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July 4th Parade and Fireworks Cancelled

FROM THE HINESBURG RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Following the lead of surrounding area communities, the Hinesburg Recreation Commission is disappointed to announce the cancellation of our traditional July 4th festivities, that include the parade and fireworks. This action conforms with the Governor's directives to discourage public gatherings with limited social distancing. As always, the health and safety of our community is what's most important.

HBPA Fireworks Fundraiser Postponed

Hinesburg Business and Professional Association has postponed indefinitely the "Fundraiser Fore Fireworks" Golf Tournament, usually held in the beginning of June at Cedar Knoll Country Club.

Grants Available for Hinesburg Businesses

BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee has approved the use of the Revolving Loan Fund for some grants for Hinesburg businesses.

- Are you a small business owner based in Hinesburg?
 - Has your business been adversely impacted by COVID-19 and the downturn in the economy?
 - Do you have need for funds to support your business and re-
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Hinesburger Helps RALLYTHON

Over \$140K Raised for the UVM Children's Hospital

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Harrison Mead of Hinesburg, along with 47 teams and over 800 participants, helped the University of Vermont's sixth annual student-led fundraising event RALLYTHON raise a record-breaking \$140,813.29 for the UVM Children's Hospital.

RALLYTHON is a student-led year-long fundraiser which culminates in

a 12-hour dance marathon, signifying the average length of a nurse's shift at Vermont's local Children's Miracle Network hospital. During RALLYTHON, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 22, students heard stories from patient families treated at the UVM Children's Hospital and engaged with champions — current and past patients of the hospital — while fundraising, participating in games

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UVM's RALLYTHON raised \$140,813.29 for the UVM Children's Hospital.

Hiking, Biking, Running and Walking in a Time of Pandemic

BY PETER MODLEY, HINESBURG TRAILS COMMITTEE

"Now more than ever," is an oft-used cliché, but just now it truly describes our need to get outdoors for recreation and exercise. With the stress of the pandemic, and the closure of many of the places we are accustomed to go to for exer-



cise or entertainment, it is imperative that we find safe ways to get out of the house and stir our bones.

Living in Vermont, we are fortunate to have a wide variety of outdoor recreation spaces very close by. Retiring here after 40 years in the Washington, D.C. area, my wife Phyllis and I revel in the easy access to a wide variety of walks. We can stroll down coun-

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The Use of Chemical Herbicides in Lake Iroquois

I was dumfounded to read the article in the Hinesburg Record by Daniel Sharpe. He objects to “funding plant toxins and herbicides in an attempt to control the ecosystem.” I take issue with this.

I have spent every summer for the last 50 years at my camp on Beebe Lane on the east side of the lake. I canoed, kayaked and drove a motor boat all over the lake for most of those years. Yes, there were native species of weeds but none that hampered negotiating the lake until milfoil began an infestation. Only since then have I seen boats not be able to negotiate numerous areas of the

lake. Some of us will remember a resident having to use his power boat to rescue a canoe stuck in milfoil at the north end. I am sure this was not the only one.

From what we have read, ProcellaCOR will only affect milfoil which is a nonnative species and has been used successfully in other lakes in Vermont. We long-term residents of Lake Iroquois have seen its demise. I scuba dive in several areas of the lake to dig up and remove milfoil. It is as if I were a Cub Scout with a hand shovel trying to dig up a forest. Using a chemical which targets that one plant is the only solution.

Where we used to enjoy the lake, now we focus on how we can keep it from becoming a swamp, useless to everyone.

Steve Reiman

Use Chemical Herbicides to Control Milfoil in Lake Iroquois

My wife and I are canoers and also visit three dear friends who have camps on Lake Iroquois. I strongly urge Meg Handler reassess her view on not recommending use of ProcellaCOR to reduce the infestation of milfoil. Milfoil has long been a big problem in that lake. Just canoeing always has made it clear that milfoil is not only bad to paddle over, but dangerous if we flipped the canoe.

From what we are told, ProcellaCOR has been tried and tested on other lakes in Vermont and it works. It works on milfoil. Other than cost, which would need to be discussed, it surely is the proper treatment for Lake Iroquois to bring it back to the great lake it was before the milfoil invasion.

Greg and Betty Schifferle

Lake Iroquois Integrated Pest Management Plan Needs to Include Motorboat Controls

In March 2020 the Lake Iroquois Association along with the Lake Iroquois Recreation District filed with the state to allow ProcellaCOR, a chemical herbicide, to be used to control Eurasian watermilfoil (milfoil) in Lake Iroquois. Back in 2017, LIA requested a permit to apply the herbicide SONAR for the same purpose; that request was denied.

Milfoil has a long history, being present in Lake Iroquois for over 30 years. Historically, boats are the primary conduit for introducing milfoil into a lake. And once milfoil is present, power boats notoriously accelerate its spread.

Over the past few years LIA has supported multiple efforts to eradicate milfoil, including: scuba diver hand-pulling, suction harvesting, benthic barrier matting, the greeter program for visiting boaters, continued water quality monitoring, stream remediation projects, etc.

Milfoil is aggressive and opportunistic. If LIA truly seeks to control milfoil, then it needs to take all action possible, including addressing one of the most important factors in the spread of milfoil around the lake — propeller driven boats. Day-use power boats harbor milfoil fragments and spread them from lake to lake, and boat propellers exacerbate milfoil spread within a lake.

Milfoil spreads by stem fragmentation and underground runners. Motorboats running through a milfoil bed act like “food processors” chopping the plant into pieces, greatly accelerating regeneration as each piece is now ready to reestablish itself as an independent plant.

The lake areas targeted for herbicide injection are in the liminal zone — where sunlight compels growth. After herbicide injection the lakebed cannot, and will not, remain suspended in this cleared state. The herbicide will not protect against future regrowth, so this cleared lakebed will be open for recolonization by both native and invasive species. Milfoil, being virulent and opportunistic, will reestablish as a pioneer species, and once again outperform native plants.

If the state and LIA are serious about eliminating milfoil, they need to integrate motorboat limitation as a control method in the plan. This means: closing the boat access, excluding treatment areas from motorboat usage, and limiting speed or motor HP

on the lake during the five-year treatment period.

Applying herbicide will not eliminate milfoil from Lake Iroquois. And without addressing power boat usage on the lake it makes little sense to invest all the other proposed labor and money in an effort to manage this invasive species.

Melinda Petter

In Support of ProcellaCOR at Lake Iroquois

My wife and I have owned a camp on Lake Iroquois since 1975. We have used it full time each year from June to September along with our daughters and, more recently, our grandchildren.

ProcellaCOR has been used in four other water bodies in Vermont, with Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) approval, with terrific results and no complaints by any residents or users of those lakes. This statement of “no complaints” has been attested to by public officials at all four lakes (Lake St. Catherine, Lake Morey, Lake Hortonia and Burr Pond). DEC has a copy of a letter written to DEC by the Vermont Department of Health in April 2019 stating that this herbicide targets only Eurasian water milfoil and nothing else. It is entirely safe to use to combat EWM. I also have a letter written by a chemist that attests to this fact.

I know that the Lake Iroquois Association will provide all lake residents with drinking water. I also know that the LIA is expected to test the water every 48 hours (a requirement of DEC) to determine its safeness to be ingested (something I would never do anyhow). It is interesting to note that the four lakes treated in Vermont found the very first test results (48 hours after treatment) came back clear (ingestion permitted).

Killing EWM, not affecting other fauna or flora, water being clear in 48 hours or less, no complaints at other lakes which used ProcellaCOR all make this product the right solution at zero risk. Currently, Lake Iroquois is essentially non-navigable due to EWM. Small and large boats get tangled up in it. Swimmers get bogged down in

it, or choose not to go swimming. (I’d hate to hear of a swimmer being tangled up in EWM and drowning. Proper treatment can avoid that scenario.) Other methods such as diver assisted suction harvesting or weevils (all previously used at Lake Iroquois) are significantly more expensive, more time consuming, and can disrupt the sediment at the bottom of the lake (the latter potentially affecting drinkability). Not addressing the EWM problem with an effective and a relatively cost-effective solution also has the significant potential of affecting property values, and could have a major impact on tax revenues in both Williston and Hinesburg.

DEC will only allow remediation of EWM in 40% of the lake per year. The areas in most need of treatment (and where EWM is densest) are the northern end of the lake (the beach area), fishing access and around the small rock island. Given focus in those areas, treatment directly in front of camps is highly unlikely — further minimizing ProcellaCOR being anywhere near private property.

As one public official recently said, “The higher the emotion, the lower the logic.” I urge you to look at the benefits of ProcellaCOR, the major negative impact of EWM on Lake Iroquois, the success of ProcellaCOR in both Vermont lakes and elsewhere around the country, chemist reports and make the right decision that saves the lake, town tax income and recreation for all of us and future generations.

It is clear to me that opposers to the use of ProcellaCOR made many mis-statements (and some outright lies) at the recent Hinesburg Selectboard meeting (Wednesday, May 6). Since I was not there, I will leave it to attendees (including selectboard members) to gather FACTS and make the right decision.

I strongly urge you and the town to get facts and support the use of ProcellaCOR to save Lake Iroquois.

Roger Crouse

EWM Control in Lake Iroquois

The Lake Iroquois Association is again proposing the use of an aquatic herbicide in an effort to con-

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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

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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

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trol the Eurasian watermilfoil in Lake Iroquois. The facts are clear. ProcellaCOR is rapidly taken up by the targeted EWM then degrades below detection in less than two days. It has been shown to be nontoxic to animals (a lethal dose would be greater than 5 grams/kilogram, or 3/4 of a pound for an adult weighing 150 lbs.). Neither the chemical itself nor its metabolites bioaccumulate. The company that is applying it has vast experience and has never had a complaint with their treatments. It has been used in lakes in Vermont and across the country with great success and no ill effects.

It seems to me that the fundamental question here is the same as what we confront with the current COVID-19 crisis. Do we believe the experts who have dedicated their lives to studying this problem or do we succumb to ignorance and fear?

The people who oppose this treatment will not be swayed by facts or evidence. They have made an emotional decision and have closed their minds. We can see this type of attitude spreading on the internet every day. In the medical science field, we have been fighting the dangerous anti-vaxer movement for decades and are losing ground. Because of this we are seeing resurgences of diseases that had been held in check since the middle of the last century. Climate scientists have been fighting against climate deniers for decades as the climate rapidly heats, destroying

habitat. And now in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis we see a rapid evolution of conspiracy theories and denialism that directly contradicts the recommendations of experts in the field who have studied viral disease for their entire lives. This level of science denialism endangers all of our lives.

Lake Iroquois is choked with this noxious weed and becoming unusable. The LIA has been fighting a losing battle against this scourge for almost two decades and it just keeps getting worse. The recent EPA approval of ProcellaCOR has provided them with a silver bullet: it attacks the target and nothing else, then goes away. The evidence is clear. The path going forward should be too.

What is most frustrating to me, as an owner of property on the lake, is that this decision is being held up mainly by people who do not live on the lake, do not use the lake, and, scientific studies show, will never experience any of this chemical in their ground water. It is based on their irrational fear that all chemicals are dangerous, no matter what the data says. What the board needs to decide is whether the health of the lake, and of our society in a larger sense, is going to be dictated by evidence-based science or irrational fears. While the decision to use ProcellaCOR in Lake Iroquois is not a matter of life or death, our decision to make rational choices based on science and evidence is vital to public policy.

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TOWN NEWS

BY MISSY ROSS

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Town Hall has been closed to the public for over two months. Recently, we have been allowing title searching by appointment so that only one person is in the vault at a time. This has enabled lots of refinancing to proceed so that residents can take advantage of lower interest rates at a time when that might prove very beneficial to people who have been impacted financially by the pandemic. We have protocols in place to protect the health and safety of people who are admitted to Town Hall as well as staff.

Dog Licenses Due

We are licensing dogs through the mail this year given the current status of the Town Hall being closed to the public. There will be no late fees imposed this year so the cost will remain at \$10.00 per dog for the remainder of 2020. Please register your dog as soon as possible. You can do this by mailing us a check and a copy of your dog's current rabies certificate. You are welcome to send us an email to check on whether we already have one on file for your dog. We also greatly appreciate a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you prefer, you are welcome to drop off the aforementioned items in the drop box on the back porch. We will mail your dog's tag to you as soon as it is processed. Thank you for helping to insure the public safety against rabies and enabling us to find the owner of any lost dog!

