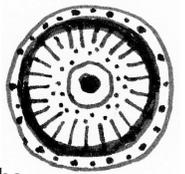


# CORNWALL CHRONICLE

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## Cornwall's Heroic Workers

Although spring has arrived in Cornwall, Covid-19 has cast a pall over its usual atmosphere of renewal and rebirth. Those of us who have the luxury of sheltering in place or working at home depend on the dedication of others: our nurses, EMTs, paramedics, social workers, post office and transfer station employees, and store personnel. Every day, these brave people get up and go to work despite entering an invisible battlefield. To avoid contagion, they have had to adopt a new set of protocols.

Joyce Hart, an EMT with the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) says a 911 call will now take four hours to complete compared to two pre-Covid-19. "From the time a call comes in with a suspected Covid-19 case, we start putting on the personal protective equipment (PPE) which means a full body suit for the first responder and, if the patient is transported to the hospital, two other volunteers in PPE...Back at the station we must decontaminate the ambulance."

Swede Ahrstrom, the mail carrier at West Cornwall Post Office, is also putting in longer days. "Although mail in general is down," he said, "packages are way up." It is not unusual for Swede to deliver around 180+ packages a day. "It's busier than Christmas." Often finishing after 7 P.M., Swede then needs to disinfect the mail van to be ready to start again the next day.

Despite countrywide shortages of PPE Elizabeth Ridgway, an emergency room nurse at Sharon Hospital, says "We have enough to be safe and we've never had to wear a garbage bag." She is grateful that the Covid Unit at Sharon is not full and appreciates all the community members who made masks to help keep nurses safe (including masks made by the Selendy family with the library's 3D printer).

Formerly a volunteer with the CVFD, Jim Whiteside, a paramedic in Waterbury and Brookfield, has been busy. There were constant 911 calls and five to six suspected Covid-19 cases a day, which requires putting on a full-body protective suit. However, "my main concern is for my family," said

Jim. "I don't want to bring the virus home."

Jane Prentice, who works as a therapeutic recreation assistant at Geer Village, has her temperature taken every morning, answers a series of questions, and puts on a mask before she proceeds with her work. She is impressed with how well everyone is coping. "Most of the residents are from the Depression and WWII eras and they know what it is like to make sacrifices without complaining." So far, there is no Covid-19 at Geer.

Although Virginia Gold, program manager for Women's Support Services, is working remotely, WSS is still very much alive and active. Volunteers are ready to respond quickly to requests for support, emergency shelter, and legal services. The domestic abuse hotline—860-364-1900—is open 24/7.

This is now the life of just a few of our many brave first responders and essential service workers. We are profoundly grateful and wish them Godspeed.

—Brenda Underwood

## An Oasis of Country

"It's interesting the way Covid has impacted us," says Sarah Casel of Calf and Clover Farm. "We have demand like we've never experienced before. But there are many unknowns." Roxann Roche of RD Farm agrees; she sees "a massive increase in sales. If people continue this support after this pandemic is over, we could very well make a modest profit on our meat."

Cornwall's farms are small independent operations that use natural methods of animal husbandry and agriculture, methods that are both time consuming and costly. They compete against cheaper options, such as what Roxann calls "the Covid epicenters: grocery stores."

Gordon Ridgway's farm went online last fall, mainly for maple syrup. By March, other sales became brisk. "We sold most of our pork. Doubled or tripled our CSA subscriptions. People want to know where their food comes from."

These farms are, for the most part, self-sustaining. They take care of their animals, make their own hay, and are stocked up on supplies such as grain, wormer, medicine, and minerals. No need for an outside breeder if you have a bull. Most are one-man, one-woman, family shows. But the processing plants are flat-out backed up, according to Roxann.

