kai Hillier	Lily R. Taff
	Grace E. Thorburn
	Clayton B. Thorpe
	Kalin Turner
	Norah VanVranken
	Ruby M. Volzer
	T L. Weishaar

ORGANIZATIONS

SCHIP Spring Grant Deadline Extended

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The spring deadline for SCHIP grant applications has been extended until Friday, May 15, due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus on our communities. Since SCHIP began making grants many nonprofits have used their awarded funds to continue their mission to improve the lives of our neighbors and strengthen our communities. Grants range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Grants may not exceed \$3,000 per request and only one grant can be received within a year by any one entity.

Applicant requirements:

- Be a 501(c)(3) or submit the application through such an organization.
- Projects must serve residents of Shelburne, Charlotte or Hinesburg.
- Funds may not be applied to annual operating budgets or permanent staffing.
- One application per organization per calendar year.

Grants deadlines are now May 15 and Oct. 15 until further notice.

To obtain an application go to the Contact link on the SCHIP's Treasure website at: SCHIPSTreasure.org.

Area 4-H'ers Compete in Virtual Hippology Contest

FROM UVM EXTENSION PRESS RELEASE

Twenty-one Chittenden and Franklin County 4-H'ers recently participated in a virtual Chittenden County 4-H Invitational Horse Hippology Contest.

The contest, sponsored by University of Vermont Extension 4-H and Chittenden County 4-H, took place over a one-week period from March 27 to April 3. While the format differed from the usual face-to-face competition that pits 4-H'ers against others in their age group for rankings, the contest phases were the same.

These were a written general knowledge test with age-appropriate ques-

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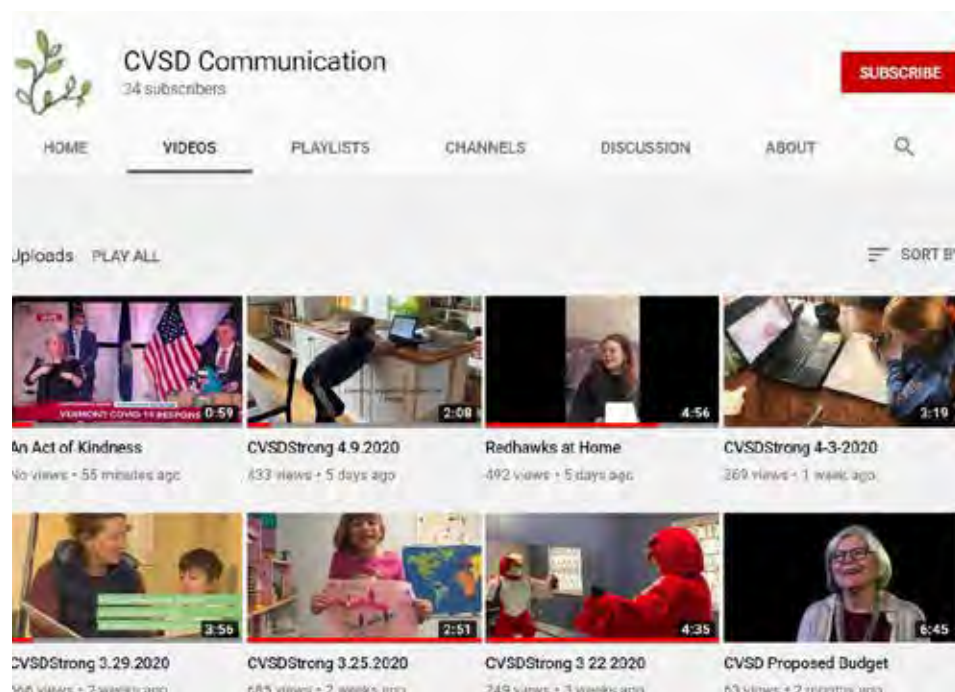




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A screenshot of the Champlain Valley School District YouTube page shows CVSDStrong videos compiled from student submissions during remote learning. Redhawks at Home features CVU high school students.

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► Area 4-H'ers

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tions and horse judging, slides and identification stations using photos and illustrations. Topics for slides and stations included colors, markings, clipping styles, types of barns, breeds, types of bits, the digestive system, tack and feed, among other topics.

Instead of placements by age group, the 4-H'ers were awarded ribbons under the Danish system based on their number of correct answers in all four phases of the contest. A blue ribbon meant excellent work, red for very good and white for good.

Six participants earned blue ribbons. They were, listed alphabetically, Haleigh Demers, Milton; Eva Joly and Grace Parks, both from Essex Junction; Maya Lewis, Williston; and Addie and Faith Ploof, Westford.

Earning red ribbons were Vivienne Babbott and Ella Haire, both from Hinesburg; Jenna Bennett, Highgate; Sammie Blackmore, Charlotte; Patrick Jordan, Essex Junction; Madeline Langlois, Westford; Kelsey and Paityn Paradee, Swanton; and Emma Sibley and Allison Tourville, both from Georgia.

White ribbons went to Chloe Irish, Westford; Lily and Sam Provost, Milton; and Jillian and Tucker Murdough, Essex Junction.

To learn more about the UVM Extension 4-H horse program, contact 4-H livestock educator Wendy Sorrell at wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

New Format for Annual Plant Sale

BY MARY EDDY STEWART, UNITED CHURCH OF HINESBURG.

The United Church of Hinesburg has had an annual plant sale on the Saturday before Mother's Day to coordinate with the town-wide garage sale in recent years. The plant sale is a 40-plus-year tradition for the church and community.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to hold this in-person event this year because

of the stay at home order and we can't delay the timing of the sale until later in May or June because of the early spring and us needing to dig and pot relatively soon to get the best plants for transplanting into gardens. The event attracts many people every year and we have such a crowd at the beginning of the sale that we have to back people up behind a starting line and then ring a bell to let them into the area to shop. We will miss that this year!

