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CVSD and VT NEA racing the clock

Chea Waters Evans
NEWS EDITOR

While other states have already rolled out plans for public school openings in the fall, Vermont is still trying to figure out what education will look like for students in light of the coronavirus pandemic. The Vermont Agency of Education, the Vermont National Education Association (the union of Vermont educators), the Vermont Department of Health, and individual school districts, as well as the Vermont Principals Association and the Vermont Superintendents Association, in conjunction with the governor's office, are all trying to figure out what exactly Vermont educators and students will be doing this fall and when it's all going to happen.

On June 11, the VT NEA released a statement in which Don Tinney, the association's president, said that recent assurances from the state government that schools will be open for in-person instruction in some form in the fall was "unfortunate" because there were no tangible plans in place yet for what that instruction would look like.

The union released a list of requirements that would make teachers ready for in-person instruction, which covers topics from wide-spread internet access to availability of masks and other personal protective equipment to testing and screening students and school staff for COVID-19. These requirements need to be addressed within a short period of time; Champlain Valley School District schools are scheduled to start the academic year on August 25.

Student, educator, and community safety is a major discussion factor and at the top of the priority list, in one way or another, for all parties involved. One requirement the VT NEA stated is the need for students to be tested and monitored for the virus on a regular basis. "The time question is an important one," Tinney said in a conversation with *The Charlotte News*. "How are we going to figure out a screening process? It should happen before a student even gets on the school bus. How do you do that with hundreds of students? Who is going to do it? I don't know the answer to that."

CVSD Director of Digital Learning & Communication Bonnie Birdsall said that the union's recommendations are in line with the state's and the school district's progress toward a safe opening. "We are all working with those requirements as we develop plans for reopening," she wrote in an email. "We are committed to protecting

the health of our students and staff, we are seeking and including educator voice in our planning, we will provide access to protection, and we are definitely moving forward with a focus on equity."

Tinney said that the issues to be addressed are of two categories: physical and instructional. He said that desks will have to be measured and placed in classrooms to ensure appropriate physical distance, school nurses should be hired full time in all schools, and distance-learning protocols need to be developed for students and educators who might be immunocompromised or otherwise unable to take the risk of physically attending school.

Public school systems face bureaucratic and timing hiccups under regular circumstances, and the fact that there are about six weeks left before school starts again means that within that time, the state and schools will have to create a plan, make physical changes to facilities, and give parents ample warning time to schedule childcare.

"Yes, we are well aware that it's July," Birdsall said. "We are well underway with refining and developing plans, based on the guidance from the VT AOE. We have a timeline to ensure that all details are addressed and we will communicate with our communities along the way."

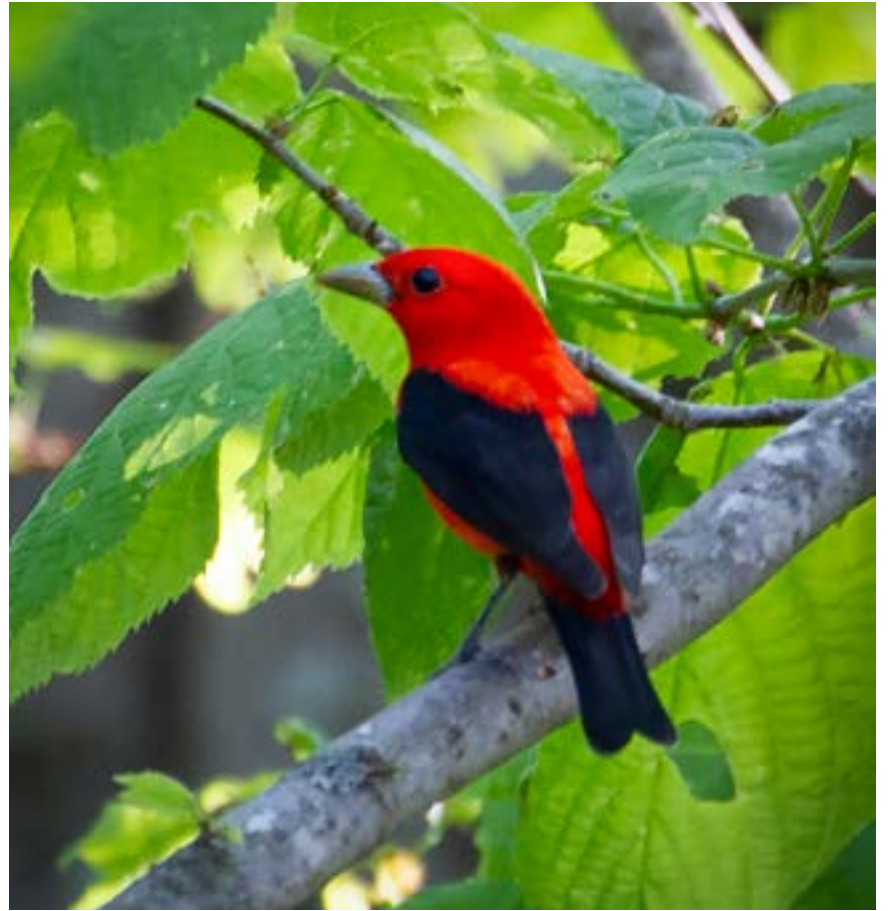
Birdsall said that school districts across the state are working with the AOE to make sure that education and schooling is consistent across the state. "Everyone is pulling together trying to do what is best for kids in an unprecedented situation," she said.

"It requires a lot of preparation and planning," Tinney said. "No parent willingly says, 'Here, why don't you go out and take this crazy risk today.' Parents worry themselves sick...they need to understand what the practices will be to make sure their babies are safe. Every school should be a sanctuary for every student, and we have to take every precaution to make sure we do that."

Neither Birdsall or Tinney would comment directly on whether or not there would be a work stoppage or delay in the start of the school year should a plan not be put in place in time, saying instead that all involved parties are working diligently to make sure that's not an issue when the time comes.

"We can do this, but I'm skeptical that there's enough time," Tinney said.

Tanager in a tree



The male scarlet tanager is stunning to see in the wild.

Photo by Jim Squires

Summer's here but the Selectboard is still working

Chase McGuire

The Selectboard meeting on June 29 confronted decisions addressing changes in hours and pay rates for town employees for fiscal year 2021, reopening the Town Offices, requesting bids for the Town Link Trail, and an update on safe recreation in the heart of a pandemic.

In the discussion of town employee pay rates for FY21, the board approved a change in the tech librarian's hours from 27 to 30 per week and also approved a 1.4% cost of living increase for all employees. The salary increase specifically for the assistant town clerk/treasurer position will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

Considering the current COVID-19 status in Vermont, Selectboard member Louise McCarren motioned that the Selectboard start developing a plan to open Town Hall with proper safety precautions, by working with Town Administrator Dean Bloch and Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Mead in order to comply with a memo from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The memo describes safety precautions that require employees to sanitize common surfaces three times within eight-hour periods, prop open interior doors or include the use of "foot pulls" that allow

doors to be operated with the foot, requiring all employees and patrons to wear face coverings while in the presence of others, and to log contact information for contact tracing via a Google form. Non-contact temperature evaluation is ideal for most situations, and patrons should expect to be asked to take their temperatures. Employees will be asked to stay home if exhibiting any symptoms, including a fever, and are expected to monitor their temperature before coming into work.

The Selectboard discussed fielding bids to update the State Park Road section of the Town Link Trail. The work done would include replacing and adding additional guardrails to separate the road from the trail and possibly widening the trail for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, as State Park Road is often travelled at a high rate of speed. No formal decisions were made, and it was decided that the issue needed its own separate Zoom meeting as the original plan had been altered.

