

INSIDE THE KINGDOM

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At Dabble Day

Event connects the dots for childcare resources

by Elizabeth Trail

COVENTRY — Indoors and out, the Coventry Village School was a beehive of activity on Saturday morning. About 300 parents, children, and volunteers showed up for Dabble Day — an annual spring event that combines activities for children with a chance for families to connect with child care providers and community resources.

Outdoors, a dozen or more hardy children clambered around on the swings and playground equipment, supervised by adults willing to ignore the on-again, off-again sunshine and chilly breeze.

Indoors, youngsters had a chance to watch a filmed puppet show, build towers with giant blocks, watch someone play the guitar, get their hands gooey in a trough of a cornstarch emulsion, and experiment with art projects.

While the children were entertained, their parents walked around the school's multi-purpose room collecting brochures and talking to representatives from local organizations.

Dabble Day is put on with funding from Community National Bank and additional grant money, Theresa Forbes said. Ms. Forbes was at Dabble Day as a volunteer with the Northeast Kingdom Providers' Association (NEKPA), which represents day care providers and preschools.

The event was a little different this year in several respects, she said.

First, there was more emphasis on services and resources, rather than on individual day care and preschool providers.

"We're here to help parents connect the dots," Ms. Forbes said.

Second, there was more entertainment, thanks to a partnership with the Memphremagog Arts Collaborative (MAC), which helped pay for the show by The PuppeTree which played 15 minutes out of every hour.

"We've had an amazing group of partners this year," said Martha Braithwaite, regional



Four-year-old Amelia Drown watches raptly while Steve McManus plays the guitar. Mr. McManus is an employee of Northeast Kingdom Human Services. Amelia's parents are Josh and Alice Drown of Orleans.

Photos by Elizabeth Trail

coordinator for Building Bright Futures, one of the organizations collaborating to put on Dabble Day. "We have at least 30 volunteers from child care programs, schools, and services — and I know some are here who didn't sign the list."

Families with young children can face a lot of challenges, especially in this part of the state, Ms. Forbes said.

Transportation infrastructure is almost nonexistent and getting to work can mean a long commute. Homes can need repairs or weatherization. Some parts of the Northeast Kingdom are still at over 7 percent unemployment — and even parents with jobs

may need education or training to find higher-paying work.

Then there is the bewildering world of healthcare options, nutrition programs, and other services.

"I feel that one of our biggest downfalls is that a lot of parents don't realize the resources that are out there," Ms. Forbes said.

Northeast Kingdom Community Action Head Start and Early Head Start has put out a 73-page *Northeast Kingdom Guide to Community Resources*, which was handed out at Dabble Day.

But child care providers can be a family's best connection to area resources, Ms. Forbes said. They often have a close relationship to parents, and are in a position to notice when a child — or the child's family — has needs.

"Parents might ask: Where do I even start to look?" she said.

But in order to be a resource for families, the providers themselves have to know what is going on around the area.

"It's building that collaboration," she said.

Christina Nelson, who owns and operates Mountain View Child Care in North Troy, was at Dabble Day helping children make picture frames with stickers and magnets.

Ms. Nelson was recently recognized as a "child care superhero" by Let's Grow Kids, an organization dedicated to raising public awareness about the need for high-quality, affordable child care in Vermont.

The award was not so much for her work directly with children, but for mentoring other day care providers in the region, Ms. Nelson said.

On top of running her own day care, Ms. Nelson works as an early childhood mentor to other day care providers in the Northeast Kingdom. She teaches providers how to identify where they are on the way to meeting quality standards with the state, and walks them

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Stillman Sykes models a plastic fireman's hat at Dabble Day, which is held every spring at Coventry Village School. Stillman, the son of Alisha and Hunter Sykes of Holland, will be two years old in July.

Ruminations

It's a good year for maple syrup

by Tena Starr

It's maple season. It's early for sugarmaking, but it happens when it happens. Any longtime farmer of any type learns in a hurry that the weather does what it wants; for better or worse, you roll with it.

Last year, it was so cold that on Maple Open House Weekend many sugarhouses were boiling water in order to demonstrate how sap turns into syrup. Not everyone had even started sugaring yet.

This year, it's been so warm and snowless that the danger was that sugaring would be all over.

Nope. It got unseasonably cold this past weekend, after being unseasonably warm, and sugarmakers are still hanging in there. The ones we've seen were struggling with exhaustion at the end of last week from what appears to be, as of now, an excellent season with steady runs of sap that left sugarmakers boiling nearly every day.