So that we don't miss this tradition altogether this year, we are starting up an online store for people to make their purchases. We don't have all the details worked out yet, so we don't have a definitive link to the website in time to publish here. Our plan is to have an online store up and available around May 1 and available through May 13 for people to place their orders, pay online and schedule a pick-up in our parking lot on Saturday, May 16.

To get updates, please check the church's website at ucofh.org, call the church voicemail at 802-482-3352, or email unitedchurch@gmavt.net.

Audubon Vermont News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

COVID-19 Update

Our trails are open but our programs and office are closed until further notice. Please find more details at tinyurl.com/AudubonVTCOVID.

Audubon From Home

Mini Nature Lessons to Share With KidsOutdoor education is still very important, maybe more than ever, as parents and caregivers are finding themselves in the position of being teachers while schools are closed. In light of this new, temporary reality, our Audubon education team is posed to be a great resource of ways folks can get outside and learn.

The education team at Audubon Vermont is creating and sharing content that can easily be done from your own house/porch/yard with common household materials.

Go to vt.audubon.org/programs/audubon-from-home on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for quick mini activities or idea prompts for outdoor learning and fun. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will share 30-45-minute lessons/activities.

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Events at the Birds of Vermont Museum

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Birds of Vermont Museum is located at 900 Sherman Hollow Road in Huntington. For more information, call 802-434-2167, go to birdsofvermont.org or email museum@birdsofvermont.org.

COVID-19 Update:

Yes, our trails are open! But we ask you to take extra precautions for now:

- Please visit only if you live locally (within about 10 miles), current spread-prevention guidelines recommend this. If you are from farther away, we hope to see you later this year.
- Please take extra care: we have limited or no cell service, and trails can be rough or uneven. Please don't climb anything.
- Please stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) from each other. Pass with care and extra room. Give each other even more room if it is windy or if you are breathing hard (we have some good slopes!).
- Please only travel or hike with people you with whom you are already sharing isolation/quarantine/shelter-in-place with.
- Wash hands before and after your visit with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If you don't have soap and water, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching structures and do not share binoculars or phones if possible.
- If you are not feeling well or have COVID-19 symptoms, please visit later when you are recovered.
- Please, no pets. This is our policy for all of our trails, to protect ground-nesting and ground-foraging birds.

For additional information about staying safe while enjoying the outdoors, visit the state of Vermont's website.

For further guidance about Vermont trail closures and COVID-19 safety in Vermont, review the VTGC/VTA Recreation and COVID-19 statement by clicking the link on our blog page birdsofvermont.org/more/blog/.

Trails

The trails and grounds at the Birds of Vermont Museum are open from dawn until dusk, year-round. Our property spans both sides of Sherman Hollow Road. Explore, exercise or rest in forest and meadow, beside small gardens or a flowing stream. Take a look at the notices posted in our kiosks, and make a donation if you are able to.

There are no toilet facilities nor trash bins on our trails; please take care of those things before you come. Lastly,

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

MONDAY, MAY 4

4:30-5:30 p.m. Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall.

Public invited.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Town Hall.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! Join us for our monthly Community Writers Group! All genres are welcome. Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts; network with other local wordsmiths; and enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop in the Carpenter-Carse Community Room. Snacks will be provided. To submit a piece of writing for others to review and enjoy before the group meets, email Laura Wisniewski at bhy@beechehilliyoga.com.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee. 3rd floor conference room.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. 3rd Floor, Town Office.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Department, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Mother's Day.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Likely remote access, contact, Kate Kelly, katekelly01@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Town Forest Committee. held remotely, check FPF for a link.

MONDAY, MAY 18

7:00-9:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Town Hall.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

5:00-6:30 p.m. CVSD School Board Meeting. CVU room 160.

5:30-7:00 p.m. Hinesburg Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's, 10997 VT-116, Hinesburg. New members welcome! Contact HBPA President Laura Gurdak at 802-482-2877 or hinesburghair@gmail.com.

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-8:00 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting. Hinesburg Fire Station.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trails Committee. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-8:00 p.m. Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg, VT 05461.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Fire Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Ground Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

4:30-5:30 p.m. Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall.

Public invited.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Town Hall.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. See listing for May 5.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main

Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. 3rd Floor, Town Office.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Department, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. 1st Floor Conference Room, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Town Forest Committee. Ground Level Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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no pets on our trails! (Trained, leashed service dogs excepted.) We recommend using the road for a dog walk.

On the side south of the museum, across the road, trails begin near the guard rail. Wander up the Spear Trail gradually through a small maintained meadow, to our bird blind and pond, and further up into the forest. Can you find game trails? An old stone wall? Please be careful not to step on fragile plants in the wet slope above the pond — but enjoy their delicate beauty! This forest is rich with deciduous second-growth trees that colonized what used to be farmland.

On the north side, head down the gravel path that slopes to the stream. Be careful as Bob's Bridge has no railings! Cross the stream and choose your path: Bob's Trail starts along the creek then winds up and to the back of property, where there is a drier upland forest habitat. Gale's Trail takes you directly uphill through white pines and ferns. Overall, this side has a bigger section of property with steep slopes and a great variety of habitats. Watch for tracks!

Our trails are maintained by staff and volunteers; please make a donation to their upkeep at birdsofvermont.org/connect/donate if you can.