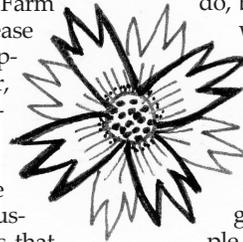
New to Cornwall farming is Jed Gracey (two years out of college) with his family's Milking Devons (sold mainly for teamwork). He is also assistant farm manager at Trinity Retreat, which is donating much of this summer's harvest of organic vegetables to the Cornwall Food and Fuel Bank as the farm waits for the day when it can reopen.

Tom Eucalitto nearby is starting a fontina cheese operation in the bottom of the Olds' barn at the head of Coltsfoot Valley. (He learned the craft in Italy's Valle d'Aosta and in Sardinia.) "The Olds have been very supportive; together we plan on making the dairy farm a part of the village again."

Bill Hurlburt's farm has "definitely" seen an increase in customers, and that's a good thing right now, but is it sustainable? Taking a brief break from his tractor work, he told us, "Local beef, local dairy, and vegetable growers all do our part to keep Cornwall looking the way it does. I love what I do, but if people don't support us, this won't be feasible. I hope we don't get forgotten once Covid is over."

Sam Waterston, responding for Mark Orth on their Birdseye & Tanner Brooks Farm, says that they, too, have seen more sales. "We hope that being local and organic is one of the reasons more people are buying our meat. It's good eating, good for you, good for the animals, and good for the planet—for example, less methane." He agrees with Hurlburt: "Bill's right. I've long thought Cornwall's future prosperity depends on its remaining a sharp contrast to its surroundings, an oasis of country in the midst of suburban 'desertification,' if that word isn't too harsh."

In the midst of terrible illness and deaths from Covid-19, we praise the farmers—our



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SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
<p>All meetings and events are virtual and held remotely.</p> <p>Zoom meeting web links and dial-in numbers can be found on the town or sponsor's web page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Pre-School Lunch Time Story Time Every Monday, Noon</li> <li>◆ Region One Bd. of Education June 1, 6:30 pm</li> <li>◆ Agricultural Advisory Committee June 1, 7:30 pm</li> <li>◆ Park &amp; Recreation June 8, 7:30 pm</li> <li>◆ Deadline for Next Month's Chronicle June 15</li> <li>◆ Zoning Board of Appeals* June 22, 7 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Pre-School Lunch Time Story Time Every Tuesday, Noon</li> <li>◆ Inland Wetlands/Water Courses June 2, 7 pm</li> <li>◆ Board of Selectmen June 2, 7:30 pm</li> <li>◆ P &amp; Z Com. June 9, 7 pm</li> <li>◆ Hous. River Comm. June 9, 7:30 pm</li> <li>◆ Board of Selectmen June 16, 7:30 pm</li> <li>◆ Economic Dev. Com. June 23, 7:30 pm</li> <li>◆ Deadline for Woman's Society Scholarship App. June 30</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Pre-School Lunch Time Story Time Every Wednesday, Noon</li> <li>◆ Cornwall Reads Great Fiction, Madama Bovary, Part 2 June 3, 5pm</li> <li>◆ Cornwall Reads Great Fiction, Madama Bovary, Part 3 June 10, 5pm</li> <li>◆ Board of Education June 17, 4:15 pm</li> <li>◆ Cornwall Reads Great Fiction, TBA June 17 &amp; 24, 4pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Pre-School Lunch Time Story Time Every Thursday, Noon</li> <li>◆ Cornwall Conservation Commission June 11, 10:30 am</li> <li>◆ What Are You Reading? w/ Margaret Haske June 11, 2:30 pm</li> <li>◆ Board of Finance June 18, 7 pm</li> <li>◆ What Are You Reading? w/ Margaret Haske June 25, 2:30 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Pre-School Lunch Time Story Time Every Friday, Noon</li> <li>◆ Peter Del Tredici Cornwall Library Zoom Talk June 26</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Co-op Farm Market Town Green Every Saturday, 9 am–12:30 pm</li> </ul>

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essential workers—and trust that Cornwall will continue to support them.