Property Tax Bills

It is likely that we will mail out property tax bills later than usual this year because the state extended their deadline for filing income tax returns until Aug. 15. This means that many homeowner property tax adjustments won't be applied until a week or two

after the filing deadline. Once the bills are finalized and the tax rates have been set, we will mail the bills to all property owners.

Primary and General Elections

There has been much discussion in Montpelier about how to safely conduct the upcoming federal elections. It is possible that some or all voting will be taking place through mailing of ballots to all active voters on the voter checklist. This means it is important to check your voter registration to be sure it is up-to-date with your town of residence and that your mailing address is current. You can check your voter registration by visiting your My Voter Page at mvp.vermont.gov. You can access your information through your Vermont driver's license information. If you need further assistance, you can contact me via email at mross@hinesburg.org. Additionally, if you have not yet registered to vote and you are a current resident of Hinesburg, you can do so at olvr.vermont.gov. Your registration will be uploaded to the Hinesburg voter checklist and I will mail you a copy of your Voter Registration Certificate.

As always, if you have any questions and are in need of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at mross@hinesburg.org. Our phone system is currently going directly to voicemail in order to accommodate those people who are working remotely. If you leave a voicemail, I will return your call. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this difficult time.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center Food Shelf Frequently Asked Questions

BY RACHEL KRING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HINESBURG COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Q: Where is the Hinesburg Food Shelf?

A: We're located at 51 Ballard's Corner Road, behind the Jiffy Mart and next to the library.

Q: Are you still open?

A: Yes! We're still open Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. The building is closed, but we are bringing packed groceries

out to people in their cars.

Q: Are there long waits at this time?

A: People have not experienced longer than normal waits. Please be patient if there are other cars waiting, but it should not take more than 15 minutes for your visit.

Q: What can I expect to find at the food shelf?

A: We have canned and boxed items, fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy, eggs, pet food, diapers and more. We are as well-stocked as we are in normal times, thanks to generous donors.

Q: What if I can't get to the food shelf?

A: If you are homebound or quarantined, please give us a call at 802-482-4667 to arrange a delivery.

Q: Do I need to show proof of income?

A: We never ask for proof of income. If it's your first visit, please just bring an ID or piece of mail with your address so we know you're from a town we serve. There's never anything to fill out.

Q: Should I come to the food shelf if I'm temporarily out of work and food is running low?

A: Yes!

Q: If I have special dietary needs will the food shelf be able to help me?

A: We try to stock low-sodium options and offer lots of fresh items. If you have a particular question or concern, please call us at 802-482-4667, and we'll see what we can do.

Q: What if I feel like someone else needs the food shelf more than I do or I'm feeling embarrassed about coming to the food shelf for help?

A: We are always here for anyone who needs us, and during this unpredictable time we know many people may need food support and find it hard to ask for that help. We view the food shelf as a bridge, helping our neighbors get through a rough time that many people are going through right now. Please know that our volunteers maintain confidentiality, and you don't even need to leave your car.

Q: Are you still taking donations of food?

A: Yes! The bin at the side entrance of Lantman's is still in use. We're "quarantining" new donations before using them.

For more information, please call us at 802-482-4946 or visit us at hinesburgresource.org.

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Energy Committee Accepting Proposals for Community Solar

BY EMMETT GARTNER, COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Hinesburg's Energy Committee is one step closer to developing a town solar plan after the Selectboard approved a request for proposals at its May 6 meeting.

The request for proposal, which is nonbinding and exploratory in its scope, seeks third-party bidders to submit designs for a solar photovoltaic system that would be installed on municipal property. Following its installation, the town would pay for the system's electricity at a reduced rate and possibly receive lease payments for the system's location.

Committee member Michael Webb explained the town's vision for the system as having two primary objectives: the first being to offset energy demands from municipal buildings, and the second to offer Hinesburg residents the opportunity to purchase green energy through a community solar plan.

The third objective, should the first two be achieved, would be to then offer net-metering credits to other Vermont electrical customers.

"It's a proven model," Webb said about community solar. "It's capitalizing on an opportunity to pay lower utility."

Thus far, the committee has narrowed down five potential locations from which bidders may choose to design their installations: the former town landfill, the new town garage roof, the fire station roof, the town hall roof, and the police station roof.

Energy Committee member Chuck Reiss said he sees large potential in a ground mounted system at the landfill site. Reiss said it would provide the best opportunity for offering community solar due to its connection to the Vermont Electric Cooperative utility, which allows for net-metering to areas outside of Hinesburg. Hinesburg's electricity service is distributed by two different utilities — VEC and Green Mountain Power — and the landfill's location on the grid falls under VEC's coverage.

The VEC connection will likely be a factor that town officials will consider when they make their decision on the ultimate location.

The RFP doesn't limit proposals to just one location. It suggests using one or a combination of municipal sites and is open to additional locations on private land if it fits with the contractor's design. "Bidders can propose projects on one, or multiple, town land locations listed as well as any other, non-

town owned locations in Hinesburg that the bidder is aware of and may be advantageous to a project," the request for proposals states.

By allowing more Vermonters to tap into the project — which net-metering and community solar both offer — the solar installation will address the town's broader energy goals.

"This sits in a larger picture for our town, and our Energy Committee in particular has set ourselves a goal of getting Hinesburg to 90% renewable energy by 2050," Reiss said.

Hinesburg is not the only town in pursuit of a greener energy portfolio.

Melanie Needle, a senior planner with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, said the regional planning office has provided technical assistance to 16 of the county's 19 municipalities for their "enhanced energy plans" — Hinesburg included. These plans help meet requirements of a piece of Vermont energy legislation, Act 174.

"The energy standards say that the plans must contain actions for reducing energy use in the transportation, heating, and electricity sectors; increasing renewable energy generation; maps to identify areas for renewable energy resources; current and future energy use," Needle explained.

Reiss similarly added that the solar project is not the end of the line for reducing energy use.

"We're also looking at municipal buildings and how to weatherize them, and perhaps put heat pumps in, which means we'd be transitioning some of the thermal energy requirements for our buildings over to electricity," Reiss said.

The Energy Committee sought public comment regarding the RFP and other Hinesburg-related energy topics. They received 10 responses to posts on Front Porch Forum, which Webb described as generally positive.

"I'm writing to express my wholehearted support," one respondent wrote, "I would love to see solar systems around the town as it is something we can do to contribute to addressing the climate crisis that confronts us."

Comments and questions from the public were included in the May 6 Selectboard meeting packet. Names of commenters were removed to not identify them because they were not told their input would be made public.

The deadline for solar providers to submit proposals for the project design is 4 p.m. on June 9 and the committee will continue to accept questions until May 26. The Hinesburg Energy Committee can be reached at hinesburgenergy@gmail.com.

Community News Service is a collaboration with the University of Vermont's Reporting & Documentary Storytelling program.

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LEGISLATIVE

These Are Not “Normal” Times for Vermonters — Or for the Vermont Legislature

BY HINESBURG STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL LIPPETT

Help With Unemployment Insurance Applications

If you are continuing to have difficulties contacting the Vermont

Department of Labor, or getting your unemployment insurance payments, or pandemic unemployment assistance payments resolved, please continue to reach out to me. In addition to the regular DOL process, legislators, on a tri-partisan basis, have established an additional effort to assist constituents with the tremendous difficulties that thousands of Vermonters have been experiencing with reaching the DOL and getting assistance. I have been happy to help and will continue until you get the assistance you are due. Drop me an email at wlippert@leg.state.vt.us or call me at 802-734-0593.

Have You Completed Your Census Questionnaire?

Every 10 years the federal government completes a census of all people living in each state or territory. As of May 11, Hinesburg's completion rate has risen from 57.2% to 67.8%! This compares to the Vermont statewide average of 49.8% and the nationwide average of 58.7%.

The census doesn't affect the number or shape of Vermont's congressional districts — because we only have one! But it does help the Legislature redraw state legislative district lines which are also required to be redrawn every 10 years. And the census helps Vermont to receive its fair share of federal appropriations.

Visit 2020census.gov. We've done it for our household. It only took a few minutes online, and saved dealing with a paper response later on. Help Hinesburg reach 100% census completion!

It's the End of May. Has the Legislature Adjourned Yet?

In any “normal” legislative season, the House and Senate by now would have completed our two years of legislative work, including passage of the annual Vermont state budget, known within the Statehouse as the “Big Bill.” Instead, the House will soon vote final approval of a second, completely new and revised version of the Budget Adjustment Bill to close out this fiscal year for June 30. The good news is that the Legislature and the governor's office have reached common agreement on how best to move forward with this extraordinary BAB. The Senate will soon amend the BAB and changes will be quickly modified or agreed to. Everyone in state government agrees that we need to quickly turn our attention to passing some version of next year's Vermont state budget.

Work on what would ordinarily be the “Big Bill” will now transform into what has now come to be referred to as the “Skinny Bill,” an agreement between the Legislature and the governor to initially craft and pass only a “three-month state budget.” Completion of a full twelve-month state budget will not begin until sometime in September when we have a better understanding of the gravity of state revenue losses.

The federal government has allocated to Vermont an extraordinary \$1.25 billion in COVID-19 Relief funds, and the Joint Fiscal Committee, of which I am a member, has reached agreement with the administration about conditions to expend emergency funds and appropriate over \$1 billion through the regular legislative process. Nevertheless, serious restrictions limit the expenditure of these COVID-19 funds, including restricting them from use for “revenue losses” and a requirement that they all be expended by Dec. 31, 2020.

As of April 28, state revenues are down an unbelievable \$430 million, an 11.5% reduction in anticipated revenues. With so many fiscal unknowns, both in terms of postponed and dramatically sinking state revenues, and a lack of clarity regarding federal assistance to the states for “revenue replacement,” crafting a full year budget now would be an exercise in futility.

In any “normal” year, the Legislature would be tying up our biennium's two years of work and adjourning by mid-May. After all, 2020 is an election year, and there is always pressure to finish and adjourn the Legislature, which allows legislators and statewide candidates to turn their attention to the campaign trail.

Legislature to Continue in Session Into September

The 2020 Legislature anticipates, instead continuing in session — via Zoom floor sessions and remote voting — through June to complete work on the “Skinny Bill,” the FY21 first quarter budget. We will likely then recess for most of July and August, and reconvene in September to complete work on the full twelve-month FY21 budget.

For the first time in modern history, the Vermont Legislature will also continue in session during a large part of the summer and fall campaign season. Vermont's primary election day will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11, with the Legislature likely in recess, but reconvening in early September to complete work on the full year budget. While the primary election will include both mail-in early balloting and in-person voting at the polls at Town Hall, Vermont's Nov. 3, general election, likely will be conducted completely by mail-in ballots — again another first in Vermont history.

Back Inside the Statehouse in January?

Regardless of the outcomes of the Vermont primary and general elections, elected legislators and statewide officials are required by the Vermont Constitution to be sworn in and assume their constitutional duties during the first week of January 2021.

Let us hope that these important ceremonies of Vermont state government can take place — safely — under the golden dome inside the historic walls of our Vermont Statehouse. This gathering of the leaders of Vermont state government within our currently silent Statehouse would represent a major milestone and accomplishment amid this COVID-19 pandemic — an accomplishment for which all citizens of our beloved state will deserve shared credit. May it be so.

Feel free to be in touch throughout this extended legislative session: Send me an email or give me a call — Hinesburg Rep. Bill Lippert's email: wlippert@leg.state.vt.us or 802-734-0593.

VT Delegation Sends Letter Urging USDA Do More for Dairy Farmers

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Senator Patrick Leahy (D), Senator Bernie Sanders (I) and Representative Peter Welch (D), co-chair of the

Congressional Dairy Farmer Caucus, on May 13 led a letter to Secretary Sonny Perdue urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture to do more to support dairy farmers facing an economic crisis due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Leahy is vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the most senior member of the Agriculture Committee.

They point out that cratering demand caused by the pandemic has created an existential crisis for Vermont dairy farmers already struggling with low milk prices.