With over 700 beach passes sold so far this summer, it is clear that this is a hot spot for gathering. "There must have been 50 people with very, very loud music, absolutely no social distancing, lots of dancing, with

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Tractor trailer accident on Route 7

Chea Waters Evans

Wednesday morning brought the second accident in two weeks at the intersection of Ferry Road, Church Hill Road and Route 7. On July 1 at approximately 4 a.m. Vermont State Police, along with Shelburne Police and Charlotte Volunteer Fire and Rescue, responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision. A tractor trailer rolled over in the crash, blocking the road for several hours.

VSP wrote in a press release, “Troopers spoke to involved parties and learned the operator of the tractor trailer had fallen asleep while driving northbound on Rt. 7. This caused him to drift off the right-hand shoulder of the roadway. [His] attempt to correct the path of his truck caused the vehicle to overturn and slide into an approaching passenger truck, which was traveling south on Route 7.”



CVFRS, along with state police and Shelburne police, responded to an early-morning crash on Route 7 in Charlotte. *Courtesy photo*

The operator of the passenger truck and his passenger were transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington to be treated for minor injuries.

Crews worked to safely remove the vehicles and the roadway was reopened at around 9 a.m.

News from The News

Let's go digital

John Quinney
NEWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Normally we'd just walk to our mailboxes every other Thursday and find the next edition of *The Charlotte News*. But for our July 23 edition, we're going digital-only. The printed paper will be back again on August 6 for the rest of the year, and, we expect, far beyond.

Rather than read our July 23 issue on paper, you can simply go to our website (www.charlottenewsVT.org) and check out all the new articles, top stories, and messages from our advertisers. You'll be able to read the entire paper online, turning the digital pages with a click on your keyboard, or a touch of your screen. You'll also be able to click on the ads for more information from our advertisers. And we're constantly adding new, online features.

Why not just print the paper as usual? Two reasons.

First, many readers are asking us to boost our digital presence. All of us increasingly rely on our phones, tablets and computers -- for news, for staying in touch with friends and family, for recreation and entertainment. Your Board of Directors is committed to making *The News* more useful and relevant to you, by supplying more news, articles and services online.

Second, although *The Charlotte News* enjoys strong support from our advertisers (thank you very much!) and our donors (you are amazing!) newspapers everywhere are under economic pressure, and are exploring a range of new opportunities. Printing and distributing 25 papers a year is expensive, and so it's prudent to explore what we could expect in savings with a different mix of print and digital news.

Maybe you've noticed we've recently upgraded our website. We've switched to a new, local, hosting service, boosted the website's performance, made it easier to search, and improved layout and readability. Our website contains past issues of the paper, as well as individual articles, organized into categories, such as Planning Commission, CCS, Letters to the Editor, COVID-19, and so on. You'll also find a Donate Now button, a newsletter sign-up form, and several ways to search for older stories.

If you haven't already signed up for our email newsletter, which we send out every Thursday with links to the main stories on our website, you can do so on our website.

We'll also post a short reader survey online. We want to know how you feel about the site, what new features you'd like to see, and what improvements are needed. *The Charlotte News* is your paper, and we listen very carefully to what you're telling us.

To repeat: This digital-only paper is an experiment. We will continue to print and distribute the paper regularly on August 6 and afterward. And we'll steadily add features and services to our website and social media platforms.

We love hearing from our readers at any time. We're especially interested in your thoughts on our digital-only paper coming in two weeks.



The Charlotte News

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Resting before the sail.

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a big fire... no one could have had a quiet moment," said Louise McCarren during the meeting. "All these little kids were just willy nilly walking across the road." This brought to question the role of the beach attendants, predominantly high school students, and the extent to which they are expected to enforce regulations and intervene in situations such as this.

"If someone's enjoyment of the beach is being limited by the expression of another group, that group should be made aware that they are imposing upon the general welfare of other people, and I would have no issue

at all making that request in a very polite but definitive way," said Bill Fraser-Harris. "The beach is on the police nightly rounds... we should have no problem calling the non-emergency number."

The playground will open with multiple safety precautions such as hand-sanitizing stations as well as signs clearly stating the risk that one is taking by using the equipment. This was passed 5-0.

Chase McGuire is a University of Vermont student journalist who is working with The Charlotte News this summer through the university's Community News Group program.

Congrats, students

Staff report

First and foremost, we heartily apologize for omitting Schuyler Edgar Holmes in last week's list of students who graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School. Congratulations, Schuyler!

The following students graduated this spring from other institutions:

Patrick Flynn graduated from the practical nursing certificate program at Vermont Tech in Randolph Center.

Kurt Weidman graduated from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City on April 30, 2020.

The following students had academic successes this spring:

Cole Boffa has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. for the spring 2020 semester.

Sabrina Davis was named to the spring 2020 dean's list at Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y.

Joseph Franceschetti has been named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the spring 2020 semester.

Annual Rotary change-over celebration



Pictured, left to right, at a socially safe distance are Carrie Fenn, Keith Walsh, Susan Grimes and Christopher Davis. CSH Rotary is currently meeting via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Photo by Linda Gilbert

Roz Graham

On Friday evening, June 26, the leadership of the Charlotte Shelburne Hinesburg Rotary was passed to the hands of new President Christopher Davis of Charlotte. He is succeeding Keith Walsh of Shelburne, who has been president of the CSH Rotary for the past year.

In his acceptance speech, Davis congratulated the members of the club on the many projects they have undertaken in the Rotary tradition of Service Above Self and predicted many new ways the club will tackle projects to benefit its communities. Also taking new roles in leadership of the club are Carrie Fenn of Charlotte, the newly elected vice president and Susan Grimes of Shelburne, the new president elect.

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Calendar Events

We welcome appropriate community event listings with a maximum of 100 words. Print fees may apply to community events outside of Charlotte.
**Email your events to
ads@thecharlottenews.org.**

The Board of Trustees of the **Morningside Cemetery Association of Charlotte** wish to notify all members that due to COVID19, there will be no annual meeting held this summer. If it becomes possible to meet later in 2020, the date, place and time will be announced in *The Charlotte News*. If you have questions, please call Janice Garen at 425-2393.

Hi, Neighbor!

Nikolai Pughe: Loving the outdoor life



Phyl Newbeck

COVID-19 has put a few speed bumps in Nikolai Pughe's life, but the 18-year-old doesn't let it get him down. The Vermont Land Trust just recognized him as one of Vermont's nine high school juniors and

seniors whose dedication to agriculture or forestry rises above their peers. Pughe was awarded \$250 for his work in agriculture, but the onset of the pandemic meant there was no awards ceremony. COVID-19 has also forced him to postpone his plans for getting a commercial driver's license, but none of that is stopping Pughe from enjoying his summer work on the farm.

For the last four years, Pughe has been working at Green Mountain Hay. He starts every morning at 6 a.m., usually working until 6 p.m., but sometimes even later than that, baling, raking and tedding the hay. "I like everything about it," he said. "I'm a hands-on guy and I like being outside. I can't just sit in an office." Work on the farm begins in early May and continues into late August. This year, the first hay cut was quite early thanks to the warm, dry weather. "We started baling in late May," he said.

Pughe studied natural resources during his junior and senior years at the Center for Technology in Essex. During his junior year he also studied mechanical and small engines, and for his senior year, he added forestry. Although Pughe's father did some farming when he was young, the rest of the family is not involved in agriculture. "I just want to be outside doing something," Pughe



Nikolai Pughe doesn't come from a family of farmers, but the desire to work on a farm is in his blood. *Courtesy photos*

said. "I've always wanted to work on a farm and I couldn't pass up the opportunity at Green Mountain Hay."