—Ella Clark

## Great Little Expectations

Cornwall boasts a fair number of birders, so maybe you've had this experience if you've been out walking with one of them (six feet apart, of course): Your companion glances at a tree sticking up out of a thicket on the edge of a field, says "Oh! There's an indigo bunting." By the time you say "What? Where?" and look, the bird is gone. Then you hear that s/he has been seeing indigo buntings in town for years, and you've never seen one, ever, and wonder if there's some bird-detection superpower that you don't have.

While it's fun to uphold the mystique of birders, the truth is that birds are simply easier to spot if you know what to expect, and where, and are ready for it. For example, stop and stare quietly into an apparently bird-less batch of bushes for five whole minutes on an early summer morning. A chestnut-sided warbler might pop up sporting a yellow cap, black mustache, and russet patches on its white breast, and say "Pleased pleased pleased to MEET cha!" The same bush-watching game may turn up a yellow warbler (especially near water), brighter than a new hardhat, singing "Sweetsweetsweet-oh-so-sweet." Or at the edge of a woods, it may reveal a little orange-and-black checkerboard of a bird, the American redstart. Some of the most colorful birds to be found anywhere are visible right around town—if you're expecting them. Wood ducks are so spectacular that one friend responded to her first sight of one with "This is a *real bird*?" But unless you know they're out there, they can be surprisingly invisible as they float quietly on the edges of our wooded ponds.

So, a few hints for catching the show: Alongside a big grassy field, look twice at "robins" or "doves" perched on wires or posts. One of them may have a hooked beak, pointed wings, and black streaks running down its face. Bingo, an American kestrel, a gorgeous little falcon, hiding in plain sight. In the woods, seeing nothing but green

leaves, you might hear a hoarse buzzy "Chick-brrr!" Look

way up! Eventually you'll pick out the flaming red scarlet tanager that said

it. Strolling past a wetland, hearing

a cheerful pipe of "Witchity witchity witchity wit,"

check for a chickadee-sized common yellowthroat with

its green back, bright yellow throat, and ridiculous black Lone Ranger mask.

And the indigo buntings? Keep an eye on those trees at a meadow's edge, especially a branch near the top. A little bird silhouette that looks like nothing might catch a ray of sun and turn electric blue right in front of you. As if you have a superpower. Happy hunting! For more on how to begin bird-watching, check out <https://bit.ly/bird-tips>.

—Eileen Fielding

## Help in the Time of Covid-19

Some of the most disturbing images of this pandemic are the photos of thousands of cars lined up at food banks across the country. Although the need in Cornwall is also great, you will not see any lines here, due to the efforts of social services director Heather Dinneen and her volunteers.

Most food banks hand people a bag of food. Currently in Cornwall, folks fill out a request form, and volunteers custom shop and deliver their food. The need is growing. About 45 households received deliveries of food from the pantry in the first Covid-19 month, most twice a month. Some families are large, and so hundreds are getting assistance. "We are seeing families who are new to my caseload; they have lost employment and have waited weeks for benefits to come through," said Heather. Social services also provides energy and rental assistance and suggests referrals to regional programs.

Cornwall has long had a significant minority of households with income below the poverty level. It's becoming clear that about 20 percent of residents will need assistance during this difficult time. But we are also a relatively wealthy town, with a median income far above state levels, and residents have responded impressively to this crisis.

About ten percent of Cornwallians recently donated more than \$65,000 to the Cornwall Food & Fuel Fund, according to First Selectman Gordon Ridgway. "Some folks actually donated their stimulus checks," Gordon said, "although we tried to discourage it."

Aside from the salary of the social services director, no town revenues have been dedicated to social services programs. This will change in the proposed budget for 2020–21, with \$10,000 going to the Food & Fuel Fund. "The town acted as backstop to step in if needed, but our social needs have increased," Gordon said. "We have lots of older residents on fixed incomes, and the current generation of workers was having a tough time even before the pandemic."

Watch the Cornwall Community Network and the selectmen's Covid-19 update for Heather's food pantry wish list. Donations can be sent to Cornwall Food & Fuel Fund, Box 97, Cornwall, CT 06753. If you need assistance, call Heather Dinneen at 860-671-9315, or email [cornwallsocialservices@gmail.com](mailto:cornwallsocialservices@gmail.com).