We tap one huge and very old maple. Two buckets. Last week the buckets filled nearly every day, and we, too, like "real" sugarmakers, boiled every day. We do that partly on the wood stove and partly on the kitchen range. Since there's no wallpaper in the house, I don't have to worry about it being steamed off the walls.

So far we've made close to a gallon from that one big tree, which I believe is a personal record, although last year was the only year we actually had to buy maple syrup. For more than ten years we have generally made enough syrup for our own needs.

Not to take away from the serious sugarmakers, but making syrup on a small scale is so easy it puzzles me why more people don't do it. Tap a couple of trees, which only requires a drill and a few buckets, and you're in business. Haul the sap into the house when you have enough to make boiling worthwhile.

It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, so you need a substantial amount of sap to make any syrup at all. We tend to make about a pint at a time. A sugarmaker asked me the other day if I use a hydrometer, which basically measures the density of a liquid, to decide when the sap has turned to syrup.

I don't. I decide it's syrup when I scoop out a spoonful, and it's syrup when it cools. Admittedly, it's a method that leads to variation, and none of our syrup is perfect. Some is a little thick, and some is a little thin, but we're not selling it. If it's too thin, it won't keep. If it's too thick, it crystallizes, or turns into sugar.

One year we made it too thin, and learned that undercooked syrup tastes like maple vinegar after a few months in the refrigerator. More often, I've overcooked and ended up with crystallization.

The history of maple syrup is fraught with legend, the most common being that a Native American chief threw his tomahawk into a sugar maple tree after a hunting trip. It was spring, and sap ran down the bark from the cut. It was collected, but since it's clear it was thought to be water. Supposedly, the Natives used it to cook some meat and ended up with a sweet glaze as the water boiled away.

According to the Bailey/Howe Library at UVM, there are written accounts of maple sugaring in North America dating back to 1557, but the exact origins of sugaring are unknown, though there are a wealth of myths.

Here, according to the library's website, is one of them:

"One day, Glooskap, a mischievous young man, found a village of his People strangely silent — the cooking fires were dead, weeds had overtaken the gardens. Glooskap discovered the villagers laying in the woods, eyes closed, letting the syrup from the maple trees drip into their mouths. Glooskap brought fresh water from the lake and using his special power filled the trees with water until the syrup ran from them thin



Maple dumplings.

Photo by Tena Starr

and fast. He then ordered his people up, telling them that the trees were no longer filled with the maple syrup, but only a watery sap. He told them they would have to hunt and fish and tend their gardens for sustenance. He promised that the sap would run again, but only during the winter when game is scarce, the lake is frozen, and crops do not grow."

In any event, it's clear that, by the 1700s, Native Americans and European settlers alike were making syrup and sugar.

"In 1755, a young colonist was captured and 'adopted' by a small group of natives in the region that is now Ohio," says the UVM website. "In 1799 he published his story in *An Account of the Remarkable Occurrences in the Life and Travels of Col. James Smith*, which includes a description of how the Native Americans made maple sugar:

"Shortly after we came to this place the squaws began to make sugar. We had no large kettles with us this year, and they made the frost, in some measure, supply the place of fire, in making sugar. Their large bark vessels, for holding the stock-water, they made broad and shallow; and as the weather is very cold here, it frequently freezes at night in sugar time; and the ice they break and cast out of the vessels. I asked them if they were not throwing away the sugar? They said no; it was water they were casting away, sugar did not freeze, and there was scarcely any in that ice. They said I might try the experiment, and boil some of it, and see what I would get. I never did try it; but I observed that after several times freezing, the water that remained in the vessel, changed its colour and became brown and very sweet."

It wasn't until the Civil War that the maple syrup industry was born, with the introduction of the tin cans and the invention of metal spouts and evaporator pans, the UVM library goes on to say.

"Most early producers were dairy farmers who made maple syrup and sugar during the off-season of the farm for their own use and for extra income.

"Technology remained largely the same for the next century until the energy crisis of the 1970s forced maple syrup producers to change their labor-intensive process. With another surge of technological breakthroughs, tubing systems were perfected, taking the sap directly from the tree to the sugarhouse. Vacuum pumps were added to the tubing systems, pre-heaters were developed to "recycle" heat lost in the steam, and reverse-osmosis filters were designed to take a portion of the water out of the sap before it was boiled. And these technological advances continue today, ever moving the story of maple syrup forward."

Some would like to move the story of maple syrup backwards. It's not hard to find a sugarmaker who believes that technology has affected flavor and quality.

At this house, the old methods are still in place, by necessity. It doesn't mean we make the best syrup; in fact, it tends to be dark, but it's tasty.

Here is what I believe to be an old French-Canadian, or maybe old Vermont, recipe. We don't tend to make it unless it's a very good sugaring year like this one because it uses a lot of syrup. I've looked at actual recipes and find them too complicated. So here is my own.