“Dairy farms are the backbone of Vermont's rural economy and offer critical nutrition and high-quality products to individuals across the country,” wrote Leahy, Sanders and Welch. “Our dairy farmers face unprecedented challenges and have received little of the support that Congress has provided. While we appreciate the recent Farmers to Families Food Box contracts awarded for Vermont, we urge you to act immediately to use all available programs to support the struggling dairy industry, including the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program to provide direct relief to farmers in need.”

Specifically, the letter urges the USDA to use tools already at their disposal to immediately:

Compensate dairy farmers for the months they will be impacted the most by low milk prices.

Pay producers to reduce production and compensate them for milk that has to be dumped.

Reopen the Dairy Margin Coverage Program for 2020.

Convene an emergency hearing to establish a price floor for milk.

The full letter is available at tinyurl.com/VTdairyletter.

Zuckerman COVID-19 Update

BY LT. GOV. DAVID ZUCKERMAN, MAY 21

Since mid-March the Legislature has been working exclusively on bills related to the COVID-19 crisis. Now that initial emergency legislative adjustments for the pandemic has let up, the Senate is working on the bills that predate the crisis, while also continuing with COVID-19 issues as they arise. In addition, the Senate must pass a budget bill to fund the first quarter of the fiscal year, which starts July 1. The Legislature normally is adjourned for the year by mid-May, but this is not a normal year. We are currently in session four days a week and likely will be for the next several weeks.

One bill that I am happy to report just passed is S.337 which allows the

state's electric efficiency utilities — Efficiency Vermont and Burlington Electric Department — to spend up to \$2 million over the next three years on heating and transportation efficiency projects. This will create jobs and save Vermonters money. This is important as transportation and heating now account for 80% of Vermonters' energy costs and contribute to climate change pollution.

Another important bill, S.243, establishes an Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission. The bill provides for a council of public safety, fire, EMS, and others to ensure that counseling and related services are available to maintain the health of those first on the scene to help us. “Vermont's dedicated first responders give our communities strength in times of crisis. First responders told us how important a support system is to them — to recover from physically, mentally, and emotionally challenging work,” said Ginny Lyons, chair of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

Heroes Funding

I am grateful for the U.S. House's passage of the HEROES Act on Friday. This act will provide critical emergency financial assistance to working families, states and local governments.

On May 20, I sent a letter to Sen. Leahy, Sen. Sanders and Rep. Welch, thanking them for their tireless efforts to address our current public health and economic crisis. I asked them to prioritize three specific issues in federal assistance: increasing direct emergency payments to working families, assistance to local government, and reforms to the Paycheck Protection Program. We hope that an extension will be granted to businesses that are unable to open, or need to open in very limited ways, in order to maximize loan forgiveness. Current guidance says that in order to receive maximum loan forgiveness, businesses must document the payroll and other expenses during the “covered period” which is eight weeks from the date of the loan. You can read my full letter at tinyurl.com/ZuckermanHero.

Working Lands Grants Available

The Working Lands Enterprise Board has launched a one-time grant program called COVID-19 Response Business Development Grants. Funding is available for agriculture and forestry businesses to maintain operations while increasing capacity to rebuild or recover during an unprecedented time of need. Available funds total \$180,000 and eligible grants will be awarded within the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000. The application period closes on May 31, 2020. You can apply at agriculturegrants.vermont.gov.

Resources for Families From the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

For families coping with COVID-19, constituent Russell Himmelstein compiled these resources for children, adolescents and families: tinyurl.com/AACAPresources.

They were recently mentioned on the CNN/“Sesame Street” town hall for kids.

Thank you for supporting quality mental health care. As you know, children's mental health remains vitally important, especially during the pandemic.

Economic Impact

On May 15, we saw an unprecedented number of Vermonters show up for the Farmers to Families food distribution in Berlin. This is a terribly trying time for everyone. The economic impact of the stay home, stay safe order has been particularly hard on working class Vermonters, independent business operators and many in the hospitality industry. I continue to be frustrated with the lack of progress on resolving the Unemployment Insurance and Pandemic Unemployment challenges that Vermonters are facing. Additionally, it was very distressing to hear that some Vermonters' complete Social Security numbers were inadvertently compromised. This is not acceptable. No one should be going hungry and no one should have their SSN/private information revealed.

Please contact my office if you are in a situation where you need help. Your representatives, senators and I are all working hard to try to help individuals as well as figure out the best way forward to safely rebuild and reopen our state so that the need for food lines will diminish. For more information on future food distribution locations please go to vtfoodbank.org/coronavirus-services-for-individuals.

Please also visit my Facebook page at facebook.com/VTLtGov for recent updates with many links in the comments section for help for individuals, businesses, visitors, camping and so many other constantly changing parameters of the state orders.

We need to continue to be careful. We still must keep physical distance, wear masks, wash hands and watch out for the vulnerable.

Contact information:

Office of the Lieutenant Governor: 115 State Street, Montpelier Vermont 05633. 802-828-2226. LtGov.vermont.gov.

CSWD

CSWD Receives Hazardous Waste Management Grant from VT DEC

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Chittenden Solid Waste District has been awarded a grant worth \$106,470 by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to help cover costs for providing facilities and education for the proper disposal of hazardous waste generated by residents and qualifying businesses.

The grant is part of a solid waste assistance fund provided by the state to help towns and solid waste planning entities implement their solid waste plans, as required by state law. The grant is awarded annually by the DEC, an arm of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

CSWD uses the grant to help fund the district's hazardous waste collection program, which includes the Environmental Depot, a facility located in South Burlington that accepts hazardous waste year-round from households and Chittenden County businesses, and the Rover, a mobile collection program that complements the depot.

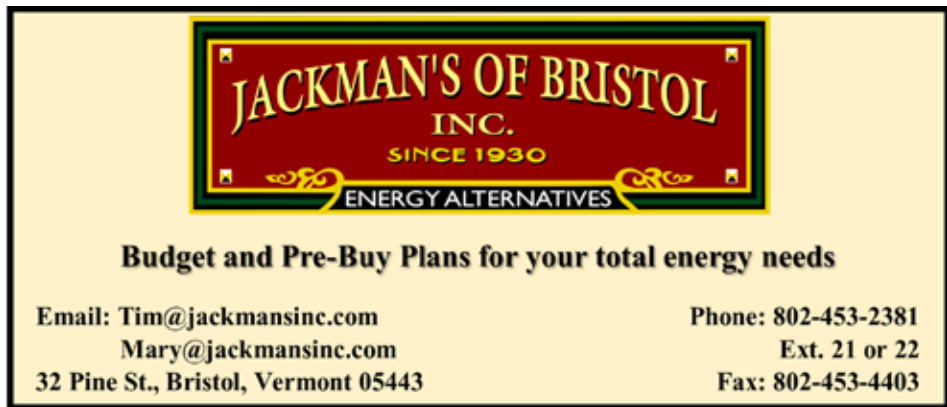
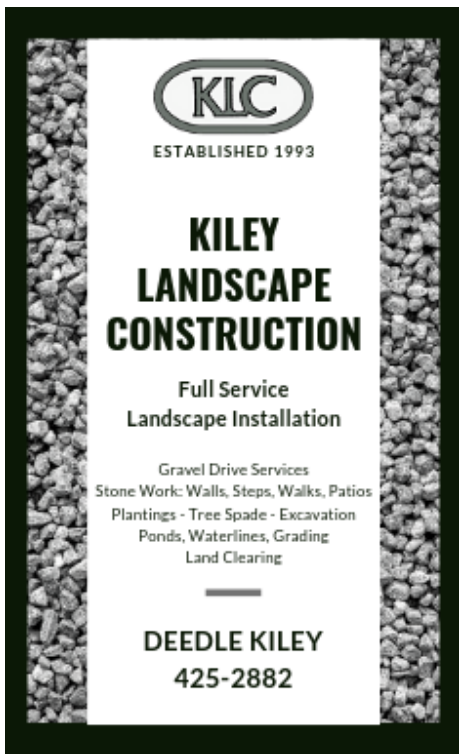
“These funds will be used to help support our hazardous waste collection program for residents and qualifying businesses,” said Josh Estey, CSWD's director of compliance. “This program costs more than \$500,000 to manage more than 600,000 pounds of waste collected each year. The grant will help alleviate some of these costs.”

The funds will be used specifically to help cover costs for proper disposal of waste collected — expected to be nearly \$225,000 in fiscal year 2020 — as well as for making district members aware of the collection program.

“The grant will cover only a fraction of the cost of this program, but it is a significant help to receive this funding so we can continue to provide convenient access for our members to dispose of their hazardous waste properly,” says Estey.

Some program expenses are offset by revenue sources including product stewardship programs, which reimburse CSWD for collecting certain products and materials, hazardous waste handling fees charged to businesses, and proceeds from the sale of Local Color paint, made by district staff from latex paint brought in for recycling.

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Thanks and Announcements

BY ALISE CERTA, MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Dear neighbors,

I want to personally thank all of you who have reached out with messages of support and kindness for me and for our staff.

Anyone whose job handles customer service during this time understands the stress that comes with this important role. To all essential workers, a huge thank you from our CSWD staff. Our drop-off center staff is there with you and the random acts of kindness coming from our customers mean so much. Especially when we know that everyone’s lives have been upended and we all long for “normal” life to resume.

This week I am able to announce good news regarding our facilities.

The Essex Drop-Off Center opened on Saturday, May 16.

The Environmental Depot opened on Wednesday, May 20, by appointment only.

Please see the posts below for details on both openings as hours, materials accepted, fees and limitations have changed.

Please observe the facility guidelines we have in place to help keep yourself and our staff safe:

- Stay six feet apart from each other and our staff.
- Wear a mask.
- Consolidate your visits to reduce traffic through our drop-off centers.

► Hinesburg Grants

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tain your low- and moderate-income employees?

If you answered yes to these three questions, then the Hinesburg Economic Development Committee may be able to help you with a Hinesburg Business Economic Recovery Grant of up to \$5,000 to support your business during this critical period.

To apply, go to tinyurl.com/HinesburgGrants

If you have questions or want to learn more, please reach out to Melissa Levy at mlevy718@gmail.com or any of the other members of the Hinesburg Economic Development/Revolving Loan Fund Committees.

Essex Drop-Off Center Reopens

Limited Materials, New Fees & Hours

On Saturday, May 16, 2020, the Essex Drop-Off Center reopened with new limits on materials and quantities, new flat fees and new hours of operation. All other drop-off centers remain closed until further notice.

Location: 218 Colchester Road, Essex Junction, Vermont Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

Materials Accepted, Fees, Limits:

Household trash — up to eight (45-gallon) barrels or bags; \$10 (one-four) or \$20 (five-eight)

Blue-bin recycling (in any container) — included in trash fee; \$10 to \$20 without trash

Food scraps (30-gallon maximum) — included in the trash fee, \$10 without trash

Leaves and yard trimmings (one pickup load per day) — no fee

Natural and untreated wood (equivalent of four, 30-gallon barrels/bags per day; left loose on wood pile.) — no fee

NO TRAILERS or dumping mechanisms will be allowed.

Safety Guidelines:

We request that all customers wear masks and stay six feet apart.

Vehicles will be metered into the facility.

CSWD chose the Essex DOC as the second location to reopen (the Williston location is also open) because the driveway can handle a long

line without backing up onto the main roadway; the site is large enough to reconfigure with extra stations for customers to dispose of trash and recycling to maximize throughput; and Essex is our most visited site, serving a large segment of our customers.

“Maintaining safe operations for our customers and staff is at the heart of our reopening plan,” states CSWD Executive Director Sarah Reeves. “Beyond that, we are weighing how to satisfy the needs of customers in all areas of Chittenden County with more open locations and options to safely and economically manage items they can’t put in the trash or recycling. Like the governor, we’re carefully monitoring the impact of each reopening to ensure we can sustain the next phase. We look forward to providing more options for our residents in the coming weeks.”

For more information on which drop-off centers are open, and hours and fees, go to cswd.net/chittenden-county-solid-waste-facilities-drop-off-centers.

Environmental Depot in South Burlington Reopens

By Appointment Only

Effective immediately, you must make an appointment at least 24 hours ahead of your visit to use this facility.

This new system will ensure our staff can maintain a safe work environment and provide adequate physical distancing for our customers and staff.