—Ed Ferman

## Welcome

Theo Antonio Garofano  
to Jessica L. and Thomas J. Garofano, Jr.

Hugo Palmer Cheney  
to Brittany S. McAllister and Tyler H. Cheney

Cate Kristen Rose  
to Joanna B. and Joel A. Rose

Charley Alexandra Latka  
to Heidi and Marc Latka

Hatcher Doskow Mejia  
to Annette Doskow and Matthew Mejia

Lena Marie Wescott  
to Meredith (Gray) & Tyler Wescott

## Good-bye to Friends

Janet Gold

Alida White (Lessard) Hare

Ralph ("Dusty") Sandmeyer, Jr.

## Land Transfers

James C. Batterton, Jr. and Janice Batterton to Giselle N. Izzo and William Forrester, land with all improvements thereon at 235 Kent Road, for \$285,000.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA to James A. LaPorta, 21.911 acres of land with improvements thereon on Everest Hill Road, for \$92,000.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA to Hugh Cheney, 10 acres of land with residence and all improvements thereon at 72 Flat Rocks Road, for \$315,000.

Ingrid K. Nordskog to Mies O'Neil Surdoval, her interest in land with improvements thereon at 45 Seeley Lane, for \$124,600.

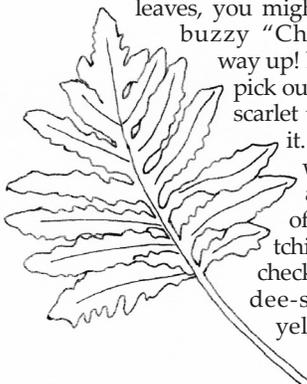
## Business as (Un)usual

In Cornwall, the coronavirus has disrupted businesses large and small, but some even have stayed open throughout. Richard Bramley's Cornwall Package Store has been following Connecticut guidelines, "Shoes, shirts, and masks required," and has seen an uptick in business with more people in town and restaurants closed.

Across the street Idella Shepard, proprietor of the Cornwall Country Market, has put protocols in place to ensure a safe environment for her customers and staff. To limit the number of people waiting in the store for orders, "we decided to switch to a pre-made menu of 'everyone's favorites' stocked in our Grab and Go case." Store hours are limited from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.; and it's closed on Sunday to give her hard-working staff a rest. Feeling the pinch of a weak product supply chain, she brings in substitute brands when available.

Ron Goldstein, manager of Iron Bank in Cornwall Bridge, has overseen the disbursal of 130 loans totaling \$14 million since the crisis began. While the lobby is closed to the public, the drive-through operation, Goldstein reports, is "busier than ever."

Harold McMillan, owner of Housatonic River Outfitters, has seen more business



than usual and decent fishing. He limits the number of customers in the store and is restricting guided trips to ensure safety.

Closed since late March, Steve Sperduto is looking forward to reopening his fine art and custom frame shop on Route 7 with safety protocols in place.

At NW Lumber/Hardware, store manager Jeremie Tilson reports good business, with more homeowners than contractors doing the buying. Curbside pickup optional.

Unfortunately, the outlook at the Hitching Post is bleak. Natu Patel reports that while he has been open the entire time, he has not hosted one guest, the first time that has happened since he opened in 1989.

Our potters are doing what they can with Todd Piker relying more on internet sales and curbside pickup. Susan Fox has had to cancel her hands-on pottery classes and is working on an online plan to showcase and sell her products. While Jane Herold believes Cornwall "is a great place to be quarantined," she is anxious for things to open up to increase traffic at her showroom, now open by appointment only.

Graphic designer Cara Weigold reports that initially she had projects that came to a halt, but is now as busy as ever. Rocco Botto has seen his web design and marketing business shrink with half his projects dormant but slowly picking up. Nancy Opgard got on the Zoom "bandwagon" early, egged on by her yoga students. Devotees from all over the country have joined her classes.