Treehouse

The treehouse and garden areas are fairly accessible for friends with mobility issues. We know gravel isn't easy, but it is graded appropriately.

Outdoor Safety

There is little to no cell service on this property. We always recommend you dress for the weather, wear good shoes, put on tick protection and drink enough water. Be careful, have fun and conserve the land for the next visitors.

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OUTDOORS

Leap Year Hike

BY COLIN HUNT, HINESBURG TRAILS COMMITTEE

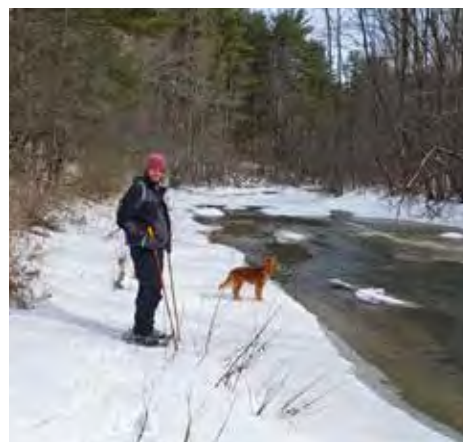
We were on the wrong side of the river. The oxbow in the LaPlatte bent around a small ridge, probably adding a mile to our walk if we were to follow the river around. The river was about 15 feet across at this point, and mostly frozen. Would the ice hold? My friend, Joplin, stepped out tentatively, feet spread far apart to distribute his weight. The ice protested with a groan as he shuffled along. One final step and he was on solid ground. Now it was my turn. The trick about walking on ice is that it is usually thicker in the middle of the river. I followed Joplin's footsteps, expecting at any second to hear a crack and feel the rush of freezing water fill my boots. Crick, crack, my last step as I leaped to dry land, the ice gave way. But I was across, with nothing more than wet cleats on my snowshoes. We'd made it!

This hike was on Feb. 29, 2020. Remember how the world was then? This might have been the leap year to end all leap years. Since then, we've practically stepped into a new dimension, relearning how to live, work and walk upon this earth. Perhaps this time we will do it better: breathe more deeply, and tread more lightly. For now, I am learning to appreciate the woods in our own backyard.

But that Saturday at the tail end of February, Joplin, his duck toller dog Sal and I hiked the course of the LaPlatte River from Shelburne to Hinesburg. We started on Dorset Street, at a dip in the dirt road where a short bridge spans the river. We'd hoped to be able to walk on the river, but unseasonable warmth had melted the winter ice into thin sheets.

Traversing the meandering bows of the river proved to be a challenge. The LaPlatte curls lazily down from Hinesburg's farm fields before picking up the pace through Shelburne to reach Lake Champlain. Thick brush grows along the flats. In spring, these riverbanks will be flooded marshland, but in February the ground was still frost firm. Tangles of buckthorn and brambles pricked through our coats and snow pants as we bushwhacked the riverbank.

Eventually we made it to the snowmobile trail on the other side of Leavensworth Road. From there, it was a short distance through open meadows and tree-lined pastures, past the field of solar panels absorbing timid late-winter sun. Behind the development on Farmall Drive, a tree lay across the river. We used it as our final crossing to rejoin the snowmobile trail. With some encouragement, Sal balanced across the log to meet us. We were less than a quarter mile from Hinesburg Town Hall.



Beginning of the hike, Colin and Sal on the LaPlatte.



Crossing the LaPlatte into Hinesburg.



Resting at the oxbow.

My wife and I returned to Vermont last year after graduating college almost a decade ago. This year I've joined the town trails committee.

The trail system in Hinesburg is extensive, opening up access to the Green Mountain foothills and valleys.

Sometimes, those paths aren't marked. The dirt roads we live on lead into a maze of old logging roads, sugar bush and all-terrain vehicle trails. We have miles of woods and streams to explore in Hinesburg. As long as we respect the land and our neighbors, we can continue to build rich community around these natural resources.

Managing Forests in a Changing Climate

BY ETHAN TAPPER, THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

It's happening, and we expect it to get worse. Climate change poses existential risks to our communities, our quality of life and the ecosystems that provide the air, water and natural resources that we need to live. Forests are both an asset in mitigating climate change and deeply threatened by it. Natural disturbances of increased severity and frequency, changing growing seasons and invasive exotic plants, pests and pathogens are among the threats to our forests linked to climate change. Managing our forests for the future requires us both to buffer them from the effects of climate change and to manage them to mitigate these effects to the greatest extent possible.

One of the ways that forests act as a climate change asset is by sequestering and storing carbon. While the forest carbon cycle is too complex to fully describe here, trees and plants essentially suck (sequester) carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, turning (storing) it into living tissue through the amazing process of photosynthesis. When trees die, much of that carbon remains stored in their dead trunks and branches, eventually becoming incorporated into the soil and feeding future generations of trees, plants and microorganisms. In temperate forests like ours, this soil carbon "bank" accounts for up to 60% of a forest's total carbon storage. While they cannot sequester all the carbon that we emit, forests globally can absorb and store a lot of it, mitigating some of the effects of climate change.

In climate-focused forest management, we strive to encourage resilient forests. These are forests which have the tools to stay healthy and functional amid great stress, such as is threatened by climate change. Given their carbon-sequestering ways, it may seem counterintuitive to cut trees, but responsible forest management can improve a forest's resilience over the long-term, mostly by making it more diverse. In addition to providing better wildlife habitat and being more like old-growth forests, diverse forests store more carbon and are buffered against large-scale disturbances, which can cause large amounts of forest carbon to be re-released into the atmosphere.