Appointment Times Available:

Businesses: Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. Businesses and institutions should call 802-865-4663 instead of using the online form.

Residents: Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You’ll need to make your appointment at least 24 hours ahead of the time you want to visit. Time slots less than 24 hours away and those already taken will not appear as options. Appointments may be scheduled as far in advance as desired.

You will receive a confirmation email that includes important safety guidelines and other details.

Go to cswd.net/environmental-depot-drop-off-scheduling to make an appointment.

Location: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington.

Green Up Day — May 30

Green Up Vermont is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year on May 30!

CSWD congratulates Green Up Vermont on 50 years of great work. To find out what your town is doing for Green Up Day this year, please contact your town’s Green Up Vermont coordinator directly.

Please note: to ensure Green Up Day litter and fees are accurately tracked, CSWD coordinates the drop off of all litter collected on Green Up Day in advance with Chittenden County cities and towns. Any litter brought by individuals to our drop-off centers will be charged our normal fees, regardless of when they are brought in or whether they are in Green Up bags. You will need to coordinate your bag pick up and litter drop-off with your Green Up Vermont coordinator directly.

Hinesburg’s Green Up Vermont Coordinator is Phil Pouech, 802-482-2060, ppouech@gmavt.net.

BUSINESS

Supporting Businesses in Hinesburg in the Era of COVID-19

BY WALTER HAUSERMANN

The Hinesburg Economic Development Committee is busy considering ideas for how to help local businesses survive the economic downturn as a result of COVID-19.

The committee is gathering information from a survey that was sent to businesses in Hinesburg recently. The types of businesses that have responded so far are restaurants (4), construction (3), personal care services (4), agricultural (2), transportation (1), daycare (2), retail (1), manufacturing (1), entertainment (1) and consulting (2). Of the 21 respondents, 75% reported an economic impact for their employees. The businesses were a combination of community business storefront locations, as well as in-home locations.

The short survey is still available. If you received one, please consider completing it, as the information will be useful for the town in helping to provide local businesses with appropriate guidance and resources now and in the future as we work together to recover from this downturn.

The committee has also been approved by the town of Hinesburg and the state of Vermont to reallocate funds from the Revolving Loan Fund program, for grants of up to \$5,000 to help support businesses during these unprecedented economic times. Businesses must be located in Hinesburg and show they’ve been

adversely impacted by COVID-19 and the resulting downturn in the economy. The funds are meant to support and retain low- and moderate-income owners and employees of Hinesburg businesses. Find information about the grant on the town of Hinesburg website hinesburg.org/rlf. Or to apply, please visit tinyurl.com/HinesburgRecoveryGrant.

Please be aware there is a limited amount of funding available, so apply today.

If you have questions, or need a survey, please reach out to one of the members of the Economic Development Committee via email: Melissa Levy at mlevy718@gmail.com, or Walter Hausermann at walterh@gmavt.net.

Additionally, information is available on Hinesburg’s Front Porch Forum or the town of Hinesburg Facebook Page.



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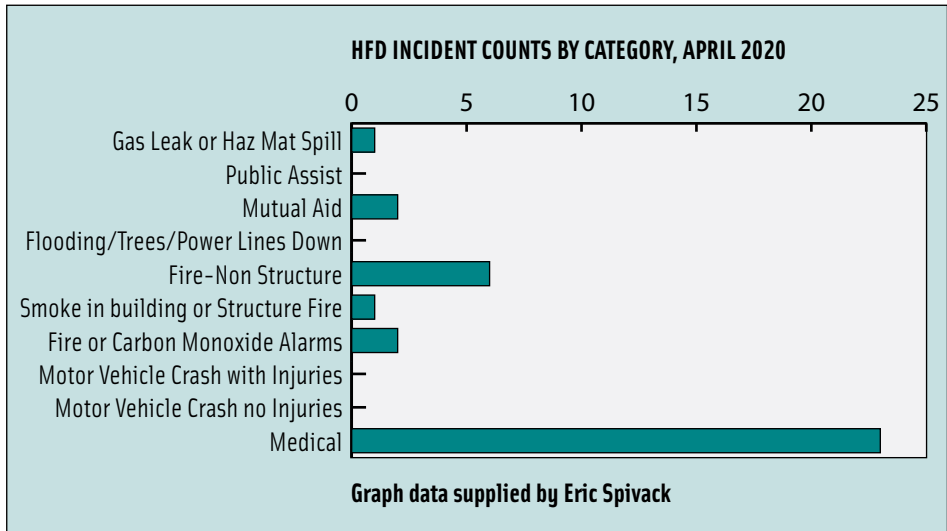


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Email: library@carpentercarse.org

Library News

To our library friends and patrons: we miss your smiling faces! In terms of library services, we hope to open in some fashion by June 1. In the interim, we offer curbside pickup of library materials (anything in the catalog that appears as available can be checked out to your account). You can place holds with your library account information in the cat-

alog, or email us at library@carpentercarse.org or leave us a phone message at 802-482-2878. We check the requested items out to your account, wrap them in a paper wrapper with your name on it, and it sits on a black cart under our entrance for you to pick up. We can also bring things to you if you are still avoiding public spaces. At the moment, curbside service is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We expect to extend this to every day of the week imminently, but have a bit more planning to do in order to make this happen.

We also have a laptop computer set up under the porch which you can use if you need internet access. If you need to print, we can arrange that as well.

We aren’t open yet because we can’t get our hands on critical cleaning materials, and we have to make some adjustments to our space in order to make it a safer environment for our

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staff and patrons. We may open by appointment before we open completely. As we know, it's a bummer to NOT be open, but we also want to ensure that we can operate safely before we open up again. We had a member of our staff who had COVID-19 and was hospitalized. This staff member was on vacation the week they became symptomatic, so (thankfully) no one else on our staff was impacted. But it made clear that the virus is not an abstraction. We hope you and your families have been keeping each other entertained, and we miss you too. Also, for obvious reasons, when we do reopen we are going to require that you wear a mask. Think of it as an opportunity to wear funny outfits (and masks!) Please visit our website for the latest information about our reopening plans.

June Youth Events

Youngster Virtual Storytime

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 9:30-10 a.m.

Join us every Tuesday morning via Zoom for a virtual storytime! Virtual

storytimes are geared toward children ages infancy-6 and their caregivers. Join Ms. Jen for stories, songs and games that are designed to promote early literacy skills in a fun environment. Please email jen@carpentercarse.org to be added to our email list (Zoom invitations will be emailed weekly). You can also check out our prerecorded video storytimes on the Carpenter-Carse Library website.

Summer Reading Program 2020

Our Summer Reading Program Theme This Year is "Imagine Your Story!"

Summer 2020 is going to be different in many ways and this will be true also for this year's Summer Reading Program. However, we will do everything we can to keep you all supplied with great summer reads, and every child can still keep a summer reading log to track their progress. Right now, it looks like most of our summer programs will happen virtually, and more information will be available soon about which online platform public libraries will be using to bring you these fun performances and stories. Even if you have a library card and have attended library programs in the past, please be sure to email jen@carpentercarse.org to sign up for SRP



Library items are available for curbside pickup.

2020 so that you can be added to our current email list and receive regular updates.

Beginning June 10 — Imagine Your Story reading logs will be available at the library for pickup. While you're here, check out Jack's Magical Book Beanstalk outside the library, where you will be able to add titles you've completed all summer. You can also plant your own bean stalk in the library garden and make a tag to label your plant. Throughout the summer, stop in to water and weed your plant, and in August we will harvest these magical beans for the Hinesburg Food Shelf!

July 1, 10-11:30 a.m. Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences presents "Animal Myths and Legends"

July 8, 10-11:30 a.m. Fairy Tales and Fairy Houses!

July 15, 10-11:30 a.m. Dance with Ashley!

July 22, 10-11:30 a.m. Quest to Find the Dragon Eggs!

July 29, 10-11:30 a.m. A Hero's Tale

Visit carpentercarse.org for detailed descriptions of programs and to register.




Our clerk Elizabeth masked and shelving books after they've been in quarantine.

StoryWalks

When your family is out for a walk this summer, keep an eye out for StoryWalks! Starting in June, Carpenter-Carse Library will install children's stories (laminated cards mounted on wooden stakes) along a path or trail that you can read while taking a walk and enjoying the great summer weather! Check carpentercarse.org for specific locations and stories throughout the summer.



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COMMENTARY

Building a Regional Food Supply System Out of the Pandemic

BY BILL SCHUBART

Opportunities lurk in every downturn. To recover and move forward, we must do more than scramble back to the past, we must ferret out and explore better and more secure ways to live and thrive.

Such is the case with our food supply chain. As in so many areas of consumer consumption, we have since the '60s sought to minimize price and maximize profits by using "just-in-time" and "lean" manufacturing processes, creating a cadre of unaccountable monopolies over which we have little practical control. When nature rebels, as she always does, our sophisticated human processes show little resilience and often break down.

Dairy farmers here and elsewhere are dumping milk, some of which leaches into our riverine systems and lakes.

Around the U.S., industrial truck farmers are plowing under crops because they have no seasonal workers to harvest the crops. Beef and pork producers are discussing destroying their animals as industrial meat-processing facilities close down when COVID-19 infects their workers.

We blame the animal wet markets in China where the virus appears to have come to life, but our own hyper-efficient food chain technology is equally ripe for nature's attacks. One cannot visit a modern hog farm without surgical suite protocols and biohazard clothing — not to protect the visitor but to protect the pigs living cheek-by-jowl in small pens. Remember the fifty-odd industrial hog farm manure lagoon overflows during Hurricane Florence that poisoned the water systems of people miles away?

Feedlots gorge steers with corn and grain to create the fat marbling that we relish in our steaks. But the nature of bovines is to forage for a mix of grasses. Diets too rich in corn and grain overwhelm the rumen's microbiome causing acidosis and diarrhea. Feedlots where steers are fed in close proximity to their own excrement require them to be treated with sub-therapeutic antibiotics. Long considered essential to good soil maintenance, manure from the beef indus-

try's feedlots is treated as toxic waste because of the antibiotics, medicine and ionophores it contains.

Vermont's small farms operate in stark contrast to the industrial food chain.

Steers, lambs, goats and poultry graze in open spaces living off what nature provides while enriching the soil on which their feed depends. I remember the 4-H fairs and Grange meetings where young Vermonters paraded beloved farm animals that they were husbanding, even though they were being raised to provide food.

As consumers watch the news and see in savage detail the disrupted supply chain that has delivered their food to supermarket shelves, they're turning in greater numbers to their neighbors for food and local farmers are seeing an upsurge in direct local buyers. Farmers markets and on-farm food stands with advance ordering and payment and distanced pickups are burgeoning. The Intervale Food Hub, drawing on the food resources of multiple Vermont farmers, has quadrupled in size since the pandemic began.

I remember some years back visiting with a Danish friend and hearing of Copenhagen's sophisticated farm-to-table supply chain. Danes log on in the morning to see what seasonal food products are available at over 500 Danish farms, place and pay for an order, then pick it up on the return commute, driving through a plaza not unlike our highway toll stations. One's multi-farm order is consolidated in a pick-pack warehouse and left at the toll station for drive-through pick up ... pre-pandemic social distancing.

Vermont's farm and food economy has grown over the past decade through intentional production increases, market expansion efforts and increased consumer demand — from \$7.5 billion in 2007 to \$11.3 billion in 2017. Some 65,000 Vermonters earn a living from our 11,000 farm and food enterprises. But still Vermonters only spend about 14% of their food budget (\$310 million of \$2 billion) on local food. Imagine the economic impact on our rural communities if we increased our spending on local and regional food to 50%.

At the behest of the Legislature, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets in partnership with the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund has produced An Economic Development Plan for the Stabilization, Diversification and Revitalization of Agriculture in Vermont. The plan is forward-looking and thorough, al-

though perhaps additional attention might have addressed the technical, transactional and co-warehousing/fulfillment options that could enable our 600 farms to expand their direct-to-consumer service options.

Vermont farmers are also seeing opportunity in regenerative agriculture, a set of farming principles and practices that restore and enrich farming soils and watersheds. Industrial farming ignores commonly accepted principles of humane animal husbandry in favor of process efficiency and low cost. Monocropping requires chemical applications, some of which have been found to be cancerous or otherwise deleterious to human health.