Ian Ingersoll initially shut his business for a month, then brought everyone back with a modified work environment—no showroom, office work from home, and wood-workers isolated. He has seen an uptick in home furniture orders and feels he will emerge relatively unscathed.

Bob Ensign at Covered Bridge Electric Bike has closed his in-store food service, but continues to rent bikes by appointment only and mostly longterm. He would like to focus on bike sales going forward.

Similarly, Bianka Griggs kept her Wish House open by appointment only and saw a huge drop in business. She looks forward to reopening at the proper time. Janet Carlson Sanders closed her marketing consultancy briefly and has now reopened using remote technology and is "busier than ever, especially with healthcare clients."

RSVP, the only restaurant left in Cornwall, normally opens in late April and has seen that date slip. They will begin serving limited numbers of customers outside Wednesday through Sunday, instituting strict safe-distancing measures. According to proprietor Charles Cilona, "We look forward to serving our clients for this, our 20<sup>th</sup> year."  
—Bob Meyers

## Distance Learning at CCS

Cornwall Consolidated School closed its doors March 13 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. CCS teachers and staff stepped up quickly to switch gears. Using professional development opportunities, teachers created their virtual classrooms in a very short time, according to Principal Pat Corvello.

Learning at CCS is happening through a variety of technology platforms. In addition to Google Meet and Zoom, says math teacher Danielle Kruger, middle school teachers are using YouTube and instructional applications such as Khan Academy, Freckle, Flip Grid, and Rosetta Stone. Teacher Kristi Pramuka reports first- and second-graders meet weekly together for a Zoom morning meeting and get to visit with each other. They continue daily assignments submitted from a variety of formats. There is also weekly Zoom story time and the very popular "guess who?" mystery readers continue to make appearances.

Distance learning is not just about technology. Art teacher Chris Hanley engages students to think about their surrounding community. Students created artwork thanking local healthcare workers for their efforts. In addition to other duties Clare Rashkoff, school nurse, calls students and families to "just check in" during the pandemic. As teachers prepare lessons, they follow up with individual students to tailor learning to particular needs. Valuable support is provided to students through paraprofessionals, counselors, and special education professionals. The school's Spanish teacher, Jane Hanley, reports teachers and staff want to make sure each child feels connected and cared for.

Students report both pros and cons of online learning. Eighth-grader Dana Saccardi states "It is not the way I would choose to learn, but it does teach you skills like self-motivation. You...still have many hours alone." Lily Danforth-Gold, fourth-grader at CCS reports, "For me, it is easier while doing my work because I don't get distracted by my friends, but I miss playing with my friends at gym and recess." Ben Young (fourth grade) says it's hard being away from friends, but Nathan Young (kindergarten) enjoys not having to get up early for his 7:30 A.M. bus.

Gov. Ned Lamont announced on May 5 that K-12 schools will remain physically closed through the end of the academic year. Teachers, students, and families have worked hard to make the most of this challenging time. Pat Corvello sums it up best. "Students and teachers alike miss the in-person social interaction, but Google Classroom and other platforms have been the next best

thing as they can at least see and hear each other."  
—Cay Hosterman

## Congratulations Cornwall Students!

*Kudos and best wishes to our 2020 graduates! If we have missed anybody please send your information to [info@cornwallchronicle.org](mailto:info@cornwallchronicle.org) and we will publish it in the next issue. CCS graduates attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School in the fall: Tabarak Aljaseem, Jimmy Villa Arpi, Kathleen Bodwell, Wyatt Rose, Lexie Rougeot, Dana Saccardi, Hudson Sebranek. Attending Northwestern Regional High School: Emily Anderson. Attending Westover School: Emma Vincent.*