Pughe said COVID-19 hasn't changed work on the farm that much. "We wear a mask when we need to," he said "and we wash our hands, use hand sanitizer, and try to stay clean. It's worked well so far." As for the prize money from his VLT award, Pughe is putting that in the bank. "I want to save it for later," he said "for a new car or for when I'm ready to buy a house."

For the last decade, Pughe has been a fixture in the Charlotte Tractor parade. "It's a tradition for me," he said. "It's fun being out there." Pughe has driven several different tractors over the years, but is



generally found riding older models. He also represented his school in tractor driving competitions.

One of the perks of Pughe's job at Green Mountain Hay is the opportunity to make deliveries. "I deliver hay all over New England," he said. "I go to Connecticut, New York and Martha's Vineyard. That's a really nice trip, being out in the open and taking the ferry." Pughe loves the fact that he's being paid to take road trips. "I'm working, but I get to be out and explore," he said. "Hay trips are like vacations."

It's good that Pughe enjoys his time on the road because he's been working almost

every day since the haying season started. "I haven't had a day off in some time," he said. Hard work at the farm means Pughe's preferred form of relaxation is just chilling with friends or working on his trucks. He has a 1993 Chevy 350 dually and a 2010 Chevy S-10. He learned how to make repairs by watching his father.

Pughe isn't sure what the future will bring. While waiting for the chance to earn his CDL license, he's looking at other work options for when the haying season ends. "I love this job but it's not paying me enough for me to move on," he said. "I love it and I don't want to leave it, but I'm going to have to find another job for the fall."

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Just Asking

What do you think?

Are you wondering what your neighbors are thinking about? So is Jim Squires, so he went around town asking people what they think; he'll do this regularly for the paper until he runs out of Charlotters, which will probably be several years from now.

This week's question: What is the first thing you want to do once the pandemic is over?



Jim Squires

"I can't wait to collect on all those hug IOUs."



Andrew Silverman
(Charlotte)

"I want to dye my hair purple."



David Rothenbucher
(Charlotte)

"I want to have a whole bunch of friends over to my backyard to socially undistance."



Julia Kiendl
(Los Angeles/
Charlotte)

"Move out of my parents' home . . . again."



Debbie Dodd Squires
(Charlotte & St. Simons Island, GA)

"I can't wait to have a big family reunion pool party."



Sue Steves
(Charlotte postmaster)

"I want to travel to Switzerland. Unfortunately, my trip was cancelled when all this began."

COVID-19

Together...moving forward in July



Trina Bianchi

As I watch the number of coronavirus cases rise dramatically in other parts of our country, I continue to be grateful that in Vermont, Governor Scott and his team have been proactive and diligent

and that we, as individual Vermonters, have stayed the course. I do hope that, as things start to open up, all of us continue to be diligent and stay safe.

I know that for many, the past four months have not been without severe inconvenience and hardship. The stress felt from the economic and social impact has affected many families and continues to do so even as we see our world beginning to open up and some folks going back to work. How do we deal with the stress and all the changes?

The Charlotte COVID-19 Assistance Team met again last Monday, and while the previous meeting focused on emotional and mental health challenges that people are facing and we provided resources available to folks, this meeting dealt with resilience. As any time humans are faced with challenges, either as a community or individually, the outcome can be directly correlated to the level of resilience. Watching the news as a tornado or another force of nature strikes a community, wiping out entire neighborhoods, I wonder how those residents survive and move forward, and yet they do. It takes time, takes effort,

often takes outside help and assistance, but they do rebuild. That's resilience both on an individual and community level.

Recognizing that it's important to understand and be able to build community resilience, the team heard from Mindy Blank from the Community Resilience Organization. From the CRO website, "Community Resilience Organizations are local teams that engage residents and town leaders in climate adaptation, disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation, while strengthening local collaboration and social cohesion. CROs break down community silos by bringing together a diverse mix of stakeholders involved in resilience and hazard mitigation: emergency management, conservation, social services, government and more."

What we learned from Mindy is that, as a community, we can take a CRO assessment that would give us, as a town, a read on how resilient we are. The assessment would cover four different categories: Basic Needs & Emergency Preparedness; Environment & Natural Systems; Physical Infrastructure; and Community Connections & Capacity. Residents would be asked to rate each question from 1 to 5 as to how resilient they felt we were as a community to each situation. The assessment would be totally confidential, and the results would be compiled and presented as an aggregate for each area. It was discussed doing this, using paper copies of the assessment initially so everyone would have the opportunity to complete it, as internet might not be available for all residents to access.

The results could then be made available, and the various organizations and groups in town could then access them and discuss how they could each help build resilience in our community so that we are better prepared to support each other. The team

will meet again on July 13, and we will continue to keep you informed as best we can on how we are thinking to support our community.

If you would like more information about the team or if you would like to get involved, please contact Rev. Kevin Goldenbogen at rev.kemg@gmail.com.

As for resources available now:

Food and meals

From the Food Shelf: Grab and Go lunches available at Spears Store, Charlotte Library, daily Monday through Friday. To register, call 425-3252.

The Food Shelf itself continues to be open Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Charlotte Congregational Church. Kids' lunches will also be available at this time and will include a week's supply of lunches. Tenney's Snack Bar has added a voucher for a creemee to the summer lunch bags. Call 425-3252 to register.

See article on page seven for more information about free meals for children.

Emotional and mental health

Vermont 211 from your phone is available for referrals and questions.

Pathways Vermont at 883-888-2557 is free and is available 24/7 to call or text. Talk with a peer who has dealt with issues in the past. This is an awesome resource available to all Vermonters.

NFI Vermont, access through nfvermont.org. Serves Vermont families whose children are struggling with emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges.

First Call 802-488-7777 is for crisis situations. Available 24/7.

Financial assistance

Remember that emergency financial assistance is available through the Food Shelf, Charlotte Congregational Church and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Requests can be made by calling 425-3252 or 425-3130.

Information from the Department of Health

Stay abreast of the ongoing coronavirus news and learn how Vermont is opening up by going to the website, which is updated on a regular basis. Check on what is opening, new regulations for traveling into our state, where to get a test if you need one, how to remain safe and well: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19>.

Other resources and events


Transition Charlotte is looking into presenting "reskilling workshops" around canning, preserving, and other traditional skills. Stay tuned...

Charlotte Library has started events on the green. Watch FPF for up-to-date information. Pre-registration is required so as to maintain safety protocols, and social distancing will be observed at all events.

And together we will continue to move forward, being diligent, respectful of each other and taking care of each other and ourselves. Checking in on friends, family and neighbors, making sure that everyone is okay...just because life is beginning to return to what I think will be a new normal doesn't mean that others are not still being challenged.

Let us never forget that we are a community. I would like to believe that as a community we want to be kind, compassionate, honest, ethical and a community we can be proud of, a community where people want to come to live and raise a family. To me, all of this, coming at once, is a wake-up call, and we can, each one of us, decide how we want to move forward as individuals, in our families and in our community. I invite each of you to take some time and think about what you want for yourself, your family and for our community of Charlotte.

Stay well.



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News from the Charlotte Grange

Trina Bianchi

We would like to start by publicly thanking all the folks who have generously contributed to our Building Fund. We have a long way to go to cover the cost of the two grants that we've been selected to receive, but we are on our way, thanks to each of you.

Frances Foster
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Heather Garvey
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Dorothy Hill
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Raven Davis
Carol Morris

The Window Project is now underway with Slater Construction; all eight of the windows have been removed and have been prepared so broken panes can be replaced and all the glass re-glazed. Watch for our Grange Newsletter for details. If you would like to receive the Grange Newsletter, email me at alchemy@gmavt.net and I will add you to the list. We try to send out a newsletter once a month, although we've been lax this spring due to the lack of activity. At this juncture, there is lots of news that we would love to share with you, along with photos, so send us your email. You can also reach us via snail mail at P.O. Box 54, Charlotte.