In a changing climate, it is tempting to think solely about quantity — how much carbon forests can sequester and store — but we should also consider the quality of our forests. Forests are massively complicated, interconnected systems, and non-tree parts of them, including wildlife, invertebrates and fungi perform critical ecological functions which keep them healthy, resilient and functional. These elements, which rely on healthy forests for habitat, are also under threat. Forest man-

agement, in addition to trying to sequester and store as much carbon as possible, should seek to encourage the health of whole forest ecosystems, including, but not limited to, trees and carbon. In some cases, like in the creation of critical early successional (young forest) habitat, this may mean not maximizing carbon sequestration on every acre of land.

As we talk about managing forests in a changing climate, we should recognize that resource extraction and usage is a huge underlying cause of climate change and its attendant effects.

As they sequester and store carbon, managed forests can also produce a local, renewable resource: wood.

Wood provides quantitative climate benefits — storing more than its dry weight in carbon dioxide and often locking this carbon up for decades or centuries. It also provides qualitative benefits, supporting our working landscape, local economies and communities, and our neighbors who harvest, process and build with local wood. Using local renewable resources generally lowers associated environmental impacts and allows us to "own" our consumption, rather than displacing these impacts elsewhere. Engaging with the true cost of our resources is critical to helping us to make better choices for our climate and our world.

Finally, protecting the health of our forests is useless if we can't protect forests themselves. The conversion of forests to other uses is perhaps as great of a threat as climate change itself, and one that, as it increases, decreases forests' ability to be a climate change asset. Forests cannot store carbon, provide wildlife habitat, clean our air and water, or do anything else if they are paved over or split into tiny, disconnected fragments. As we recognize the benefits of forests, we should also consider the way that we develop our communities, acknowledging the positive role that forests play in our climate future by preventing forest fragmentation and loss.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County forester. He can be reached at ethan.tapper@vermont.gov, 802-585-9099 or at his office at 111 West Street, Essex Junction.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Boat Ramps Remain Open for Fishing

FROM PRESS RELEASE, APRIL 9

With warm spring weather and time on their hands, Vermont anglers have understandably been eager to get outside and enjoy the many fishing opportunities that abound throughout the state.

Trout season opened statewide on Saturday, April 11. Catch-and-release fishing for bass is already in full swing, and bullhead, crappie, perch and other panfish are moving into warming shallow bays and are willing to bite.

Fishing in Vermont is still encouraged for residents within 10 miles of home as a healthy and approved activity under Governor Scott's emergency order to Stay Home, Stay Safe. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is reminding anglers and boaters that its nearly 200 fishing access areas remain open for public use and enjoyment, but that dock installations, spring maintenance clean-up and portable toilets have been put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While this is a great time to take advantage of the many shore-based and boat fishing opportunities we have in Vermont, it is important to take necessary precautions to help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

- Don't leave the house if you are feeling ill.
- Only travel and fish with those in your immediate household.
- Maintain at least a six-foot distance at boat ramps (about the length of a fishing rod when held out at arm's length).
- Avoid congregating in congested areas like fishing platforms, ramps and docks and popular shore fishing locations like bridges or culverts.
- Don't pull your boat on shore next to another boat while loading and unloading.
- Avoid unnecessary stops on the way to and from fishing or boating.

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Hunters to Report Their Turkey Online

FROM PRESS RELEASE

A successful hunter in Vermont's May 1-31 spring turkey season must, by law, report their turkey within 48 hours to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. In the past, this could be done at a local reporting station. This year, because of COVID-19 precautions, hunters are required to report their turkey electronically through the department's website at vtfishandwildlife.com.

"Online reporting has been used successfully in other states," said turkey biologist Chris Bernier. "It is convenient for the hunter, and the information col-

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lected has proven to be just as valuable for monitoring and managing wild turkey populations. Most important now, we need to offer this online reporting option because of COVID-19 and our responsibility to promote appropriate social distancing practices.”

There are a few things hunters can do in advance to make submitting a report easier such as having their Conservation ID Number handy (located on their license), knowing what town and Wildlife Management Unit the bird was harvested in, and completing all the necessary measurements such as beard and spur lengths, and weight. Although not required, the department also requests that hunters use the online reporting tool to upload a digital photo showing the bird's beard and properly tagged leg. Hunters who provide a valid email address will receive a confirmation email when they successfully submit a turkey harvest report using this new online reporting tool.

The department encourages anyone who experiences problems reporting through the online tool to contact a local state police dispatcher to be connected with a state game warden for harvest reporting assistance. Some of the regional dispatch numbers are listed below:

New Haven Dispatch — 802-388-4919

Williston Dispatch — 802-878-7111

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife



Vermont hunters who take a turkey this spring are required to report it electronically within 48 hours through Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website. VTF&W photo by John Hall.

Department urges hunters to hunt only if they are healthy, hunt close to home, travel and go out alone or with a family member they are already in close contact with. If you do hunt with someone you do not already live with, take separate vehicles to your hunting location and make sure to maintain at least six feet between both of you. Only share a hunting blind with someone you have been in continuous close contact with for the past two weeks, and be sure to carry hand sanitizer and avoid touching your face. Remember to wash your mouth calls after handling, request landowner permission by phone, and maintain appropriate social distancing from others while afield.

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COVID-19 Arts Recovery Fund

VT Arts Council and the VT Community Foundation Partner to Help Arts Sector

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On April 15, the Vermont Arts Council and the Vermont Community Foundation announce the creation of an Arts Recovery Fund to respond to the devastating and rapidly evolving impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Vermont's arts and culture sector.