*Cornwall's high school graduates' plans: Myah Baird will go to Springfield College, for a doctorate of physical therapy; Odin Beardsley to Roger Williams University, in computer science; Lucas Calhoun to Salve Regina University; Hope Carlson to Endicott College, primary education; Ian Gold to Keene State College; Trevor Hampson, to Temple University, music technology; Zyaja Huggan to University of Connecticut, engineering; Luke Mollica to Naugatuck Community College and a year of work before transferring to a four-year college; Isabel O'Connell to Bates College, possibly English or psychology; Ornella Rufo, institution undecided, medical degree and work with Doctors Without Borders; Arieh Saed probably to Skidmore College (depending if classes are still online), music education; Daniel Saed to Mitchell College, Landmark College, or Western Connecticut State University, communications and theater; Sage Shepard to University of Cincinnati College/Conservatory, stage management; Dan Tyson to University of Denver, environmental science; Mason Weigold will work as a carpenter for Northern Improvement Company; Juan Vanicky will pursue a degree in computer science.*

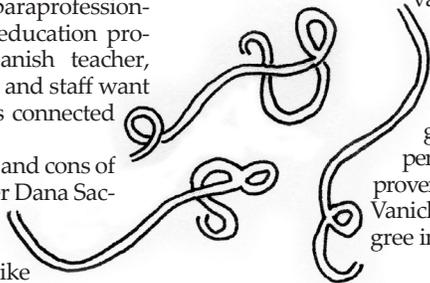
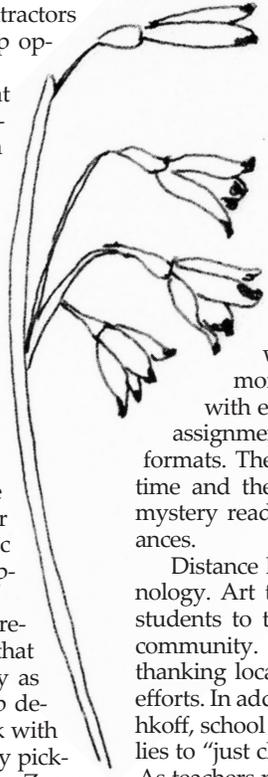
—Dean Saccardi

## Talking in the Forest

Did you know that trees talk to each other? This happens in a forest, not at the treetops, but through the roots. They converse to help each other sustain and grow. The mycelium colonizes the roots of all the trees and plants in the forest to connect them, just like the internet connects all of us.

CCS is like a forest of trees. We help each other at CCS to sustain and grow. In a forest the hub or mother trees are the wisest. In our school, we have lots of hub trees: the teachers, staff, and volunteers who nurture and teach us. When one of us has a weakness or is struggling, they, like the trees, give us more help and strength, so we will grow to

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be stronger learners.

As a single tree, a student is vulnerable to everything, but as a forest of trees, students have the protection and guidance of all the hub trees. As a seedling, I was shy and weak, but I had lots of potential. CCS has been my little forest: it made me stronger, brought joy to my life, and gave me an abundance of knowledge. At CCS, we are like trees: we stick to our roots, but we branch out too. I'm sad to be leaving CCS, but I am excited to join a bigger forest at the high school. Even with the twists and turns this year, the CCS community has prepared and nurtured our class. Now it's time for us to pack our trunks and get ready to leave.

—Dana Saccardi

## On and Off the Trail

As might be expected, trail use is up in the Northwest Corner and throughout Connecticut during the current crisis. A report by UConn's Connecticut Trail Census showed a 77 percent statewide increase in trail use at measured trail sites in late March 2020 versus March 2019.

In Cornwall, Cornwall Conservation Trust President Bart Jones reports that local trail use has increased, but is not nearly what has been seen in other local communities such as Salisbury.

Like other organizations, CCT has had to scrap plans for educational events and work-project hikes involving larger groups of people. Creatively, however, "self-directed trail clean-up" is promoted on its website, including instructions to "keep social distancing in mind."

The trail most affected by the current situation runs along the Sharon side of the Housatonic. The Appalachian Trail has been determined to no longer be a viable space to practice social distancing, according to its main management and advocacy group.