Stuart Robinson, 2020 Champlain Valley Union High School graduate and son of Grange member Cindi Robinson, is an Eagle Scout. For his scout project, he decided to create a Little Free Library for kids that is now in place on the ramp in



Stuart Robinson, son of Grange member Cindi Robinson, made the Little Free Library for his Eagle Scout project. *Photo by Cindi Robinson*

front of the Grange Hall. All the books inside have been cleaned and disinfected, and each is in its own plastic bag. Families are encouraged to bring their kids to check out what's available and can take up to three books. The books are yours to keep and are free. Anyone wanting to donate books to the Little Free Library can contact Cindi at cindi-robinson@gmavt.net. Currently the LFL is contained in a plastic tub, but Stuart has plans in place for a more permanent home for his project. Thank you, Stuart—what a great idea and opportunity for kids to have their own books to read and enjoy. The LFL is open 24/7.

For now, the Grange Hall itself is closed, but we look forward to being open again and presenting fabulous music events for you to enjoy and so you can see the work we've been able to accomplish. Thank you again to all who have sent donations toward keeping this beautiful, historic building alive.

CVSD free meal service continues in summer

Bonnie Birdsall

Beginning July 6, the Champlain Valley School District schools, in partnership with our local Food Shelves, began providing free breakfast and lunch for all children 18 years and younger for the summer. Lunches will continue to be prepared by our very own school lunch heroes and will meet all USDA requirements. Our chefs will be preparing the items your child already loves: mac and cheese, nachos, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, pizza, and even pulled pork sandwiches, along with a variety of sandwiches and salads.

We will be distributing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with enough food to cover the entire week.

- Charlotte Central School: 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Shelburne Community School,
Hinesburg Community School at
CVU, and Williston Central School
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Please let us know how many meals to prepare by filling out the short form from this link: bit.ly/SummerMealInfo. You can also find this information on the CVSD website. Click on the Foodservice link, www.cvsdvt.org/. If the link to the form you need is not active, please be patient. It will be by the end of the day.

CVSD is currently looking for volunteers to help with food distribution at the pickup sites and to deliver food to families who are unable to access for health, transportation, or scheduling reasons. If you or your organization is interested in helping, please email cvsdinformation@cvsdvt.org.

Gardening

Maximize that lettuce

Bonnie Kirn Donahue

It feels like we wait all year for fresh lettuce, and the window seems to close quickly. How can we maximize lettuce season? While lettuce is easy to grow, factors like temperature impact how well it does. Understanding timing and varieties can help yield a continuous supply throughout the summer and beyond.

Lettuce is generally considered a cool-season crop, meaning that it thrives in temperatures between 60-65 degrees Fahrenheit. With its heat-sensitivity, once the daytime temperatures exceed this range, lettuce can bolt. Bolting is when the plant puts all of its energy into producing a flower. Bolted lettuce is tall, the leaves are tough, and the flavor is bitter.

This reality makes maintaining a lettuce crop through the traditionally hot months of July and August difficult. The key is to strategically use different lettuce seed varieties throughout the summer.

Lettuce can be planted as soon as the soil thaws (3-4 weeks before the last frost). Covering the bed with fabric row covers can help keep out snow and warm the air and soil around the plants. The same can be done on the other end of the growing season, extending the harvest of fresh salad greens into November.

Once it becomes warmer (around late June), it's time to switch to a more heat-tolerant variety such as Muir, Red Cross, Adriana and Coastal Star. Check the back of seed packets or seed catalogs for information about heat-tolerance.

Try to plant a new crop of lettuce every three weeks or so. Set a reminder for yourself on the calendar or leave the seed packets by the door with a note to remind you.

When September rolls around and the air begins to cool, you can switch back to non-heat-sensitive seeds, including many varieties of bibb, butterhead and oakleaf lettuce, and utilize row covers to prevent frost from wilting your hard-earned greens. Make sure to water your lettuce crop regularly. Lettuce gets bitter quickly, and letting the soil dry out completely will make the whole row inedible.

Plan to harvest lettuce within 2-3 weeks during warmer weather and 3-4 weeks in colder weather. When harvesting lettuce, I like to use scissors to cut the leaves just above the soil line. Leaving the root intact reduces the amount of dirt I have to rinse off before dinner.

After picking, I quickly bring the container of lettuce indoors and fill with cold water.



Lettuce is easy to grow and can be planted at intervals throughout the summer to extend the harvest.

Photo by Bonnie Kirn Donahue

Like a washing machine, I gently stir the lettuce with my hand several times to get the loose dirt to settle to the bottom of the bowl. Then I drain, rinse and repeat.

I really don't enjoy insects or sand in my salad, so I rinse each leaf individually under cold water. To make this step more efficient, I let the leaves sit in cold water for 10-15 minutes before rinsing to let the dirt particles settle to the bottom of the bowl while the leaves float on top. After inspecting each leaf, I use a salad spinner to remove excess water from the leaves.

To store lettuce in the fridge, a salad spinner seems to keep the right balance of moisture to air, but often they take up too much room in the fridge. In this case,

I follow the lead of many Community Supported Agriculture farmers and store the spinner-dried lettuce loosely in re-sealable zipper storage bags. I have found that lettuce can last over a week when stored in this way.

Following this advice means that you could have up to seven months of lettuce! Perhaps lettuce season is not so short after all. By the time the snow comes, we'll be sick of lettuce and ready for winter squash.

Bonnie Kirn Donahue is a UVM Extension Master Gardener and landscape designer from central Vermont.

Sports



S.D. Ireland is back on the base paths.

Photo from last year's American Legion State Tournament. Photo by Al Frey



Edd Merritt

Vermont Summer Baseball League opens a month-long season

It has been a year since summer high school baseball has seen the diamond through a traditional American Legion season. This year's season was cancelled in April due to the spread of the coronavirus. However, the Vermont Summer Baseball League was created, made up of many of the Legion teams that normally formed North and South conferences. Six games were scheduled with the first played July 2. CVU students are prevalent on the S.D. Ireland club that faced Essex that day.

Aided by three Essex errors and six first-inning runs, Ireland won the game 10-6. Redhawk Storm Rushford pitched, and his teammates Baker Angstrom and Tyler Skaflestad led the offense.

The new league carries precautions for the virus. Players wear masks when needed and do not hang out together in the dugouts; rather they spread themselves in front and on the sides, maintaining a six-foot distance between people rule. The umpires wear

masks, and they do not touch the baseballs.

Delayed starts on the docket for high school sports

The Vermont Principals' Association has withheld the start of fall sports practices, originally to begin August 10, according to an article in the July 4 *Burlington Free Press*. Its Standards' Committee recommended waiting until the "first student day for a school." This could be in late August or early September with title games occurring a month later. Sports that are impacted include field hockey, soccer, football, volleyball, cross-country running, golf and bass fishing.

Shrine football game cancelled

The annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl football game between Vermont and New Hampshire was originally scheduled to be played August 1 at Castleton State University. The cause was concern about spread of the coronavirus. It would have marked the 67th Shrine game. Prior to last year's win by New Hampshire, the Green Mountain team had defeated the Granite Staters for three years in a row. New Hampshire still leads the series with 48 wins and 16 losses. There have been two ties.

Tunes to Tune Into

Music from (and for) falling in love



John Moses

Greetings from Los Angeles. Admittedly, it's been a while—perhaps too long—although I hope you'll forgive my absence since I last wrote. The last couple of months have felt like years in themselves.