The Arts Recovery Fund has two goals: to deliver fast-tracked support to Vermont's struggling arts and culture sector and to provide a central place to coordinate philanthropic giving. Direct grants will be available to support both individual artists and cultural organizations that are experiencing financial distress due to the spread of the novel coronavirus across Vermont. For donors, the Arts Recovery Fund is an opportunity to join a coordinated effort to facilitate the recovery of Vermont's creative sector. Donations are now being accepted on the Community Foundation's website at vermontcf.org/ArtsRecovery.

Arts and culture are vital anchors for many of Vermont's communities, providing more than 40,000 creative-sector jobs and sustaining vibrant downtowns that are critical to the state's economy

and shared community life.

Vermont's museums, galleries and performing arts venues are already reporting staggering losses from canceled concerts, festivals, theatrical performances and other events due to the pandemic. We know Vermont communities will be feeling the effects for many months to come. The Arts Recovery Fund will strengthen the capacity of Vermont's arts and culture sector to survive the immediate economic impact and to respond creatively and strategically in the months ahead.

Grants are designed to be flexible and will allow the Arts Council and the Community Foundation to direct resources where the needs are greatest. For now, funds will be focused on meeting immediate needs, as follows:

- For individual artists: The fund offers grants to cover income losses due to lost jobs, canceled gigs, exhibits or workshops.
- For nonprofit arts and culture organizations: The fund provides unrestricted operating support to mitigate the economic impact of workplace closures, event cancellations and other disruptions of critical revenue.

Future rounds of funding may also support creative responses to the pandemic, such as online arts experiences, virtual gallery tours, concerts, etc.; planning and implementation of reopening and rescheduling canceled events; and arts events and initiatives that facilitate community recovery.

“We need the arts now more than ever, to help us support one another with creativity and compassion,” said Vermont Arts Council Executive Director Karen Mittelman. “We can't afford to ignore the devastating losses in the arts sector today, or many of our arts organizations won't be there in a few months, when communities will need to come together again to restore and move forward.”

“We are in the midst of a watershed moment for Vermont communities, and we are excited that this collaboration will provide much-needed support to the arts community throughout our state,” said Vermont Community Foundation

President & CEO Dan Smith. “Theaters, concert halls and museums are exactly the type of places where people come to heal after hard times, which is why it's important to preserve the arts now and in the future.”

The Arts Recovery Fund launches a new partnership between the Arts Council and the Community Foundation.

In support of this new endeavor, the Community Foundation is making a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Vermont Arts Endowment to the Arts Council. In addition to supporting the council's general grantmaking, these funds will be prioritized to support artists and arts organizations in their creative strategies to keep the arts alive during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Details about the application process will be available in May. Artists and organizations interested in applying should contact Amy Cunningham at acunningham@vermontartscouncil.org.

About the Vermont Arts Council

The Vermont Arts Council envisions a Vermont where all people have access to the arts and creativity in their lives, education and communities. Engagement with the arts transforms individuals, connects us more deeply to each other, energizes the economy and sustains the vibrant cultural landscape that makes Vermont a great place to live. Since 1965, the council has been the state's primary provider of funding, advocacy and information for the arts in Vermont. Learn more at vermontartscouncil.org.

About the Vermont Community Foundation

The Vermont Community Foundation inspires giving and brings people and resources together to make a difference in Vermont. A family of hundreds of funds and foundations, we provide the advice, investment vehicles, and back-office expertise that make it easy for the people who care about Vermont to find and fund the causes they love.

The heart of the Community Foundation's work is closing the opportunity gap — the divide that leaves too many Vermonters struggling to get ahead, no matter how hard they work. We are aligning our time, energy and discretionary resources on efforts that provide access to early care and learning, pathways to college and career training, support for youth and families, and community and economic vitality. We envision Vermont at its best — where everyone has the opportunity to build a bright, secure future. Visit vermontcf.org or call 802-388-3355 for more information.

Mom's Lazy English Muffin Bread

No-Knead Bread in an Hour and a Half

BY CATHY RYAN

When I was growing up, my mom was a very busy single mother. But she loves fresh-baked bread. This is her go-to recipe for bread that is relatively fast and easy. Baking soda gives it nice big bubbles, which, combined with the cornmeal on the outside, make it taste very much like English muffins when toasted.



The “shaggy” dough, ready to be put into the bread pan — much wetter than typical bread dough.



Sprinkle enough cornmeal on top so that you can pat it down flat with your hand.



The final product — in about an hour and a half (plus a few minutes to let cool, if you have the patience).

Ingredients:

3 cups flour (you can use up to 1 cup of whole-wheat flour)
1½ to 2¼ teaspoons yeast
½ teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/8+ teaspoon baking soda
1 cup milk (can use all water if necessary)
½ cup water
cornmeal (can use flour instead if necessary)
parchment paper recommended (not required)

Directions:

The original recipe calls for 2¼ teaspoons of yeast and 1/8 teaspoon of baking soda. But because a lot of people are running low on yeast, I tried it with 1½ teaspoon yeast and a little more than 1/8 teaspoon baking soda (slightly heaping, not level). This worked fine.

Combine 1½ cups of flour (NOT all the flour), yeast, sugar, salt and baking soda. Stir well.

Heat the milk and water until they are very warm, add to the dry ingredients and mix well. If you don't have much milk, you can substitute water.

Add in the rest of the flour (1½ cups), a little at a time, until it becomes thick and hard to stir, and starts to pull away from the bowl a bit.

If you have parchment paper, fully line a bread pan with it. Because it's a wetter dough, this bread can tend to stick to the pan. If you don't have parchment paper, generously grease a bread pan — bottom and sides.