Maple dumplings

Make drop biscuits. There are lots of recipes for drop biscuits. Here's one:

2 cups flour
2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
1-1/4 cup milk

Mix together with a fork.

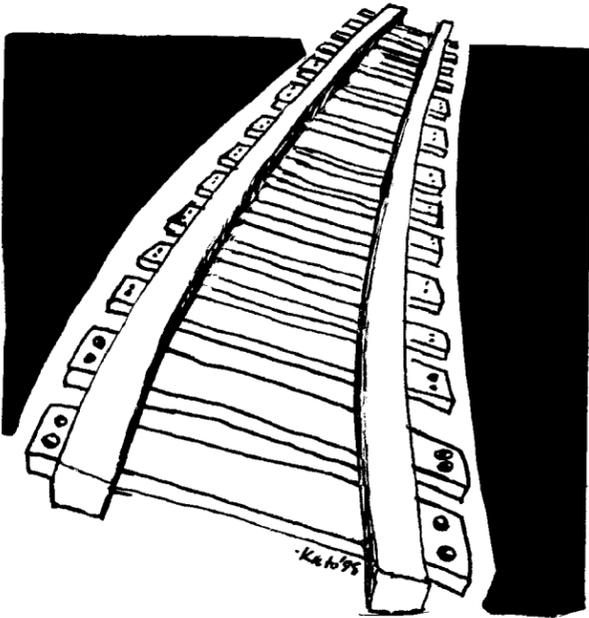
This recipe makes about a dozen biscuits. Place them in a baking pan greased with butter. Pour maple syrup over them until the biscuits are a quarter to a third covered. If you want, sprinkle walnuts over the whole mixture. Bake at 450 for about ten minutes, or until the biscuits are done. If the syrup starts solidifying too much, add more. Serve hot.

For a dozen biscuits baked in a nine-inch by 13-inch glass baking pan, I used just under a quart of syrup.

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It must be spring



Yours from the Perimeter

by Paul Lefebvre

Maybe it was the snow that dusted the deck and covered the ground but the air this morning felt more like a day in November than one in early April. By the second cup of coffee came a cry out of the woods from a lone beagle. Either he was chasing something or he was lost.

The cries faded in and out and were close enough at times to make me think I might see him.

No doubt the cold air under a clear sky was amplifying the cries. Such a difference from yesterday when first it snowed and then the sun came out, accompanied by howling wind out of the west that blew snow and last summer's dry leaves across the lawn until a cloud bank rolled in and the sky again turned gray, filling the air with snow the size of raindrops.

Fickle April. While today's early morning air felt as crisp as the opening day of deer season, the conventional wisdom has the weather being a month ahead of what is usually expected from an Upper Kingdom spring. The back roads are nearly mud free and while the woods are still bare and brown, a new season of courtship appears to be underway for the birds.

For the second Saturday in a row I eavesdropped on the chatter of two ravens with two distinct calls coming out of the woods on both sides of the road. On the off chance I might see one or the other, I paused from my walk and stood motionless in the road — my eyes following the sounds of the call. For my efforts I was rewarded by seeing one Saturday, flying among the treetops in a roadside stand of cathedral pines. And for a moment I thought he might land, but instead he turned south and was soon lost in the woods and the sky.

For the second winter in a row I have tried to lure ravens by throwing scraps of meat on the woodshed's tin roof. So far I've only managed to attract blue jays and squirrels. Lately a few juncos have been stopping by to feed on spilled seeds from a hanging birdfeeder that I took down during the closing days of last month.

A lone robin came by to feed this morning in the same spot. At first he appeared to be uncharacteristically fat until I realized he was only protecting himself from the cold by puffing out his coat of feathers. He caught me watching him from the woodshed but stayed his ground until he was through feeding.

His demeanor was in sharp contrast to the pair of geese I saw Saturday on Beck Pond. The first time I saw them they were flying, almost flying low enough to buzz me. Soon they were followed by four more geese that abruptly changed direction and flew soundlessly away from the pond. Maybe they were afraid they might be interrupting something.

I waited for a moment in the road. A raven's far off call broke the silence, and then I heard something land in the water, at the north end of the pond where the ice is first to leave, pushing out from the shore to form a pool of open water like the kind we used to look for as kids on opening day of fishing season.

I left the road and walked toward the pond on raised patches of marshy ground that already had thawed. Every now and then I miscalculated and stepped on one still frozen that would break and crack the silence of the early morning air. Still out of sight from the far end of the pond, I stopped and waited, fearing the geese would take off if they heard me coming toward them. But when nothing happened, I resumed my cautious progress that was bringing

me one step at a time toward the pond's edge.