Balancing the ambient dread of a pandemic with an eagerness to participate in our current generation-defining social movement, all while trying to fulfill day-to-day responsibilities as usual has gotten the best of me recently. I've also got a cat to feed!

Here in L.A., and all over, it seems like people are starting to think outside of themselves. I'm hopeful when I see protestors peacefully take to Hollywood Boulevard; I'm hopeful when I see middle school students march down Hinesburg Road; I'm especially hopeful when I see Charlotte Central School raise a Black Lives Matter flag in solidarity. It seems like no matter your age or understanding of the deeply complex issues taking hold of our country, many are recognizing that letting your guard down, following the golden rule, and active listening are absolutely necessary in working toward equality. It's hard to think about anything else—the world doesn't need any more DJs. It needs more listeners.

Did I mention I got married? The ceremony was over Microsoft Team Meetings. No matter the setting, gazing into your partner's eyes and reciting lifelong vows is super romantic. Marrying Alison is the best decision I ever made, and I couldn't be happier that we chose to get hitched when we did, in the comfort of our living room.

Listening plays a tremendous role in the success of my relationship and is a huge part of our everyday life as a couple (me being in radio and Alison supervising music for film and TV). Sharing sounds is truly the genesis of our partnership; our first-time meeting was at an outdoor music festival, and our first date at the now-defunct club night Low End Theory. In a celebration of our new chapter, and with a tip of the hat toward the power of active listening, I'm going to lay out some music that's been important to both of us through the development of our affection.

I got to know Alison over a summer when I



John and Alison Moses DJed at the Melody Lounge in Los Angeles in days gone by.

Photo by Kimberly Boden

knew very few people in L.A. and had even fewer things to do with my time. My salad days, if you will, when I was interning for a few months trying to learn the ins and outs of the biz, but more so how to work a coffee machine. Through a mutual friend, we hit it off at a concert watching the future pop star Grimes (now partner of Elon Musk and mother of X Æ A-12) fiddle with a synthesizer on stage for 20 minutes, and charm the crowd as she joked about not knowing how to work her keyboard.

Like most L.A. days in June, it was a real scorcher and I was quickly burning to a crisp. Alison offered me sunscreen, a surefire way into my cold pale heart, and we talked about our mutual love for radio. In the following weeks she stalked me on Facebook, asking to hang out again. I happily obliged, and, just like that, I had a companion in discovering the ins and outs of the city.

We went to shows, tried restaurants, ate way too many cheap tacos, and, of course, hit every record store we could. I must have come back with about 75 vinyl records that summer that I hauled from hotel to hotel in an ever-stretching bright yellow plastic bag on my drive back to Vermont. While collecting these albums, Alison and I had stopped by Sick City Records, an outlet for T-shirts, records, collectibles and haircuts, with a separate dollar bin of lousy music laid out on the sidewalk outside the

store. Most of their \$1 selection included finds you see everywhere, like Barbara Streisand and anonymous classical records, but in this bin we found “So Good” by The Whispers, which I immediately recommended Alison pick up.

Sharing my joy of the song with Alison attributed an entirely new dimension to my appreciation. It's sexy, it's fun, it's sincere, and for a while Alison and I would wonder out loud if the song is about the singer's daughter or love interest (we now believe it's about an adult love interest). We share different choreographed hand movements for the bass and keyboard lines. It's our forever opus that gets better as time goes by.

Years later, after permanently moving to L.A., Alison and I were able to pick up where we left off in a more substantive way. We worked in the same section of the music industry together, connected with a shared friend group, and began to build a life together after we found our first apartment. We were a couple in every sense. Being two creative young people, we started a DJ night called Slow Dance, an event dedicated to music for squeezing your partner and staring lovingly into each other's eyes. It was a blast.

Around this time, we formally combined our record collection and piled up titles that fit within our night's theme. Records by Jerry Jeff Walker, Rare Silk, Cloe Martin, Linda

Jones, and The Flamingos became the monthly soundtrack we celebrated over and over again. My personal favorite of our rotating adoration playlist was, and still is, Joe Cuba's 1968 single “I'm Insane,” a slow-moving, smooth-crooning ode to feeling absolutely nuts about someone. Alison had a copy of “Lo Mejor De Joe Cuba” and spun this song relentlessly. Each time it set the tone perfectly for our dark, shadowy bar to morph into the moody, warm, chamber of desires we established together on the turntables.

There's something especially spooky about “I'm Insane.” Perhaps it's in the slinky vibraphone accompaniment or maybe the bridge of the song where the background vocals dip down a few notes, promising the subject of Joe Cuba's attention that his desire is omnipresent: “I know I shouldn't be with you, my thoughts are only you, knowing your ways, I count the days, when you're away from me...”

The song's subtle clash of sexy and scary ran parallel to a cliché in music supervision: pairing spooky covers of romantic pop hits with horror movie trailers, changing a song's essence from innocent musings to murderous manifestos (see: “One Way or Another” by Blondie, “In the Air Tonight” by Phil Collins, etc.). I'm still waiting for someone to place “I'm Insane” in the preview to the next big horror blockbuster. But for now, and always, it'll be a song that reminds me of our individual lives folding into one another in a natural and wonderful way.

Cue dreamy harp sound effects and a wavy visual transition into the present day—Alison and I continue to share music we consider to be “our song.” Any track with a memento attached, or a strange endearing idiosyncrasy we find a shared sense of humor in, keeps us occupied for years. I love it, and I can't wait to continue discovering more.

No new music recommendations this time around. Just listen to each other. I think it'll pay in the long run.

Signing off,
John Moses

Listen to the music at: charlottenewsvt.org/voices/music.

Town

Backdoor Bread, like a fine wine

Vera Moroney

It was a very hot day, one of our “heat wave” days, so sane people would have deferred visiting a bakery. Wrong. Greeted by some milk goats that made it clear that they wanted to be petted and nuzzled, and welcomed by a cool breeze, both of which made the visit delightful.

Who knew that choosing wheat varieties for breads is as complicated and sophisticated as selecting grape varieties for wine making?

Lynn and Jim Williams knew. They had run the Seven Stars bakery in Rhode Island where they honed their skills. The type and source of the wheat is critical, and each type of wheat produces a unique bread. Backdoor Bread teamed up with the Bread Lab at the University of Washington to obtain Skagit 1109 modern landrace wheat, which is bred for flavor and yield for the organic farmer.