Sprinkle a generous layer of cornmeal on the bottom of the pan (on top of the parchment paper if you used it). If you don't have cornmeal, use flour, but it's better with cornmeal. Also sprinkle some over the ball/blob of dough in the bowl. Transfer the dough to the bread pan and sprinkle more cornmeal

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- climate.
- are visionary and comprehensive (what percentage of the population will they serve).
- are sustainable after the Rowland Foundation completes its funding.
- are exportable to other schools. The Rowland Foundation is keenly interested in affecting change throughout Vermont.
- have the complete support of the principal or head of school. This will be a key element of the interview process by the executive director prior to the selections.

Tim and Charlie, on behalf of SCS and CVU, have been awarded this Rowland Fellowship as co-applicants who, together, represent a K-12 continuum of instruction in the largest district in Vermont. The project aims to address the inequities and marginalization of females, nonbinary and gender-nonconforming youth that occur within computer science, education and the workforce. It envisions a world where all can become creators, change-makers and leaders. Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Peace Prize winner and educational activist, is quoted as saying, “every girl deserves to take part in creating the technology that will change our world, and change who runs it.”

From their proposal titled, “Cracking the Code: Closing the Gender Gap in Computer Science,” O'Leary and MacFadyen state:

Over the coming year, the project will support the development of a K-12 CS program because we believe schools must assume a critical role to create CS learning opportunities. Otherwise, students will continue to develop identities informed by a world where males far outpace female participation in this area. Nationally, only 28% of the students who have taken an Advanced Placement computer science exam over the last three years identified as female. And the disparity

over it and down along the sides — enough so that you can pat the dough down into the pan with your hand without it sticking to your hand too much. Flatten out the dough.

Cover with a smooth (not terrycloth) dish towel or cloth napkin. Let rise in a warm place for 45 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375-400 degrees.

Bake for 24-26 minutes, watching carefully to make sure it doesn't get too brown on top. If it is getting overly brown before at least 24 minutes, drape tin foil loosely over the top.

Let cool before slicing.

For some reason (maybe because of the milk), this recipe tends to go moldy faster than other bread. So, put it in the fridge or freezer after a day or so.

If anyone needs yeast, email me. I might be able to mail you some: cathy.ryan@gmail.com.



Tim O'Leary (left) and Charlie MacFadyen (right) were named fellows by the Rowland Foundation.

is 8.5% greater in Vermont. We bear a responsibility to dismantle this inequality by creating new systems, and we plan to develop a program to do just that.

SCS and CVU are uniquely positioned to engage in this work and embrace an awesome responsibility to share innovative teaching and learning practices as it develops. We look forward to supporting the partnerships and collaboration that Tim and Charlie will lead over the coming year to create a more equitable future for our students.

Tim and Charlie's proposal to research and implement a framework for the Shelburne Community School, as well as new ideas for CVU, will be closely observed so that we can explore this as a model for all of our district K-8 schools.

Our school district values innovation, design-thinking and the personalized pursuit of excellence.

We are committed to determining ways in which computer science education is provided to all students, K-12. The proposal to Crack the Code for SCS and CVU ensures that we're on the path to success, for all of CVSD.

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Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: 10580 Route 116

Phone: 482-3352

Email: unitedchurch@gmavt.net

Address: P.O. Box 39

Website: ucofh.org

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Choir practice: 9:00 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: Nursery and story time; Christian Education Kindergarten through 8th grade during academic p.m.

Senior Meal Site: Every Friday 11:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. (except first Friday) Osborne Parish House

AA Gratitude Group: every Monday 7:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

Church Phone: 482-2588

Home Phone: 482-2588

Email: lighthousevt@aim.com.

Website: LBCvt.homestead.com

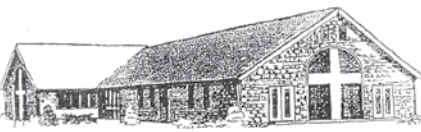
Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

Address: P.O. Box 288

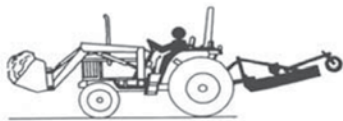
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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

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Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-2290, marietcookson@aol.com

Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

Parish Council Chair: Allan Monniere 578-8572

Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff: 482-3066

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Henry Moreno, 802-777-4169.

Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church, Hinesburg

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte

Weekday Masses: Monday and Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church

Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church and by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance

Communism at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290

Confirmation Coordinators: Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 434-4782

Religious Education (CCD): Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades K-8. Registration is required.

The 9th and 10th grades (Confirmation Years) meet once a month. This is a two-year program. Watch Sunday bulletins for dates and times.

Please call Marie at 482-2290 (Parish Office) or 434-4782 (home) for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is held the first Friday of each month following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude.

Food Shelf Weekend: Every third Saturday and Sunday. Parishioners are asked to make an extra effort to bring non-perishable canned and dried food in weekly for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Food Collection baskets are in the entry for your convenience.

Senior Meals: Will be served from noon to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Food will be prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards, board games and door prizes. Cost is \$4.00 donation. Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. For reservations call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (parish office) or 434-4782 (home). Caretakers are welcome. Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. For more information, call the parish office at 482-2290.

Community Alliance Church

Pastor: Scott Mansfield

Phone: 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: hinesburgcma.org

Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVUHS soccer fields)

Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. Children's programs, for nursery through elementary school ages.

Middle School and High School Youth Group: Meets from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. This is a great time to meet new friends, hang out and talk real life.

Weekday Life Groups: Various times, days, and locations throughout the week.

For more information, please contact the church at 482-2132 or visit hinesburgcma.org.

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Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

Phone: 878-5792.