Now that our dairy industry is inextricably bound to the broken national food supply, we are actively reimagining Vermont's and the region's food supply in a way that stimulates family farms, their communities, and the state economy, while offering reliable quality food options for Vermonters. Rather than trying to shore up our vast dairy farms currently losing money producing milk for which there is a declining market, VAAFM should continue to focus on the growing number of diversified, regenerative farming operations. Our large-scale dairy operations can also de-commodify to current market demand, then specialize and diversify, which many are trying to do.

Like the banks in 2008, our massive national food supply monopolies have become too big to fail.

The outsized influence and profit in the current system prevents it from rightsizing to market, resilience and sustainability.

One of our local CSA/farm stands in Hinesburg is Trillium Hill. Another is Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman's Full Moon Farm. Both sell direct to local Hinesburgers and Trillium sells wholesale to Lantman's Market next door. There are over a hundred community farms selling direct to Vermonters and local groceries. It's in our best interest to support them and the rural economy they're supporting in our harder-hit communities.

It's intriguing to catalog the emerging farm descriptors, precisely because they reflect the real concerns of customers: humanely raised, antibiotic-free grass-fed, free-range, cage-free, all natural, organic, etc. With the exception of the ill-defined descriptors like "all natural" and "organic," our national food supply is incapable of responding to these marketplace demands.

If we let emerging market forces prevail, our agriculture systems will continue their move to local, diversified, regenerative agriculture that supports our working landscape.

Barn Talk

BY ROGER DONEGAN

A curious offhand comment I heard upon first visiting Hinesburg in 1976 alluded to something called "barn talk," a time that coincides with the first meeting of my future father-in-law, Howard H. Russell, the patriarchal namesake of the Russell Family Farm.

An initial impression of Hinesburg leaves newcomers at awe with a genuine sense of Vermont wholesomeness.

So, I was more than all ears regarding a place, in a barn particularly, where a brand of talk, allegedly a type of cussing, took place beyond earshot of house and home. What's more, I gathered the expetive-laden speech was perfectly fine as long as it stayed in the barn.

Buttressing my personal memory is an article titled: "Students Are Learning About Hinesburg" (Burlington Free Press, May 13, 1976). The piece was an interview of Howard as an oral history project by eighth-graders of the Hinesburg Elementary School's bicentennial project on farming, education and architecture. The young interviewers' tools included pen and paper, a tape recorder and flashbulb popping cameras. The article was as much about the eighth-graders' mission that day as an interview of Howard H. Russell. The article accompanied a large close-up photo taken on the spur of the moment of two students within a hand's reach of an untethered, ram-bunctious, solid looking 3-day old 3/4 Morgan horse colt as the center of attention. Howard, dressed in jeans, a short sleeve athletic T-shirt, and a UVM Class of '39 ball cap, stood nearby ready to intervene if needed.

Howard, of course, was born on the farm. He graduated from UVM College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and taught that subject for a short time. He operated the family farm most of his life, one unfortunately cut short at age 65 by a tragic barn accident in November 1983. Meeting Howard left good impressions as well. He loved, and was beloved by, family, friends, neighbors, the neighbor's children and new people alike. Gertrude, his mother, once shared with me privately as he was heading off down the driveway on a tractor that he was always helping somebody when he had plenty to do himself. He was an attractive man with a calm voice and an infectious laugh. He'd chuckle at the mention of a humorous, long running feature in the agricultural journals called "The Song of the Lazy Farmer," author(s) actually left unidentified or "unknown" by the publications, as he knew there couldn't be such a person.

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Howard was muscular but very lean, and had outsized calloused hands that came with farm life. He had a nervous energy. While standing still in work clothes he'd sometimes exhibit an upper body twitch, which might be described as appearing to hike up his pants that slipped about his waist with his elbows. Compared to most he had lots of body hair except for on the top of his head, a contrast in appearance which came up in conversation from time to time. Howard would tell the story — and if he told a story once he'd tell it often — that took place in the church foyer.

It was of a time when people dressed formally for Sunday service.

As he described it, while standing in the foyer wearing a jacket, tie and a white shirt, the woman with whom he was conversing subconsciously reached out and plucked a hair off his shirt. He jumped a little, looked at

her calmly, and said “that one was attached” before erupting into laughter which unintentionally mortified the woman on the spot.

I once asked Howard if he had ever been to a big city. His response was “no,” which he seemed proud to say. He'd cross into Canada to look at horses, but not to Montreal. He had never been to Boston to see a major sports team play in a stadium like the Boston Patriots. However, he was a participating member of the Masonic Patriot Lodge No. 33 here in Hinesburg.

However, no one should be surprised he'd venture as far as Newport, Rhode Island in 1979 to visit his one and only daughter and most recent grandson. We lived in Navy housing while I was assigned to a destroyer escort, a “tin can” as sailors are want to say. The Navy had re-designated the ship class as “fast frigates” with the stroke of a pen in 1975. Yet it was more akin to a floating V-8 engine block than an empty tin can which makes its buoyancy all the more puzzling. I wanted to show Howard our boiler room, aka, the fireroom on board. Size wise the

fireroom was infinitely larger than any “room” in a house, having three floors or levels of its own within the lowest structural compartment of the hull. Despite being jam packed with pipes, valves and machinery, Howard still wanted to peer below the lowest level deck plates, something an inspecting officer or Navy brass liked to do. If the bilges, usually awash with some amount of water, were at least clean of oil and fuel, then the fireroom, manned by watch standers, was considered satisfactory and a credit to personnel.

I didn't “swear like a sailor” as the saying goes, certainly not in company, but I heard plenty. I wondered how barn talk compared to sailors' salty language. Although not all expressions passed down are foul mouthed, some actually amount to tradition. Consider the saying “a clean bill of health.” “This widely used term has its origins in the document once issued to a ship showing that the port it sails from suffered from no epidemic or infection at the time of departure.” (“Salty Words,” Robert Hendrickson, 1984).

Howard had many expressions or running comments to hold up his end of the conversation. He'd say such things as “hard work will take the starch out of you” or he'd share “so and so was a wonderful person but it took all a man's religion to live with her” then laugh. Or “if someone was going to be a gentleman farmer then he just might as well go off to the legislature.” I only made it into the barn a few times with Howard, as I was usually somewhere between being a novice and useless.

I never did hear him utter an ill word.

On one occasion I heard him say in the midst of a job that something “was heavier than a dead minister” which put me at odds as to what that meant. I later found the expression in a collection of American colloquialisms so it's not likely an original piece of Hinesburg barn talk. As to meaning I only get so far as a vision of six skinny hard-working lifelong farmers carrying the casket of their deceased minister.

EDUCATION

VSAC's “Have Takeout on Us” Celebrates H.S. Class of 2020

Congrats High School Seniors! Share a Photo for a Chance at Your Favorite Grub Compliments of VSAC From press release

To all the graduating high school seniors in Vermont: Congratulations! VSAC wants to pay for takeout, to celebrate you.

That's right. Vermont Student Assistance Corporation will pay \$50 toward takeout for five seniors each week, now through June 26. That could be pizza, subs or even something from the local store next door.

We know you've worked hard and accomplished a lot. Now's your chance to celebrate your success. All you have to do is post a picture using #VSACDelivers and tag @802VSAC. This is the time to get creative with stickers, emojis or other fun filters. Consider a favorite memory, pics with friends or an accomplishment.

We'll randomly select five winners every Friday at 4:30 p.m., and we'll comment on your photo to let you know you've won. We'll then work with you to arrange for takeout from your favorite local restaurant or food business.

Each winner also receives a \$50 Gift of College card from the Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan, Vermont's 529 college savings plan, administered by VSAC. The card can be used for the student's fu-

ture education expenses. Plus, everyone who posts a photo using the #VSACDelivers and tags @802VSAC qualifies for the grand drawing for \$529 from VHEIP to be held by June 30, 2020.

Class of 2020, congrats!

About VSAC — Changing Lives through Education and Training since 1965

Vermont Student Assistance Corporation is a public, non-profit agency established by the Vermont Legislature in 1965 to help

Vermonters achieve their education and training goals after high school. VSAC serves students and their families in grades 7-12, as well as adults returning to school, by providing education and career planning services, need-based grants, scholarships and education loans. VSAC has awarded more than \$600 million in grants and scholarships for Vermont students, and also administers Vermont's 529 college savings plan. Share your VSAC story by email to myVSACs-tory@vsac.org or submit a video to YouTube. Find us at vsac.org or check

in on Facebook and Twitter #changing lives.

About VHEIP

The Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan, a 529 college savings plan, was established in 1999 and is Vermont's only state-sponsored 529 plan and as such the only 529 plan eligible for the Vermont income tax credit on contributions. VHEIP is administered by the Vermont Student Assistance Corp. and managed by Intuition College Savings Solutions. For more information about setting up a VHEIP account, visit vheip.org or call the customer service center at 800-637-5860.

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Each individual is limited to one entry.

Each week's winners will be selected from all eligible entries by random selection.

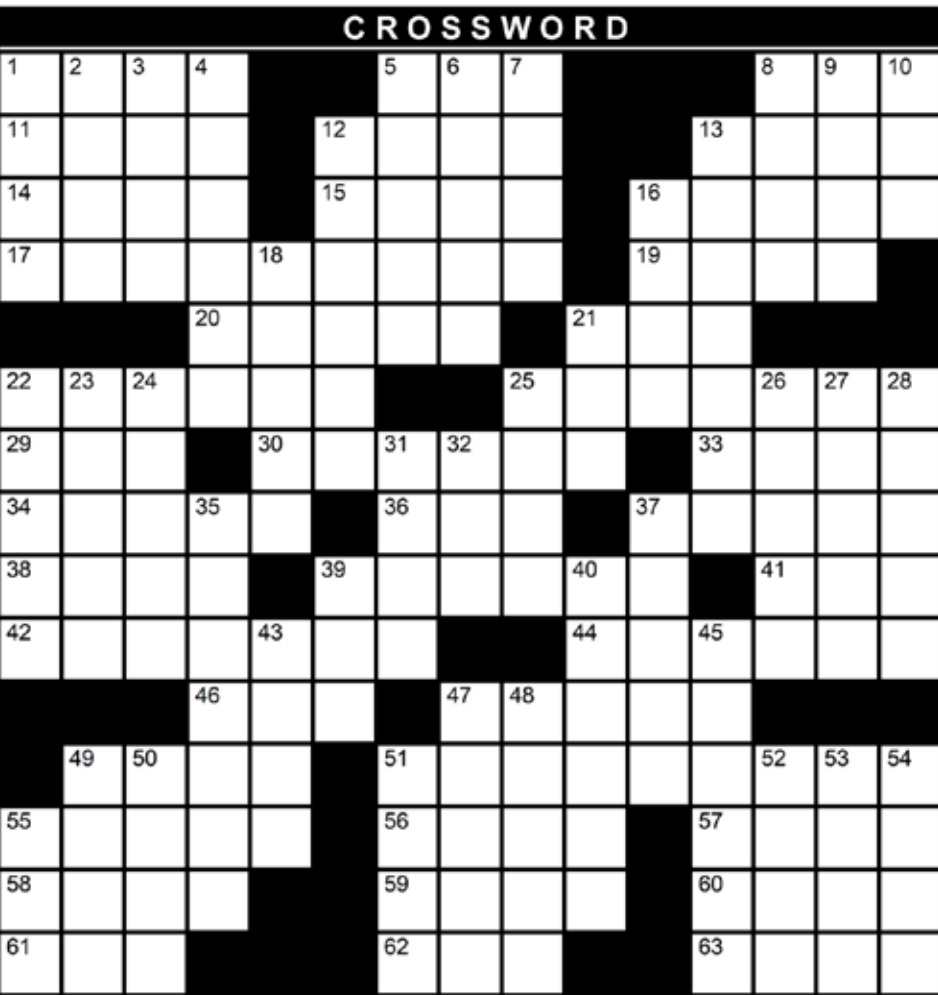
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ACROSS