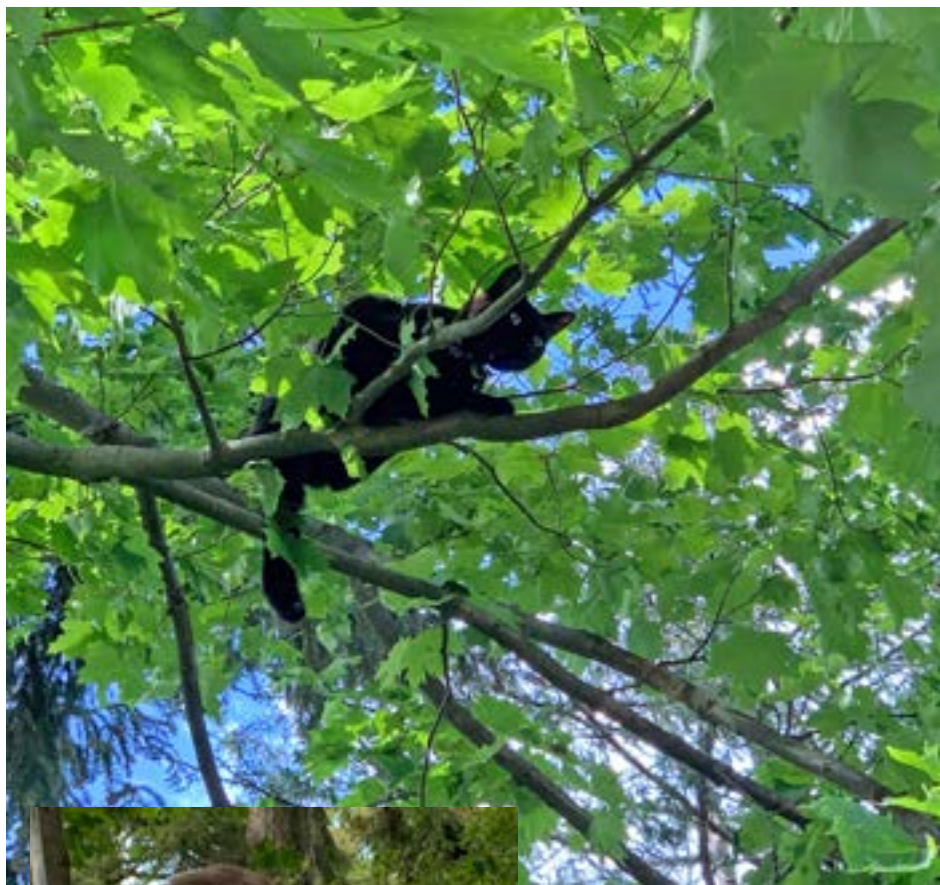
But they still needed a way to grow the wheat. Enter Aura Farms/Nitty Gritty Grain Company of Charlotte, run by Tom Kenyon and son Dave. They planted eight acres of Skagit 1109 and named the wheat Aura 1109. The wheat, like grapes, takes on the characteristics of the soil and climate where it is planted, terroir, similar to grapes.

The crop did well. Now with grain in hand the next step was to mill it into flour. Always adaptive and inventive, they had built a custom mill to produce flour. The next step was to bake the bread. They use natural leavening, which is sourdough starter.

For those of us who have tried to make and keep going a sourdough starter this is very impressive.

How do you obtain this scrumptious bread? At this time the best way is to order online for Friday pick-up at the bakery at 710 Hinesburg Road in Charlotte. Well worth it! Do it!

Feline makes beeline for treeline



Don't worry—it wasn't a catastrophe. Though the first course of action should be calling a local tree company for assistance, Charlotte Volunteer Fire and Rescue folks will, in a pinch, do their stereotypical job and get a kitten out of a tree.

Volunteer firefighter Jordan Paquette climbed up to rescue this kitten named Donna last week, hopefully karmically absolving himself from any bad luck that might occur from the little black cat crossing his path.

Photo by Caitlin Herr,
CVFRS paramedic

Outdoors

Good news in the outdoors



Elizabeth Bassett

There's no shortage of distressing news these days. Let's take a break from it all for a few paragraphs and savor some positive news.

Bats are back While Shelburne Farms is essentially closed for the season, its resident bat population is robust. Over the decades, thousands of little brown bats have summered in historic buildings at the farm, building maternity colonies where they produce their young. In recent years a fungus, dubbed white nose syndrome, has decimated up to 90% of Vermont's little brown bats. But the tiny mammals are thriving at Shelburne Farms.

Even as the farm's thousands of resident bats consumed hundreds of millions of insects each year, their intersection with humans at the Inn at Shelburne Farms posed challenges. In an effort to keep guests and bats separated, the farm devised a multi-pronged plan. In 2001 they built a large bat house as they worked to exclude bats from the inn. Access points in and around chimneys and cracks in walls and soffits were sealed. Cooling fans installed in the attic made it less appealing to bats. With a current population of nearly 500, the bat house on the inn lawn houses one of the largest maternity colonies of endangered little brown bats in Vermont.

Snapper in the 'hood She was a few days later than usual, but our neighborhood

snapping turtle prowled the yard in mid-June, digging test holes in the driveway and perennial bed. She also scraped her carapace across newly planted grass. After two nights of exploration (and destruction) she settled for the edge of Mt. Philo Road. I'm delighted to say that mother snapper did not cross the road. This is the first time in years that she has laid her eggs on the same side of the busy thoroughfare as her home pond. Now the dozens of eggs, buried in loose soil, will incubate through the summer with temperature determining the sex of baby snappers. If the nest is not pillaged by raccoons, skunks or foxes—estimates are that 75 to 90 percent of snapping turtle eggs are consumed by predators—the babies will emerge at the end of summer and stroll to their pond.

Hope Cemetery A recent article in the Sunday New York Times told of a monument to victims of the Spanish Flu Pandemic in Barre's Hope Cemetery, one of few such remembrances in the world. In 2018 Brian Zecchinelli, the owner of the Wayside Restaurant on the Barre-Montpelier Road, and his wife Karen, commissioned a five-ton granite bench to commemorate the 50 million worldwide who perished in the pandemic. This coincided with the centennial of the Wayside, opened just a few months before the flu ravaged Barre in 1918.

An inscription on the monument reads: 1918 Spanish Flu Memorial. Barre, where granite workers with silicosis offered the flu a rich target, lost nearly 200 people, the largest loss of life in Vermont.



In a true mom move, putting safety first, the mother snapper laid her eggs on her home turf without crossing the road this year.

Photo by Elizabeth Bassett

Zecchinelli's grandfather, a craftsman in the local granite factory, succumbed to the Spanish Flu at the age of 35. While researching his grandfather and the pandemic that killed him, Zecchinelli was fascinated by the flu's near total disappearance from collective memory. There are few books, poems, paintings or plays and almost no memorials.

President Woodrow Wilson, although he nearly died from the flu in 1919, never mentioned the virus. Wilson focused exclusively on winning World War I, ramping up the armed forces while ignoring a disease that killed 675,000 Americans, more than all U.S. casualties of conflicts in the 20th century combined.

On a recent summer day I visited Hope Cemetery. After visiting the Spanish Flu Memorial, I wandered amidst the tombstones, admiring some of the better-known granite sculptures: a race car, giant soccer ball, and adjacent headboards with a couple reading in bed while holding

hands. When I reached 30 deer etched into granite, I stopped counting. Fishing, sculpting, lawn mowing and camp are themes of remembrances that enriched the lives of the deceased. Hope Cemetery celebrates both lives lived and the artistry of Barre's granite craftsmen. A visit makes a terrific staycation outing.

Silver Linings Dept. The UVM Center on Research for Vermont interviewed a sampling of Burlington-area residents and found that 25.8% had rarely or never visited local natural areas before the pandemic. As a result of travel restrictions, 69% reported increased exploration of the natural world. A whopping 80% consider access to these areas of greater importance. Appreciation and love of nature and the outdoors generally leads to greater respect for and support of conservation and the environment.

Savor every bit of good news that comes your way; it's good for your mental health. Get outdoors!

Town

Library News



Margaret Woodruff
DIRECTOR

Charlotte Library Building Re-Opening to Public!

The Charlotte Library Board of Trustees and staff are excited to announce the re-opening of the library building. This is Phase 2 of the five-phase re-opening plan and allows for limited walk-in service for library patrons to select and check out books. Because of ongoing caution and concern for community welfare, this phase is necessarily restricted but offers the first step in a gradual opening of the library to full service. The limited walk-in service includes the following measures and regulations:

- Library Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 10 to 11 a.m.: reserved for at-risk individuals
- 12 to 1 p.m.: library closed for cleaning & sanitizing
- Patrons are allowed in building for maximum of 30 minutes to select and checkout books.
- 5 patrons are allowed in building at one time.
- Patrons enter through main entrance and exit on north end of porch (except those requiring ADA access, who may enter and exit through main entrance).
- No patrons under the age of 16 allowed in the library for the first two weeks of this Phase 2.
- Patrons are encouraged to limit number of family/pod members visiting library.
- All patrons must wear masks and sanitize hands when entering building.
- Patrons must follow marks on floor for social distancing while visiting the stacks and standing in line at the service desk.