Website: steeple.org

Minister: Rev. Paul Eyer

Activities: Junior and Senior High Youth Groups; Men's Bible Study; Women's Book Group; Junior, Senior and Contemporary Music Choirs; Friendship Suppers; opportunities for mission and outreach in the community, country, and world.

Service: Sundays 9:30 a.m., Nursery/Child care provided; Sunday School during the service for pre-K through high school; Coffee/Fellowship after service in Fellowship Hall.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Church phone: 985-2269

Church email: info@trinityshelburne.org

Website: trinityshelburne.org

Worship service: Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Worship service and Sunday School: Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Space for Grace program: Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m.

All Souls Interfaith Gathering Non-Denominational Service

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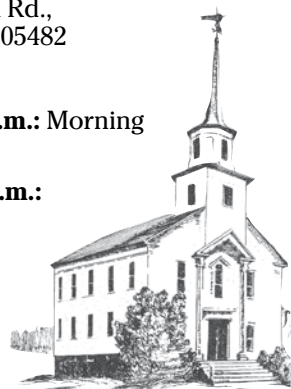
Phone: 985-3819

Mailing Address: 291 Bostwick Farm Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation

Sunday 5:00 p.m.: Music & Spirit Service



► Bubbly Dream

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mon story of people bootstrapping it in America, and their communities supporting them. And that's why our future is bright." Matt is quick to add, "It's really true. We wouldn't have made it this far without the help of a greater community who believed in what we set out to do. We may not have had quite enough money to get going, but we got going anyhow and thankfully a friend always seems to appear at the right moment to lend a hand just when we need it most. We know lifting yourself up by your own bootstraps is impossible. That's why we need each other.

Communities give people the opportunity to thrive. There is no better community than Hinesburg for that.



Matt Sayre

Just to give you one example of how awesome this town is, last summer we donated \$10 per bucket to the Hinesburg Community Resource Center for each bucket of berries picked by Hinesburg community members. They helped the HCRC by helping us. We are so thankful to be here." Maybe that's why he hasn't broken out in hives since that day 10 years ago when they started all this.

More About Shrubbly

Shrubbly is sparkling water with bold flavor from a healthy shot of an old-time mixer called a shrub. Yep, shrub + bubbly = Shrubbly. They make three flavors locally, two of which are made from the organic fruit they grow at their small farm in Hinesburg. It's a daily apple cider vinegar wellness shot in a delicious nonalcoholic drink. They have a homemade one-minute video that tells a bit of their story on Instagram, [instagram.com/p/B-6zTO4B4HM](https://www.instagram.com/p/B-6zTO4B4HM).

If you want to try some, just head to Lantman's or add a can to your Good Times take-out order. If you want a whole case, they are offering free delivery for local orders of full cases to locations with the following ZIP codes: 05401, 05403, 05408, 05461, 05445, 05482 and 05495. Each case of 24 cans is \$48. To order cases please visit [shrubbly.com](https://www.shrubbly.com).

► Growers Open

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802-482-4060 or [redwagonplants.com](https://www.redwagonplants.com).

Other Locations in the Champlain Valley

As a result of the temporary closure of area farmers' markets, restaurants and schools, ACORN (Addison County Relocalization Network) has created an interactive online map that lists nearly 250 farmers and food producers in Vermont's Champlain Valley who sell food locally. The map will help match folks looking to buy local food with growers who have an abundance to sell.

In addition to the map, ACORN is organizing a virtual farmers' market to encourage people to shop online using individual producer's websites. All payment is done online, and orders will be ready for curbside pick-up at one of two distribution sites beginning Wednesday, April 29:

- Tandem, 26 Main St, Bristol on Wednesdays 4–6p.m.
- Hannaford Career Center, 51 Charles Ave, Middlebury on Thursdays 10a.m.–noon.

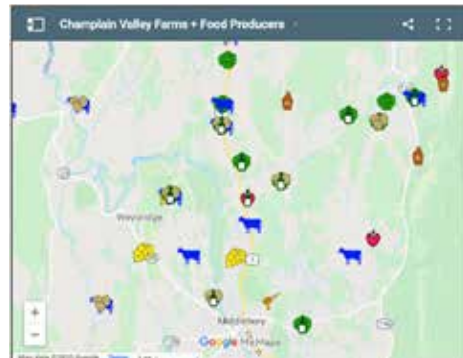
ACORN is moving quickly to get this launched and locations are subject to change. Additional locations in Vergennes and Brandon may be added in the future if sufficient interest is shown by farmers and customers. ACORN will continue to keep its website up-to-date.

All orders will be packed by folks wearing gloves and a mask. Customers will be asked to wait in their cars and roll down their passenger rear window where volunteers, also wearing a mask and gloves, will place their orders. All social distancing measures will be in place. Any orders not picked up within the designated time slot will be donated to HOPE.

ACORN's new interactive online map lists all of the Champlain Valley farms that sell food locally and is organized by food category.

The map can be found at [acornvt.org/onlineimap](https://www.acornvt.org/onlineimap) and the online market can be found at [acornvt.org/onlineimarket](https://www.acornvt.org/onlineimarket)

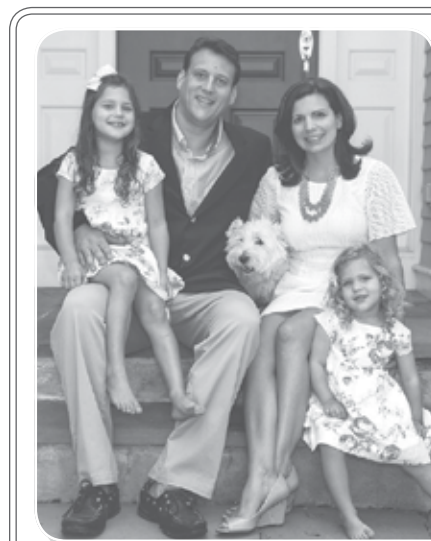
Farmers who don't have an e-commerce site and who would like to be part of ACORN's new virtual farm-



ACORN's interactive online map.

ers' market platform should contact ACORN's Lindsey Berk at Lindsey@acornvt.org.