In a statement at the end of March, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy posted a stark request: Stay away! The statement talked about "trailhead parking lots exceeding their maximum capacities, shelters full of overnight hikers, day hikers using picnic tables and privies," day use at "record-break-

## Spread Community . . .

. . . not community spread. Help us get out the word about Cornwall coming together during these troubling days. Your \$ contributions count.

ing levels," and equated hiking the A.T. with "the opposite of social distancing."

It is unclear whether the overload of trail users on the A.T. applies to all 53 miles of the trail in Connecticut, but anecdotal evidence indicates use is up considerably in some spots. In contrast, all hiking trails located in Cornwall are open, subject to CDC and Connecticut guidance for public spaces.

A word of advice to anyone using any trail in and around Cornwall: watch out for ticks!

—Daniel Hubbard

More information on hiking trails in Cornwall can be found in the online version of this article.

## Events & Announcements

During this time of social distancing on account of the Coronavirus, the *Chronicle* will be posting important updates, information about online events, and reflections on the moment on our Facebook and Instagram feeds. Readers can also find our Web-exclusive reports posted directly on our website at [cornwallchronicle.org](http://cornwallchronicle.org)

The Cornwall Woman's Society sadly announces that the 2020 Rummage Sale will not take place. Please try to save the very best of your treasures until 2021. Questions: [magcooley@optonline.net](mailto:magcooley@optonline.net).

The Cornwall Arts and Remote Entertainment Space, found via a link on the home page of the Cornwall website, has 50+ entries submitted by Cornwallians in response to these difficult times, and links to Cornwall online offerings. To share art you created or a link to art you find inspiring, email [davidcolbert7@gmail.com](mailto:davidcolbert7@gmail.com).

Rose Algrant Online Art Sale ongoing to benefit the Cornwall Food & Fuel Fund features Cornwall artists' paintings, works on paper, and more. Visit [rosealgrantartshow.org/shop-online](http://rosealgrantartshow.org/shop-online). August show canceled.

CCS Kindergarten Registration for 2020/2021 school year: if interested, call the school at 672-6617 and leave a message for Mrs. Rovezzi (main office).

Deadline extended to June 30 for high school seniors to apply for the Cornwall Woman's Society financial awards. Apply to [nitacolgate@outlook.com](mailto:nitacolgate@outlook.com) for forms.

**Dog Licensing in 2020:** The state of Connecticut requires that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed annually on or before June 30 in the town clerk's office in the town where the dog is owned or kept. As of May 14, 2020, the town offices are still closed

to the public. There will be no in-person issuing of dog licenses this year. Licenses will be available on June 1. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted or be on file. Neutered or spayed dogs cost \$8 and male or female dogs cost \$19. For a neutered or spayed dog being licensed for the first time, a certificate from a licensed veterinarian must be presented. Penalties apply for late registration. (The governor has issued an executive order that there will be a grace period this year and late fees will not be applied until August 1). There will be two options for obtaining your dog's license: You may register by mail and enclose a SASE for return of tag and license. OR: This year there will be online license renewal, but only for dogs that were licensed last year. The Cornwall website, [cornwallct.org](http://cornwallct.org), will show the link on June 1. If any dog owners have a new dog this year or failed to renew their license last year, they will need to use the mail option.

Tax deferral applications are available that allow Cornwall property taxes due on July 1, 2020, to be deferred until October 1. Residents who have suffered a reduction in income of at least 20 percent due to COVID-19 since April or businesses with revenue expected to decrease at least 30 percent from April to June are eligible. Landlords who offer commensurate forbearance to tenants may also apply. Overdue taxes must be paid to qualify for tax deferral. Forms are available at [cornwallct.org](http://cornwallct.org) and can be filled out online and emailed to [cwltaxes@optonline.net](mailto:cwltaxes@optonline.net) or downloaded and mailed to Tax Collector, P.O. Box 97, Cornwall, CT 06753. For pre-printed forms call 672-2705. Applications due by July 1.

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