Library staff will be on hand to assist with book checkout and location via computer. Staff will be masked at all times and wear gloves when handling materials for sanitizing prior to and during checkout.

We look forward to seeing you at the library at long last and to sharing our wonderful new building with the rest of the community, even in such a limited first start. We hope to move to subsequent phases as long as the COVID-19 recovery continues here in Vermont. This opening comes with the caveat that library hours and access could change at any time as the situation in Vermont warrants. The latest updates and information are available on the library website, charlottepubliclibrary.org.

Charlie Cart arrives at the library!

Thanks to a generous grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, the Charlotte Library was able to purchase a portable kitchen to complete our new program room furnishings. The kitchen, named "Charlie Cart" after the chuck wagons of pioneer days, will allow us to



host cooking and nutrition programs for all ages.

Conservation corner at the Charlotte Library

The Charlotte Energy Committee provided the means and the expertise to set up a corner dedicated to environmental stewardship and conservation in the new Adult Reading Area of the library. This spot will include resources, both print and digital, about overall efforts as well as individual endeavors that can help create a more sustainable and resilient community. There will also be a dedicated iPad to access a variety of energy-related sites and helpful information. In addition to these materials, an infrared camera and a Kill-o-Watt electricity usage monitor are available for checkout; these tools allow homeowners to measure heat loss and electricity waste. This spot will also be the new home for the Charlotte Seed Library reference and resource materials. Look for details about introductory programs this fall! We are grateful to Rebecca Foster and to Matt Burke for their ongoing guidance as we continue to put this together.

Upcoming library programs and activities

We may need to continue to limit access to the library building, but the outdoor library beckons! Join us for these upcoming children and family programs taking place on the library porch:

Summer Reading Activities: Even though we can't get together this summer, we can still stay connected through a weekly summer reading activity. Check the Charlotte Library Porch every Tuesday for a new craft, project or reading adventure.

Yoga on the Library Porch

Mondays July 13–27 at 10 a.m.

Join Lynn Alpeter of Yoga Roots. Based upon the Kidding Around Yoga curriculum, this class introduces children to yoga in an accessible way. It includes lots of music, movement and creativity. Registration is required, eventbrite.com/e/youth-yoga-on-the-porch-with-lynn-tickets-110282873042.

Very Merry Theatre Presents Seussical the Musical

Tuesday, July 14, at noon

Please bring a low lawn chair or blanket, water and sunscreen. Rain date is July 15. The event is free but tickets must be obtained through Eventbrite: eventbrite.com.



Charlie Cart will allow us to host cooking and nutrition programs for all ages.

Photo contributed

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PLEASE NOTE: Social distancing markers will be placed on the lawn for all outdoor programs; masks are required unless you are in your seating zone.

Online Activities

Learn Libby: Download audio and e-books to your device to listen, read and enjoy

Monday, July 6, at 10 a.m.

Learn (get a refresher on) how to read and listen to books on your computer or device with Libby in a live Zoom session with tech librarian Susanna. Registration is required.

Library Book Discussion: *Blue Latitudes*

Thursday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

"Boldly Going Where Captain Cook Has Gone Before" two centuries after James Cook's epic voyages of discovery, Tony Horwitz takes readers on a wild ride across hemispheres and centuries to recapture the Captain's adventures and explore his embattled legacy in today's Pacific. Please contact the library for access to book copies and Zoom link: info@charlottepubliclibrary.org.

Mystery Book Group:
The Cutting Season

Monday, July 20, at 10 a.m.
via Zoom

A magnificent, sweeping story of the south, *The Cutting Season* brings history face to face with modern America, where Obama is president, but some things will never change. Attica Locke once again provides an unblinking commentary on politics, race, the law, family and love, all within a thriller every bit as gripping and tragic as her first novel *Black Water Rising*. Please contact the library for access to book copies and Zoom link: info@charlottepubliclibrary.org.

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Town

Charlotte Senior Center news



Carolyn Kulik
SENIOR CENTER
DIRECTOR

“Never, never, never give up.”

~ Winston Churchill

“It’s no use saying, ‘We are doing our best.’
You have got to succeed in doing what is
necessary.”

~ Winston Churchill

More about re-opening

It is now abundantly clear that there will not be a Grand Re-Opening of the Senior Center any time soon. Nor is there a phased re-opening plan. The reality is two-fold: the requirements to wear masks and observe social distancing (much expanded for exercising) limit attendance drastically and make it very hard to hold most activities. And, ironically, after checking with participants and coordinators, some of the activities that might be feasible (at least in theory) do not have enough folks interested in returning at this time. It appears that children and grandchildren are encouraging their elders to stay home and stay safe.

So, the Senior Center will remain closed, all the Zoom courses will continue indefinitely, and Wednesday events will be online. Aside from activities taking place outdoors, any other activities will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be announced only after they are decided. Keep in mind that the state advises all those over 65, as well as those with underlying health conditions, to stay home. (And we all know that that is easier said than done.)

It is tremendously sad that the communal gathering that makes the Senior Center so vibrant and essential is the very thing that is not safe to do at this time. It is hard to believe that so much has changed in such a short time.

In-Person Courses

7/10 – Kayak Trips for Women in July, August and September will be happening. Please register your interest with Susan at

susanfosterhyde@gmail.com. Locations vary and are weather dependent, of course. Dates are: 7/24, 8/14, 8/28, 9/11, 9/18 and 9/25.

7/10 – Movie Discussion Group: Happiness Series for July and August has been cancelled. There is some possibility of having it with a different theme in the fall. Stay tuned.

7/13 & 7/14 – Watercolor—Vermont in July has been cancelled at the request of the instructor.

7/15 - The Birding Expedition with Hank Kaestner will take place, weather permitting. Sorry, it is already full; since it has a limit, only those already on the list can be accommodated. If you are already on the list and are not able to make it, please call so that someone else can have your spot: 425-6345.

Free Wednesday Events at 1 p.m.

All Wednesday events will be online in July and will take place only as Zoom meetings. You will not need to sign up in advance. In order to join one of these events via Zoom, access the link on the Center’s website at CharlotteSeniorCenterVT.org. The link will also be supplied in Front Porch Forum postings to surrounding towns.

The first Wednesday online event this season was presented by Jim Hyde on COVID-19. It was exciting to have more than 35 folks show up for his great overview. Fortunately, it was recorded and is posted on the website, so you can listen at your leisure. The first five minutes or so have some technical issues, but after that it is quite smooth.

7/15: Everything You Wanted to Know About Medical Marijuana—But Were Afraid to Ask with Ada Puches

Find out about Vermont’s legal medical marijuana program: the state’s requirements for participation, the types of products patients can purchase, the success of the program, and the use of CBD. The history and science of cannabinoid medical use will also be covered. Ms. Puches is a Community Educator with Champlain Valley Dispensary. You can send your questions to her in advance at: ada@cvdvt.org. Co-sponsored by the Charlotte Library.

7/22: Kyoto & Beyond with Jonathan Silverman

What makes the Japanese culture so unique? This presentation with images of temples, cuisine, artwork and historic sites will help



illuminate the Japanese rich tradition of attending to aesthetics as well as the challenges of integrating tradition into a contemporary world. Jonathan Silverman, Professor Emeritus of St. Michael’s College, was a visiting professor at Doshisha University in Kyoto last fall. Co-sponsored by the Charlotte Library.