ACORN (Addison County Relocalization Network) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization based in Middlebury, VT whose mission is to promote the growth and health of local food and agriculture in Vermont's southern Champlain Valley.



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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Field of Bubbly Dreams

Not Your Grandfather's Farming Business

BY KEVIN LEWIS

When I contacted Matt Sayre to tell me his story about creating Shrubbly, one of the first things he recalled was standing in a field in Hinesburg taking soil samples with an agriculture extension agent. That's where Matt broke out in hives. He had been searching for months for a piece of farmland that he and his wife could afford, and he thought this might be the one. He had never had hives before, and hasn't since. Matt explains "I guess I was really stressed about the prospect of uprooting my wife and two daughters from our happy little home in the New North End of Burlington to move to the country, build a house, and try to start a small farm and food business which I knew very little about.

"My life was already my dream come true. How could I want anything more?"

While grateful for the life that they already had, Matt and Amy both wanted their kids to grow up in the country, and Matt had this entrepreneurial drive that Amy recognized and has always supported. So, those hives and the long row to hoe didn't stop them. That was 2010 and although they had an offer accepted for the purchase of those 25 acres, they didn't end up there. They pulled out of that offer hoping to find an even better place to grow. Thankfully not long afterwards, Matt saw a listing on the Hinesburg Land Trust's website for a beautiful 15 acres that the HLT had worked hard to conserve for agricultural use. After writing a detailed proposal describing their vision for the land and progressing through a careful review process, they were offered the opportunity to purchase the land. They put their house on the market, sold it quickly in November 2010, and needed to move over the

holidays into a rental place somewhere to be determined in Hinesburg. They learned more good news at that same time: Amy was pregnant and expecting their third child in September. Luckily, they found a place to rent for six months on Baldwin Road, and in early February 2011, they closed on the land. Now they owned the land, had a place to live through the end of June, and a baby due in September. "Still no more hives yet?" I asked Matt. "Nope," he replied. They would just live in a camper for a couple months on the land after leaving the rental house on Baldwin. No biggie.

Matt stops his story and gets teary eyed as he explains that the only reason any of this even felt possible is because of the strength and support of his wife Amy. Although she was content in their first home, she saw his vision for the life they could build in Hinesburg, and liked it too. It was a long shot and would be a lot of work, but she was all in to make this happen. What that meant was taking care of their two girls and everything else mostly without Matt for six months while he worked on building the house. To save money he needed to do a lot of the work himself, while he also worked full time at UVM. Miraculously, they were able to have a room ready in the house for Amy and the new baby just one week before their third daughter was born in late-September 2011. It was time to move out of the camper.

Now that they were in the house, Matt could keep building it around them, and start to work on building their small farm. Over the winter as he researched fruit crops that were resilient and easy to grow for a novice like himself, he came across a research project at the University of Maine and the University of Connecticut focused on Aronia. He learned that the Aronia berry (also known as the black chokeberry) traditionally functioned as a treatment for colds in Native American medicine. Although they have long been known to offer healthful benefits when consumed by humans, they were not being grown



Below: "fruits" of labor, and love. Above, the actual fruit, in this case the first Aronia planted in 2013.



by many farms yet, and the project was trying to introduce Aronia as a new sustainable crop. After the family attended a workshop in Maine, they were in. In May 2013, they planted their first Aronia plant. Fast forward through several years of satisfying work and lots of support from the Hinesburg community, which brings us to today with their new product line called Shrubbly sitting on local shelves at Lantman's, Good Times Café and Parkside Café. They have been bootstrapping it to get to this point but needed more money to get going, so in late 2019 they took out a big loan from the Hinesburg Revolving Loan Fund and were finally able to launch on the memorable date of 02/20/20.

Shrubbly started selling really well, but just one month later COVID-19 put an abrupt stop to that.

As Amy says in a video about Shrubbly, "It didn't stop him or the many other entrepreneurs out there, though. They press on and find a new ways to create and do for us the things we need and love. Now instead of delivering Shrubbly to cafés, he's giving our 15-year-old daughter driving lessons while they deliver cases of Shrubbly directly to people's doorsteps. This really isn't such a special story. It's actually a com-

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Out standing in thier field! Amy, baby and Matt.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make a Difference

Do you need volunteers for a Hinesburg event or non-profit organization? Send the information to news@hinesburgrecord.org and we'll publish it here. Use "volunteer need" as a subject line.

Mentoring

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Hinesburg Trails

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Visit a Senior

Hinesburg seniors need your help. Some seniors live alone with limited social contact and would love to share their gift of gab with you. Just an hour of your time can make a big difference in the life of one of the seniors in our town. If you would be willing to help contact Bev at 800-642-5119 for more information.

Town Committees

Frequently there are openings on town committees. Here are some of the recent ones.

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Agency Request Review Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Recreation Commission
- Revolving Loan Fund Committee
- Town Forest Committee
- Trails Committee
- Village Steering Committee

Check town web site www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html for the most current committee openings, descriptions and instructions on how to apply. For more information contact Renae Marshall 482-2281 x227 or rmarshall@hinesburg.org.

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