1. Requests
5. Pub dispenser
8. Feline sound
11. HGTV's “_____ or Flop”
12. Ferdinand, e.g.
13. Like a ghost
14. *Pro _____, or in proportion
15. Miscellany
16. *Elsewhere
17. *Response to #51 Across?
19. Cher has one
20. Marine enchantress
21. Not tac nor toe
22. *Not underwear!
25. *Battery's companion
29. Literary “even”
30. “_____ it _____,” or go full force
33. Quartet minus one
34. Greyish brown
36. Common conjunction
37. Ban from school, e.g.
38. Homesteader's measurement
39. Complete failure
41. “Stand and Deliver” singer
42. Relating to breastbone
44. Spectacle venues
46. Marcia's jealous sister
47. Type of assistant, for short
49. Sudden and brilliant success
51. *Courtroom protest
55. Like blue sky
56. Twins, e.g.
57. Was a passenger
58. Shirking work
59. Volcano in Sicily
60. All over again
61. *_____ se or _____ tem
62. Bear's hangout
63. Quiet attention grabber

DOWN

1. Big do
2. Eastern European
3. Toy with a tail
4. Thinly spread
6. Tutu fabric
6. Mork from Ork
7. Walk, as through mud
8. Cripple
9. Major European river
10. Ancient Chinese dynasty
12. Stock exchange, in Paris
13. Mollify
16. Anisette, for short
18. Often precedes through, to search
21. Cough syrup amt.
22. Greek Bs
23. Don't just stand there!
24. Habituate
25. Gives a hand
26. Of a city
27. Tarzan's swing rope
28. *Reasons to sue
31. Peacock's pride
32. Genetic initials
35. *Lie made under oath
37. Pre-Ionic
39. Belieber or Parrothead, e.g.
40. Usually not allowed in court
43. Back of the neck
45. *To lure into a compromising act
47. *To annul or suspend
48. Jinn or genie
49. Old Russian autocrat
50. Anis-flavored aperitif
51. Newspaper piece
52. Atom that lost an electron, pl.
53. Words from Wordsworth, pl.
54. Type of salamander
55. European peak

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Think Green — Start a Victory Garden!

Growing Resilience in an Unstable World

BY JONATHAN CORCORAN, ACORN

The coronavirus pandemic, which some have referred to as World War C, is putting a strain on every aspect of the food supply chain, from the people who raise and grow what we eat to the people who deliver it to our supermarkets and who stock the shelves.

Resilience is the capacity to experience an interruption in the supply of a critical need and bounce back without suffering a serious, permanent setback.

Vermont is the last stop, you might say, a dead-end, in the global food supply chain. The trucks make their deliveries and then head back south. It's estimated that there is a three-day supply of food in our grocery stores.

What can we do as a community to

become resilient, more food-secure and more self-reliant so we are less dependent on decisions made far away from home?

For starters, you can buy your food from our local farms and producers. Go to Addison County Relocalization Network's new interactive online map of nearly 250 farmers and food producers in the Champlain Valley who sell food locally at: acornvt.org/onlinemarket and order online. In addition to the map, ACORN is hosting a virtual farmers market at that website to encourage people to shop online to order from local farms and food producers.

Join community-supported agriculture — which offers weekly farm shares with fresh greens, vegetables and root crops. Many farms also offer meat, cheese, eggs, milk and more.

Remember this: on average, \$0.48 of every dollar you spend at your local farm is re-circulated locally, compared to less than \$0.14 of every dollar you spend when you shop for food at a chain store.

You can also start a garden! Gardening is great for your health, and makes us more psychologically resilient; it connects and grounds us

in the natural world and provides fresh, nutrient-dense food to our bodies.

During both World Wars, our food system came under enormous pressure. Lots of farmers and food workers enlisted to fight and huge volumes of food were needed to feed our soldiers overseas.

So countries like the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom encouraged citizens on the homefront to plant victory gardens.

Victory gardens were plots in public parks, schools, the front and back yards of homes and any other unused land that might grow food. By 1944, 20 million gardens produced 40% of all the fresh fruits and vegetables consumed in the U.S.!

The first step is to locate your victory garden. Everyone will be working with different available spaces, be it deep windowsills, sunny spaces indoors, a fire escape or balcony, access to a roof, a front or back yard — find the sun and life will find a way to grow.

Then start your seedlings indoors and take or transplant them outdoors — all you need is potting soil, a container, seeds (try High Mowing Organic Seeds, Gardener's Supply or your local hardware store), water and sunlight. Or order your starts online from local nurseries through the ACORN site.

If you have plenty of outside space, consider square foot gardening (squarefootgardening.org). Shoot for 200 square feet per person so if you are a family of four, you'll need 800 square feet of growing space.

Then decide what you want to grow, make a garden plan and you're on your way to victory!

Here are some additional resources that will guide and inspire you every step of the way:

“The Time is Now for Vermont Victory Gardens” uvm.edu/newsstories/news/time-now-vermont-victory-gardens.

“How to Plant a Victory Garden” by Robin Sweetser: almanac.com/gardening/grow-victory-garden-coronavirus.

Charlie Nardoizzi's YouTube channel: youtube.com/user/charlienardoizzi.

“Vegetable Victory Garden” webinar by Charlie Nardoizzi: tinyurl.com/NardoizziVictory.

Vermont Community Garden Network: vcgn.org.

ACORN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization based in Middlebury, Vermont whose mission is to promote the growth and health of local food and agriculture in Vermont's southern Champlain Valley. We are working with growers, schools, businesses and community and statewide partners to double the consumption of locally grown food by 2020. For more information, go to acornvt.org.

No-Cost Curbside Appliance Recycling Helps Free Up Space, Bring in Cash

Social Distancing Practices Protect Customers During Curbside Pickup

FROM PRESS RELEASE

An Efficiency Vermont program aimed at reducing the number of inefficient appliances plugged into Vermont's

electric grid can help stay-at-home Vermonters free up space and generate cash; all without spending money or leaving home.

The offer is available to Vermonters with secondary refrigerators, stand-alone freezers, window-style air conditioners, and dehumidifiers.

All recycled appliances should be in working condition and owned by the customer. There is a limit of four per household. Pick up is free. Appliances will be tested at the recycling facility to verify they are in working order. A check will be sent to the customer based on the type of working appliance recycled. (If they are not operating, the appliances will still be properly recycled at no cost to the customer.) Efficiency Vermont will provide the following payments to customers who recycle working appliances:

\$50 check for refrigerators and freezers

\$20 check for window-style air conditioners and dehumidifiers

In order to protect both customer and driver safety, appliances can be left in an open garage, in a driveway, on a porch or in any other accessible location that doesn't require the driver to enter a home. Drivers will wear cloth face masks and maintain at least six feet of distance from customers at all times.

“This is just one of many programs Efficiency Vermont will be offering in the coming weeks to help Vermonters lower their energy costs amidst the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Efficiency Vermont Director Rebecca Foster. “We are working with our partners to bring forward no-cost and low-cost ways for businesses and residents to save energy and money.”

Pick up and recycling service will be provided by Appliance Recycling Centers of America, which is working under contract with Efficiency Vermont. Customers anywhere in Vermont can sign up for appliance recycling by calling ARCA at 888-998-6323. Pick up dates will occur from mid-May through June and will vary by region. Learn more at efficiencyvermont.com/recycle.

About Efficiency Vermont

Efficiency Vermont is helping our state transition to a more affordable and cleaner future. Since 2000, Efficiency Vermont has brought Vermonters together to reduce the cost of energy, saving more than \$2.6 billion in energy costs and keeping more than 12 million tons of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere. We work with our partners to provide incentives, technical advice and efficient products to help customers save money, and lower carbon emissions. For more information, contact Efficiency Vermont at 888-921-5990 or visit efficiencyvermont.com.

OUTDOORS

The Land Ethic

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

Whether you are a forest manager, landowner or enjoyer of the outdoors, it can be intimidating to know your role in the management of our forests. While there are some examples of good stewardship, humans' track record as land managers over the last few hundred years has been mostly poor, resulting in wholesale deforestation; the extirpation and extinction of numerous wildlife species; the introduction of invasive exotic plants, pests and pathogens; and the numerous stressors posed by climate change. Regardless, I believe that humans can develop an active, positive relationship with the land, one which protects and provides for both. A good roadmap for how we do this can be found in the formation of a “land ethic.”

Forester, author and conservation thinker Aldo Leopold posited the idea of a land ethic in his beautiful and seminal book “A Sand County Almanac,” published in 1949. At Leopold's time, an “ethic” was defined as a system of standards, morals and rules, for how humans treat each other. Leopold wondered why, when we had ethical standards with respect to other people, our relationship with the land was unethical, resulting in widespread environmental degradation. Just as a lack of ethics harms our human communities, Leopold noted that a lack of ethics toward the land harmed natural communities and ultimately ourselves, as we rely on the land for our survival and quality of life. Leopold's land ethic sought to expand the boundaries of our community to include the land, thusly ascribing the same ethics to the land as we do to our human communities. This approach is still unusual today, as many people would either protect the land by completely separating humans from it or regard the health of the land as something completely subordinate to human interests. Leopold wrote: “[A] land ethic changes the role of Homo sapiens from conqueror of the land-community to plain member and citizen of it. It implies respect for his fellow-members, and also respect for the community as such ... when we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.”

The goal of the land ethic is essentially three-fold. First, we must recognize the value of ecosystems to ourselves

and our society. In Vermont, forests clean our air and water, regulate our climate, protect our infrastructure from floodwaters, provide habitat for wildlife and the pollinators of agricultural crops, sequester and store the carbon, and much, much more. They also provide economic benefits by producing renewable resources like maple syrup and timber, and amazing and economically important forest-based recreational opportunities. They provide the context for everything we do as Vermonters, making our state a beautiful place to live, work and visit. They are critical to our physical health and quality of life, and the cultural and economic health of our communities.

The second part of the land ethic's goal is to recognize the intrinsic importance of our forests and other ecosystems. Leopold would argue that all the parts of forests, from trees to wildlife, have value regardless of whether they serve a direct human purpose. A modern understanding of forests reinforces the practicality of this mindset, as science increasingly reveals how seemingly insignificant parts of forests, like fungi and invertebrates, are critical to the health of the entire system, including the parts of it that we traditionally value more highly like trees and wildlife.

Finally, a land ethic helps us understand how humans can play a positive role in the stewardship of the land. By considering the previous two points, Vermonters can manage forests in a way that is truly symbiotic, including helping them recover from past human land use, buffering them against the effects of a changing climate and protecting them from human-introduced invasive exotic species, all while responsibly harvesting local, renewable forest resources. Using local, renewable resources maximizes the local benefits and minimizes the global harm of resource production and consumption, helping us be better local and global citizens.

Leopold would say that a land ethic “evolves in the mind of a thinking community.” Maybe thinking about the land ethic is just a gesture, but hopefully it is one that enriches our relationship with the land and helps us establish a more thoughtful, sustainable relationship with it. I think that we can all agree that forests and ecosystems deserve intentionality, thought and ethical treatment.

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Young Wildlife Belong in the Wild

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

Watching wildlife is enjoyable, especially when young animals appear in the spring. But it is best to keep your distance. Picking up young wildlife can do more harm than good, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, and it is also against the law.

When people see young animals alone, they often mistakenly assume these animals are helpless or lost, in trouble or needing to be rescued. Bringing young wildlife into a human environment often results in permanent separation from their mothers and a sad ending for the animal.

Handling wildlife could also pose a threat to the people involved. Wild animals can transmit disease and angry wildlife mothers can pose significant dangers.

Department scientists encourage wildlife watchers to respect the behavior of animals in the spring and early summer, and to resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful. Here are some helpful tips:

- Deer and moose nurse their young at different times during the day, and often leave young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.
- Young birds on the ground may have left their nest, but their parents will still feed them.
- Young animals such as foxes and raccoons will often follow their mother. The mother of a wildlife youngster is usually nearby but just out of sight to a person happening upon it.
- Animals that act sick can carry rabies, parasites or other harmful diseases. Do not handle them. Even though they do not show symptoms, healthy-looking raccoons, foxes, skunks and bats may also be carriers of the deadly rabies virus.
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nests during the spring and summer.

For information about rabies and wildlife conflicts, or truly orphaned wildlife (i.e., the adult has been hit by

a car) call the Vermont Rabies Hotline at 1-800-4RABIES (1-800-472-2437).

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal, even one you suspect is sick, injured or has been abandoned.