7/29: A Mile of Ice Above Us with Craig Heindel

Learn about the most recent geologic history of Vermont and the Champlain Valley—from more than a mile of ice over us, to raging meltwater rivers, to a salty sea (home of the ill-fated beluga whose skeleton was found in Charlotte), and then, finally, to some large, higher-elevation lakes.

New Zoom courses and registration

Never zoomed? You can do it! (Yes, you can.) If you need help, please email CSCZoom@gmavt.net. Most of the Zoom classes are ongoing and can be joined at any time.

7/10: Two new classes will be starting tomorrow: Italian Intro 1:30–2:30 p.m. and Italian Refresher 3–4 p.m.

These language classes have a new tradition of very carefully and safely doing Italian cookie exchanges, complete with recipes, at the end of the series—some tasty cultural realia after having met virtually for weeks. (Yum. Maybe an Italian festival next year?)

7/13: Starting at 1p.m., and for six Mondays, is a first-time, online course in Conflict Resolution with Mark Williams.

He will utilize role-playing and practical mediation exercises to help participants learn useful skills for dealing with conflict. Although Mark is a licensed couples’ counselor in practice for more than 30 years, please note that this course is not intended for couples. Suggested donation is \$30 at time of registration for the 6-week course.

Online Chair Yoga with Carol Bokan is now meeting on Mondays as well as Wednesdays

at 9:30 a.m. Likewise, T’ai Chi for Beginners with John Creech now meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 and on Thursdays at 10.

For expanded course descriptions, please visit CharlotteSeniorCenterVT.org and click on the link for Online (Zoom) Courses. Register at CSCZoom@gmavt.net by sending your name, address and phone number. Be sure to indicate the name of the course, or courses, you wish to take. Regular fees have been dropped, and the suggested donation is \$5 per class to be mailed in monthly to P.O. Box 207, Charlotte 05445. (Please make checks out to CSC with the course name on the memo line.)

Art Exhibits

The Center’s regular monthly art exhibits will resume very soon—for two-month periods. Please note that they may be viewed only by prior appointments and only on certain afternoons. More about this will appear in the next issue of *The Charlotte News*, as well as in Front Porch Forum, at CharlotteSeniorCenterVT.org and on the phone message.

The Senior Center’s mission is to serve those 50 and up; if a course is not full, younger ages may also enroll. Residents from other communities are always welcome. There are no membership fees. Feel free to leave a message anytime at 425-6345; voicemail is checked daily.

Be careful. Stay well. But mostly, be kind.

Imagine what it would be like to have Churchill giving speeches every week about being vigilant in the struggle against COVID.

Charlotte Senior Center
802-425-6345



Charlotte Fire and Rescue Log

May - June 2020

Friday, May 1, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)

Monday, May 4, 2020

Standby-No Services or Support Provided
Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Intercept

Friday, May 8, 2020

Standby-Public Safety, Fire, or EMS
Operational Support Provided

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Standby-No Services or Support Provided
Standby-No Services or Support Provided

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Monday, May 11, 2020

Standby-No Services or Support Provided

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)

Friday, May 15, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)

Friday, May 22, 2020

Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)
Standby-Public Safety, Fire, or EMS

Operational Support Provided

Monday, May 25, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Friday, May 29, 2020

Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)
Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Patient Dead at Scene - No Resuscitation
Attempted (Without Transport)

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Patient Dead at Scene - Resuscitation
Attempted (Without Transport)
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Intercept
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport
Required
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport
Required

Monday, June 8, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Standby-No Services or Support Provided
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Monday, June 15, 2020

Standby-No Services or Support Provided
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

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Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Intercept

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Friday, June 19, 2020

Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Monday, June 22, 2020

Standby-No Services or Support Provided
Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)
Standby-No Services or Support Provided
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Patient Evaluated, Released (AMA)

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Standby-No Services or Support Provided

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)

Friday, June 26, 2020

Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport
Required

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Standby-No Services or Support Provided
Standby-No Services or Support Provided

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

Monday, June 29, 2020

Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit

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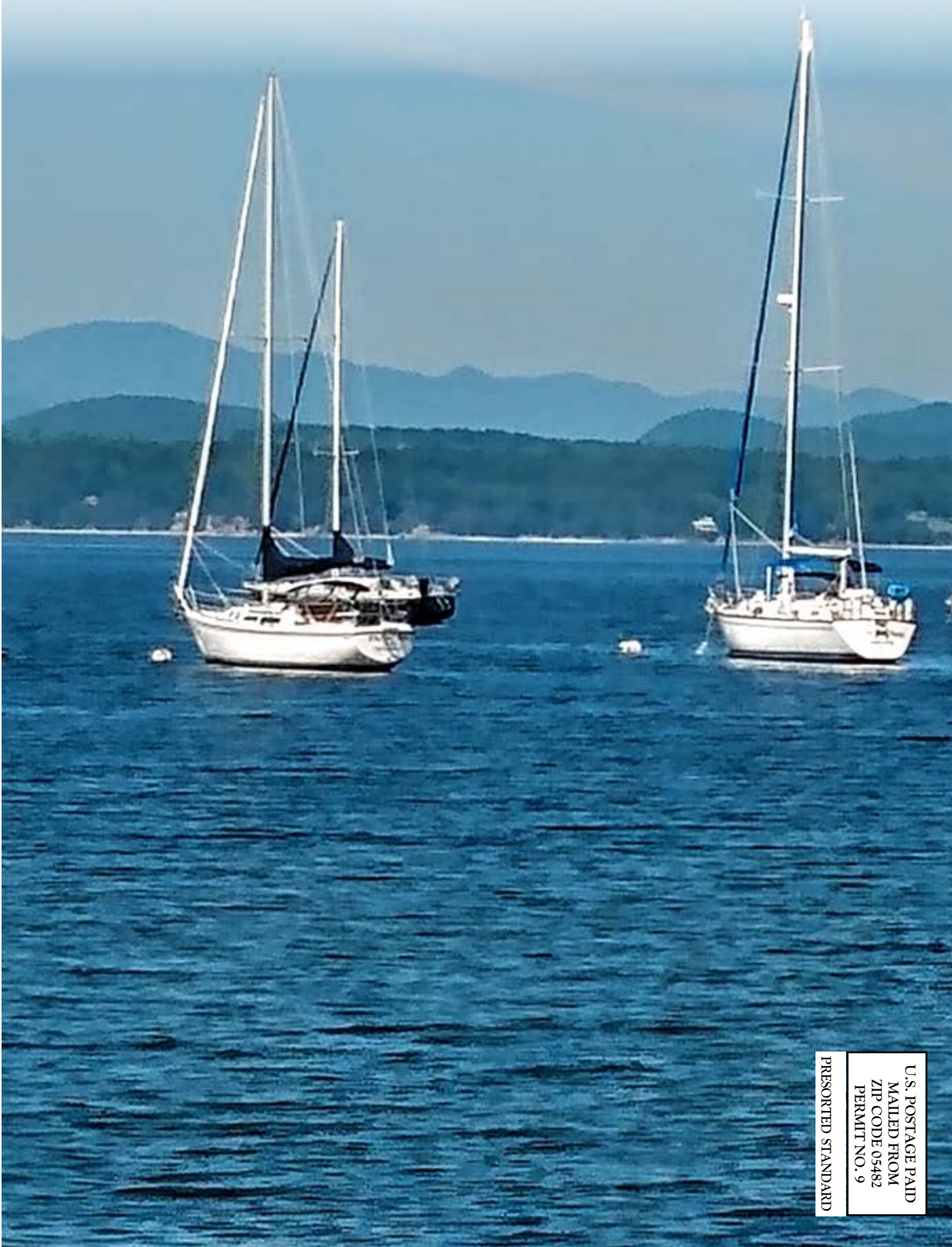
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