Picking up young wildlife can do more harm than good, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. It's also against the law. VTF&W photo by John Hall

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ARTS & LEISURE

Hinesburg Artist Series Concert Cancellations and Updates

BY RUFUS PATRICK

The Hinesburg Artist Series Annual Concert was scheduled for March 22, and as many of you know was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are now planning to perform Dan Forrest's incredible composition "Jubilate Deo" in March 2021 for our 25th year. Our Spring Concert, scheduled for Mother's Day, May 10, was also canceled, and although there was no concert, we still had the usual snow for our concert weekend. You can check hinesburgartistseries.org, the Hinesburg Artist Series Facebook

page and future Hinesburg Record articles for concert and performance updates.

The Hinesburg Artist Series encompasses the South County Chorus, Hinesburg Community Band and the a cappella group In Accord. We will continue with our mission of "providing opportunities for the community to experience and celebrate the musical arts" as soon as possible. In the interim we are hoping to have virtual music performances by some of our members posted on our website or Facebook page. Thank you to our entire community, musicians and advertisers for your continued support. If you would like to make a donation please visit hinesburgartistseries.org.

Shelburne Museum to Close for Summer Due to COVID-19

All Exhibitions, Programs Canceled, Campus Closed to Public

FROM PRESS RELEASE

For the first time in its 73-year history, Shelburne Museum will not open for summer due to concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic, Museum Director Thomas Denenberg announced. All exhibition buildings, the grounds and the museum store will remain closed through the spring and summer months.

Exhibitions will be canceled or postponed. Events and activities, educational programming and rental events will be canceled or rescheduled. The museum's administrative offices are

also closed, with staff working remotely until public health officials advise it is safe to return to offices.

"The decision to extend the closure of Shelburne Museum was a difficult one. We followed guidance from state and federal health officials. While we weighed that advice with our paramount concern for the safety of our extended Shelburne Museum family — staff, volunteers and visitors — we really saw no other alternative. We also took into account the lead time necessary to bring the museum's 45-acre campus with 39 buildings and galleries safely back into full operation," Denenberg said. "We look forward to the day we can get back to doing what we do best — engaging and inspiring through our beautiful and storied collections, buildings and gardens."

A date has not been scheduled for the museum to reopen. That decision will be based on ongoing monitoring of the pandemic and recommendations of health officials, Denenberg said.

With the physical campus closed, the museum has ramped up remote outreach designed to share the joy and wonder of Shelburne Museum digitally and provide resources to educators and learners of all ages. The museum's first online exhibition, "Color, Pattern, Whimsy, & Scale," opened on April 18. In addition, the museum's robust social media content offers viewers behind-the-scenes looks at objects as seen through the eyes of museum conservators, video tours by curators, webinars highlighting exhibitions and activities for families and children.

"There's no question that the coming months won't be the same while much anticipated exhibitions, events and visits are on hiatus. While we look forward to the day we once again welcome visitors back onto the museum campus, we invite our friends to connect with us digitally via our social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and to visit us on our website to experience exhibitions," said Karen Petersen, Stiller Family Foundation director of education and director of visitor experience and learning.

New Online Exhibition

at shelburnemuseum.org

"American Stories" Highlights Art, Architecture and Material Culture

"American Stories," a new online exhibition that examines the American experience as seen through the collections of Shelburne Museum, launched May 14, Shelburne Museum Director Thomas Denenberg announced.

Drawing inspiration from Shelburne's vast holdings of American art, architecture and material culture, "American Stories" is an exhibition

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

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. 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@becherhillhillyoga.com.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

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

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Remote meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

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. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

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. Join Zoom Meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYzFec3lkQT09>. Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494. Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494.

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. Remote meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

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. Meeting will likely be held electronically. Check FPF for details.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

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. Remote meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trails Committee. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Father's Day.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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, JUNE 25

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

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. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day.

MONDAY, JULY 6

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, JULY 7

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. See entry for June 2.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

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

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Remote meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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. Remote meeting via Zoom instead of Town Office.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 9

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

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303058417?pwd=RURUTkZkV3E0YndmZkZEYzFec3lkQT09>. Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417 Password: 321494. Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 853 0305 8417. Password: 321494.

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

7:00-10:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trails Committee. Remote meeting – online meeting platform.

MONDAY, JULY 20

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21

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.

Online Exhibition

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in four parts — people, travel, home and community. Part One: People is set to launch on May 14, with subsequent parts scheduled to be posted every other week on May 28, June 11 and June 25.

“‘American Stories’ offers a window onto periods in the nation’s history as interpreted through some of Shelburne’s most familiar and beloved objects ranging from 19th-century portraits of William and Nancy Lawson by William Matthew Prior, hooked rugs by contemporary artist Patty Yoder and even the 1906 steamboat Ticonderoga,” Denenberg said. “This exhibition highlights the breadth of the museum’s collections and the artists and makers who contributed to a uniquely American narrative story through their art.”

The exhibition is accompanied by interactive experiences including recorded talks from curators, preservation and conservation insights and educational activities.

“While represented in many forms, from paintings to textiles to a locomotive and steamship, ‘American Stories’ reflects on the ingenuity, creativity and skill of artists and mak-



Enoch Wood Perry (American, 1831-1915) “The Pemigewasset Coach,” 1899. Oil on canvas. Collection of Shelburne Museum. In Perry’s painting, viewers are encouraged to conjure and celebrate a way of American life that had all but disappeared by the close of the 19th century.

ers that offers a look back while also sending a hopeful message about the future,” said Associate Curator Katie Wood Kirchhoff, who organized the exhibition.

American Stories is the second exclusively online exhibition launched by the museum since temporarily closing due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The first, “Color, Pattern, Whimsy, & Scale,” is an exploration of museum founder Electra Havemeyer Webb’s passion for American folk art and her collecting ethos as she assembled one of the earliest and largest collections that would become the foundation for the museum.

Forthcoming exhibitions include “Painting at Home with Grandma Moses,” a sampling of works by Anna Mary Robertson (“Grandma”) Moses in partnership with Bennington Museum in Bennington, Vermont, that focus on the artist’s landscapes of the imagination for the modern era that stir feelings of nostalgia for decades past.

Generous support for this exhibition is provided by the Donna and Marvin Schwartz Foundation and the Barnstormers at Shelburne Museum.

About Shelburne Museum

Founded in 1947 by pioneering folk art collector Electra Havemeyer Webb (1888-1960), Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont, is the largest art and history museum in northern New England and Vermont’s foremost public resource for visual art and material culture. The museum’s 45-acre campus is comprised of 39 buildings including the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education and Webb Gallery featuring important American paintings by Andrew Wyeth, Winslow Homer, Grandma Moses, John Singleton Copley and many more. For more information, please visit shelburnemuseum.org.

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Garbanzo Bean Flour Patties

The best way to hide tuna

BY CATHY RYAN

Tuna fish is healthy, relatively inexpensive, and easy to stock up on and store (since it’s canned). Trouble is, I don’t particularly like it. I don’t think it’s terrible, but it’s on the negative side of neutral for me. Luckily, I’ve found a recipe that actually makes it taste delicious, and I’d like to share it with you. As an added bonus, it’s gluten-free.

Garbanzo Bean Flour is also called Chickpea Flour, and in stores, it’s often with other gluten-free flours in the baking aisle. I first discovered it at Lantman’s. The recipe for the basic patties (not including tuna and veggies) was on the back of the package, and called them “Falafel Patties.”

The patties can be served like a burger, on a roll, with all the typical toppings. But I’ve been serving them without a roll, with pasta and spaghetti sauce. I think the sauce goes well with them.

Required Ingredients:

1 cup garbanzo bean flour
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. baking soda
½ cup hot water
1 can chunk white tuna in water
Oil for frying

Highly Recommended Ingredients:

½ tsp. cumin
¼ tsp. coriander
½ tsp. garlic powder
¼ tsp. onion powder

Optional ingredients:

1 tsp. parsley flakes
2 tsp. lemon juice
½ an onion, diced
1 shredded carrot
1 cup of chopped fresh spinach or kale, or ½ c. if cooked or frozen

Instructions:

Combine all the dry ingredients in a bowl, and mix. The “highly recommended” spices are what magically hide the “tuna-y” taste, so leave them out at your own peril.

Add the hot water, and lemon juice (if using), stir, then add the can of tuna (drained) and any of the optional veggies. Stir well and let rest a few minutes.

Heat a thick layer of oil in a frying pan (I use olive oil, but any oil is fine), about 2 Tbsp., on medium heat. The



recipe will make about 4 burger-sized patties. I tend to do 6 smaller ones, 3 at a time in my frying pan. So you will probably have to cook them in 2 batches unless you have a very large pan. Fry on both sides until golden brown.

► RALLYTHON

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and dancing until the final reveal of their annual fundraising total.

Harrison Mead spent the year as a RALLYTHON participant, gaining leadership, teamwork and nonprofit business experience while raising funds and awareness of Vermont’s Children’s Miracle Network hospital, which treats and provides lifesaving care to sick and injured kids in need.

By the conclusion of this year’s dance marathon, Harrison raised enough money to reach the Dancer Goal — a distinction given to participants who have fundraised between \$100-\$249 over the course of the year.

UVM’s RALLYTHON is organized in collaboration between UVM’s Department of Student Life and the UVM Medical Center. Through its five years in existence, participant students have raised over \$500K for the UVM Children’s Hospital — 100% of which stays local to support local kids. This fundraised money is crucial to the support of patients at the UVM Children’s Hospital, and goes toward the purchase of everything from lifesaving equipment and medicine to supplies meant to enhance the experience for patients and their families during their treatment.

OTHER NEWS

LWVVT Calls for Expanding Absentee and Mail-In Voting

Voters Must Be Given Extra Assurances Amid COVID-19 Concerns

FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VERMONT

It is critical that Vermonters have the ability to vote safely and that appropriate time is allotted to ensure all votes are fully counted. Therefore, the League of Women Voters of Vermont calls for statewide expansion of absentee voting and mail-in ballots for the duration of the 2020 election cycle due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PEOPLE

Higher Education Honors

Erica Rosner of Hinesburg graduated from Cedarville University in Ohio with a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree during the 124th annual commencement held May 2, 2020.

Lillian Basye and Megan Robert, both of Hinesburg, have been named to the Dean’s List for the 2020 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean’s List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

Vermont Tech is pleased to announce awards and honor society inductions. Heidi Dessert of Hinesburg has been recognized for the Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society. Heidi is a student in the Vermont Tech Associate Degree Nursing program.

Jack Dugan of Hinesburg graduated Cum Laude this spring from Ohio Wesleyan University. Dugan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Dugan majored in Economics.

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The league is urging the public to vote absentee in the Aug. 11 primary election and, if necessary, in the Nov. 3 general election. As well, the League of Women Voters of

Vermont is strongly advocating for the secretary of state to mail ballots out to everyone for the November election while having polling places open for those who prefer to vote in person

The League of Women Voters of Vermont supports every citizen’s right to vote in a safe and secure manner. We believe that requiring voters to come together in large numbers at polling places this summer is unwise and unnecessary. It is imperative that state election officials address voters’ and poll workers’ fears by limiting the need to cast an in-person ballot.

The League of Women Voters of Vermont is committed to ensuring our elections remain safe and accessible for all and supports expansion of voting by mail to protect voters and election workers against the pandemic. Our top priority is the health and safety of Vermonters while simultaneously upholding the rights of all voters.

Fortunately, Vermont already has a safe and secure way to address this: we can simply expand our existing absentee voting system to include all voters. This would give everyone the choice between voting on Election Day in person at the polls, voting earlier at their town clerk’s office, or voting by mail.

Find more information about LWVVT at lwvofvt.org, on social media @LWVofVT, or by emailing lwvofvt@gmail.com.

Centennial of Women’s Suffrage: One Event, Many Perspectives

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Women’s suffrage was a complicated and far-reaching event. Ethan Allen Homestead Museum, in partnership with League of Women Voters of Vermont, the Vermont Commission on Women and the Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance, invites the public to explore this topic in a new,

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William Matthew Prior (American, 1806-1873), “Mrs. Nancy Lawson,” 1843. Oil on canvas. Collection of Shelburne Museum. This portrait of Nancy Lawson (1810-1854) is one of a pair of portraits regarded to be Prior’s masterpieces and icons of American folk art.

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FROM A HINESBURG FAMILY

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four-part virtual symposium, “The Centennial of Women’s Suffrage: One Event, Many Perspectives.”

The symposium debuted live at ethanallenhomestead.org/suffrage-symposium on Saturday, May 16, and is now available on-demand. The four symposium video presentations set the historical context and tell the stories of the suffrage movement and its impact for African American women, for Indigenous women in federally recognized tribes, for Abenaki women in Vermont, and in the role of education for women and girls.

Kathryn Dungy presents on “... the courage of their convictions: African American Women in the Fight for



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Women’s Suffrage”

Kathryn’s talk discusses the role African American women played in the struggle for women’s suffrage, though they would not realize these benefits until many years later, and in many places still struggle for them. Kathryn is a professor of the social and cultural history of Latin America and the Caribbean; gender and race identity; the Atlantic World, and Antebellum U.S. at Saint Michael’s College.

Beverly Little Thunder presents “On the Shoulders of our Ancestors and Mother Earth”

Beverly discusses how Indigenous women have been marginalized and their voices removed through colonization, violence and misogyny. She emphasizes the dire need for women to exercise leadership on our planet. Beverly is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Lakota Band from North Dakota, and travels widely to speak and share her traditions and work.

Melody Walker presents on “Navigating Freedom in Two Worlds”

Melody examines political agency and the importance of women, children, and all living creatures having that agency in society, and in being noticed and heard when exercising it. Melody is an educator, activist, artist and citizen of the Elnu Abenaki Band of Ndakinna. She is former chair of the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs.

Susan Ouellette presents on “Emma Willard, Women’s Education, and the Campaign for Women’s Suffrage”

Susan’s talk looks at Emma Willard’s trailblazing work, and how education played a major role in women expressing their political voice and ad-

vocacy. Susan is a professor of early America at Saint Michael’s College. Her recently published book, “An Extraordinary Ordinary Woman” features research and analysis of the diary of Phebe Orvis, a 19th Century Bristol resident with ties to Vergennes and Middlebury.

This event was presented by the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Vermont, the Vermont Commission on Women, and the Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance, and with special thanks to Burlington Cars, 802 Cars, One Day In July financial advisors and People’s United Bank for their generous support. View the symposium at ethanallenhomestead.org/suffrage-symposium or on the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum’s YouTube page at tinyurl.com/EthanAllenYouTube.

Vermont’s Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 13

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Vermont’s annual, statewide summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 13 this year, which will also be opening day of the regular bass fishing season.

“Vermont’s Free Fishing Day gives anglers the opportunity to go fishing without a license for the day in Vermont lakes and streams,” said Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. “Fishing is an activity that can be shared with family or easily taught to newcomers while enjoying quality time together.”

Vermont’s regular bass season also opens on June 13, marking the start of some of the hottest bass fishing action in the northeast. The bass season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November.

The annual Grand Isle Fishing Festival normally held on Free Fishing Day is on hold due to COVID-19.

To learn more about fishing in Vermont or to purchase a fishing license, visit vtfishandwildlife.com. The “Vermont 2020 Fishing Guide & Regulations” book is available free from license agents, and an online version is on the department’s website..

► Hiking, Biking ... Pandemic

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try roads past open fields and farmhouses admiring the early blooms in the gardens, huge sows with their young piglets, and cattle being rotated through grazing sections of the meadows. Or we can head up Texas Hill to the beaver ponds looking for the red-winged blackbirds. Off the roads, we can hike the steep trails in the Town Forest, the deep-in-the-woods trails in the LaPlatte Headwaters or the meandering trails through the thickets in Geprags Park. A short distance away, we can enjoy pond-sidewalks at Shelburne Pond or along Gillett Pond, the riverside trail in Richmond and the networks of paths at Shelburne Farms or Mount Philo, to name but a few local options. Back in Washington, we used to have to hike the crowded Chesapeake and Ohio Canal towpath over and over because it was about the only easy-access trail for exercise close to home. What a welcome change it is to explore the abundance of resources we have here!

So, get out this spring and get some air.

For some the benefit will be the thrill of strenuous exercise running or biking. For others just the aerobic effect of getting a couple or more miles under our feet at a comfortable pace will suffice. Phyllis and I sometimes dawdle, taking in the changing spring vegetation, the returning birds, the emerging reptiles, and other roadside or trailside attractions, or talking with people at an extra safe outdoor distance. Repeating the same walk every few days allows us to observe the excruciatingly slow roll into early spring (it is snowing again today as I write this), which we trust will soon accelerate into wild blooming in June. There is a lot to look at in our beautiful countryside that provides a much-needed daily interlude far away from constant updates on politics and disease.

Aside from working in your yard or garden, hitting the trails is one of the safest things you can do outdoors.

By observing some rules of social distancing, we can make it almost 100% safe from contagion.

Take a mask and put it on if you encounter people. This will offer them



Phyllis Modley and Jane Sheldon social distancing on a walk.

some protection from your breath and will make them more comfortable and relaxed. Pass others at a wide distance, at least six to 10 feet. Conventional wisdom is that droplets in breath fall to the ground within six feet when exhaled in still air. Outdoors, there is good news and bad news. The air is often moving which can blow away and dilute breath, which is good, but it also can carry particles more than six feet. Runners and bikers who are steaming along can pant out moist breath with more force and projection than those of us who are not exerting ourselves. Those moving faster also create a swirl of air behind them which might loft exhaled breath. All the more reason to pass wide. People walking on a trail tend to follow the course of least resistance, which is close to the center of the trail, stepping aside only a couple of feet to let others pass. This is fine in normal times, but for now we have to change this behavior. If one is vigorous enough to be out hiking a trail, presumably one should be vigorous enough to move far enough off the trail to allow a safe passage. It is, after all, the “great outdoors” and, unlike a supermarket aisle, it is large enough to give us plenty of room for wide separation. Finally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says animals can carry the virus and should be subject to the same social distancing as humans. Dogs must be on a leash when out in public spaces and must be held back at least six feet from those they pass.

Most trails are now open, but we ask that you avoid wet trails if we get more rains. The Hinesburg Town Forest Economou Road entrance is closed due to logging operations through June 1. Additional restrictions and status information may be found online at the TrailHUB



Peter and Phyllis Modley hiking on a road.

Vermont site. Trail maps may be found online at the town website at hinesburg.org/hart.html and can be downloaded onto computers for home printing or smartphones for viewing in the field, but few are available at the trailhead kiosks.

Looking ahead, the Town Trails Committee hopes to resume printing and distributing maps to the trailheads very soon. We also would like to celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6 with the traditional groups of volunteers going out to clear up and improve certain trails (with proper social distancing), but we are not yet sure if this is feasible. If plans go forward, notices will be posted on Front Porch Forum.

So, spring is here; go out, have fun, exercise your bodies and minds in the fresh air. But, please, also exercise some caution in social distancing.



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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

Regular Services: Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m., Nursery provided.

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE

Pastor's Residence: 425-2253, dgray@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 2894 Spear Street/P. O. Box 158, Charlotte, VT 05445

Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, Stjude@gmavt.net, P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, (10759 Route 116)

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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

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Communion 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.

► Online Poetry

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Many poetry projects already made use of online venues before the coronavirus made them more in demand, Wayne said. For example, April's Voicing Art reading — done online — included more poetry than usual with double the number of submissions in comparison to prior issues, Wayne said.

"The April 2020 Voicing Art Poetry Reading was shifted by necessity to consideration of themes sparked by COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders (themes of connection and independent interdependence) due to being unable to access the Flynndog Gallery exhibit to photograph it and create the online gallery of photos I usually [use] for our local, national and international Voicing Art poets," Wayne explained.

The March edition also included outlets for assistance for health and mental well-being due to the stay home order.

The Poartry Project has no age limit with current participants ranging in age from 9 to over 80 years old.



The Poetry Newsletter is created and distributed by Laura Budofsky Wisniewski

In addition to the Voicing Art readings, group members in different states host Plein Air Poetry of Nature Walks, where people write anagram poems while focusing on the sights, smells and other elements of nature around them.

The Vanity Fair piece that Budofsky Wisniewski shared interviewed poet, basketball coach and gardener Ross Gay who summed up the current moment as it relates to poetry. He said poems "circulate in moments of need" which "are also moments

of joy." Gay told the magazine that from kids to adults, people often ask him for poems, and lately requests have become more pointed: "People haven't said, 'Could you write a poem for this moment?'" More people have said, "We need a poem."

The signup form for Budofsky Wisniewski's The Poetry Newsletter is online at tinyurl.com/

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

Online Local Poetry Newsletter Connects, Nurtures Creativity During Isolation

BY JENNIFER TRAVERS,
COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

During National Poetry Month in April, many creative writers and poetry group participants found it difficult to celebrate without traditional public gatherings and readings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some groups moved to video conferencing and social media to share and celebrate their work. It's during this unique time that a little poetry project by a Hinesburg woman has remained accessible, reaching people next door and across the country.

The Poetry Newsletter, created and distributed by Laura Budofsky Wisniewski aims to bring poetry directly to people via email.

As a retired yoga teacher who founded Beecher Hill Yoga about 25 years ago, she organized an in-person annual Hinesburg poetry event.

Today her email poetry newsletter has about 375 subscribers who are mostly located in Vermont, but include individuals across the country, including California, Florida and New York.

"I do it simply because I want to be of service. Poetry is a service" explained Budofsky Wisniewski.



"The goal was to create community through poetry."

For two years, the newsletter has arrived as a new edition created every month. Now during the pandemic, Budofsky Wisniewski said she aims to create a new newsletter every two weeks.

The theme from last month's edition was a hopeful spin on the current isolation. Each edition takes Budofsky Wisniewski about two to three days to create as she's the only person who works on the newsletter.

Last month, The Poetry Newsletter for the first time featured two poems

from contributors. Budofsky Wisniewski typically shares her own work and curates material including news about local poetry events, a greeting and a published poem with a source link that ties in with the edition's theme.

The May 7 edition features one of her original works with a timely theme that begins like this:

*On week 14 of the quarantine the
Levys invent
an imaginary kitten,
a one-eyed stray named Bagel,
whose energy is endless
as is his naiveté.*

Each newsletter has a theme; some examples are climate change, immi-

gration and often the season the edition was created during.

Poets Are Comfortable Online

On her Facebook page, Budofsky Wisniewski recently shared a Vanity Fair article titled "Why Poetry Is Having a Moment Amid the Global Quarantine." It examines how poetry is having a resurgence in pop culture with verses old and new cropping up from social media to advertising.

The timing of people around the globe purposely isolating to curb the spread of a deadly illness as National Poetry Month began helped, too.

In Vermont, the poetry community has managed to thrive despite having to forsake in-person intimate gatherings and readings for the now ubiquitous video conferencing online.

In Burlington, poet-author-illustrator JC Wayne is founder of The Poartry Project, which started in 2014 as a collection of portfolios. Wayne's other endeavors include a project called Golden Threads of Good Books for Children and mentoring kids at the King Street Center with storytelling through poetry and art nature walks.

Wayne's monthly newsletter, Voicing Art, circulates in Vermont and among poetry enthusiasts around the world, incorporating 15-30 submissions per collection. Each newsletter has a theme, which usually features artwork in at the Flynndog Gallery in Burlington's South End. Before COVID-19 shut down public events, Wayne would convene every-other-month gatherings, Voicing Art Poetry Readings, at Nomad Coffee within the same building as the gallery.

Wayne said that the pandemic has not significantly changed local poetry involvement.

"I am writing and creating art much more through participation in more reading events, classes and accepted artworks and poetry in online galleries," Wayne said, mentioning the Charlotte Grange Open Mic; Highland Center for the Arts "Pigment & Paper" online gallery.

Other venues for poetry may be widespread geographically but are now easily accessible via the internet, Wayne noted, listing other sites such as PoemCity (temporarily) online; White River Craft Center's "Inspiring Hope, Reimagined" Earth Day exhibit; the Randolph community's "Spread Art, Sow Hope, Dig In!" exhibit; Rattle Poets Respond; Lake Placid Center for the Arts Thursday art classes; and the Brooklyn Art Library's weekly "Small Talks" series."

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