I arrived finally unseen. The geese appeared to be a mating pair. The female was moving in the open water while the male sat close to the reeds on guard, his neck erect and constantly turning, surveying all that surrounded him. I watched them a few minutes, but when I took my first step away from the water, he immediately detected motion on the shore and let loose a string of honks that came in rapid succession, each sounding louder and more fierce than the other.

To my surprise his calls of distress didn't fade as I moved further and further away from the pond. The honks finally stopped, if only begrudgingly, by the time I was back on the road and well out of sight. I waited but when the geese didn't fly off, I continued my walk back to the house feeling a little guilty I had caused such a disturbance.

The cold this morning feels like it has deepened as the day lengthens. I keep going outside to study the smoke coming out of my chimney. The beagle's cry is growing increasingly faint, but the black smoke coming out of the chimney hasn't got any lighter. It is April and I am reminded again it's the time of year when my chimney is most likely to become plugged with creosote from too many days of keeping a low fire.

Yesterday, after my walk through bird land, I looked up my chimney with a mirror. I knew what I would see, but I moved the dresser away from the chimney and carried a stool upstairs so I could stand and reach into the flue with a mirror about the size of a playing card to confirm what I really didn't want to know or face. There was no light at the far end, no sky to be seen.

Plugged as tight as a teddy bear's rear end, as my pal McGee has been known to say. Rose told me last night I smelled of creosote, so today I took my work clothes — my ties and shirts and pants — downstairs and hung them on the porch.

Presently, I am running my stove at half-throttle and keeping both bedroom windows open. I am semi-warm and the smoke hasn't yet floated downstairs. If I'm unable to burn off the creosote, I'll go up on the roof and ram a brush down the chimney. But if I could, I would rather cry like a beagle or fly off like a raven or honk like a goose whose peace and serenity has just been disturbed.

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Obituaries

Mary Gunther Truax

Mary Gunther Truax, 48, of Newport, died on March 23, 2016.

She was born in Oswego, New York. She moved to Newport in 1996 from Oswego.

She worked at McDonald's in Derby for many years, until health issues made it hard for her to work.

She liked to play softball, rollerblade, and bike. She was an animal enthusiast, always walking and riding around with her beloved Miniature Pinscher, Jasmine. She would stop and talk to anyone with an animal, and go to visit people just to play with their dogs. She would feed the birds and chipmunks in her yard, even planting sunflowers to make sure they all had enough seed. When she lost Jasmine, she turned her sights to her passion of art. She would take walks in the fields and forests with friends and their dogs. During these walks, she would pick up rocks, flowers, feathers, just about anything she found interesting, and

take them home. She liked wood-burning her finds. She left behind many five-gallon buckets of polished stones. She loved to draw and color, along with her wood-burning and would do little projects for her friends when they asked. She would give mushrooms and feathers to her friend Julie to paint on, and loved her work so much she would get them back.

She is survived by her father, Bill Gunther; her sister Chris and her brothers Jeff, Mike, and Billy Gunther; and by many nieces and nephews, all of Oswego.

She was predeceased by her mother, Barbara Gunther.

Ms. Truax made lots of friends in the Northeast Kingdom, leaving behind some very special people in her life, including her partner of 18 years, Jody Berard of Newport. She and Mr. Berard did everything together; it was rare to find one without the other. They especially liked bonfires in summer.

Ms. Truax came to Vermont

with her special friend of 25 years, Donna Baker, who was always by her side, and Robert Dillon, both of Derby. Ms. Truax had no children and thought of Mr. Dillon, called Bobby, as if he was her own. He returned the love, calling Ms. Truax his second mother and he brought her flowers every Mother's Day. She was so proud of him, especially when he had his sons Cayleb and Owen and made her a grandmother. Ms. Truax also leaves behind two of her favorite people, Tyler Newland of West Charleston and Jennifer Bowen, formerly of Newport.

Her friends should remember her beautiful smile and contagious laugh.

There will be no services held in the area for her. Although she considered the Northeast Kingdom her home, she wanted to return to New York to be with her mother. The family will have a service in Oswego at a later date. A celebration of her life and a bonfire will be held as soon as the family is



able. She would want everyone to remember her as the happy-go-lucky girl; don't shed a tear, smile as you think of her.

Contributions may be made in the memory of Mary Truax to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, 4473 Barton-Orleans Road, Orleans Vermont 05860.

Card of Thanks

The family of Eduino V. DaSilva Sr. would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and contributions during this difficult time after his passing. Thank you all so much.

Daniel R. Gorsky

Daniel R. Gorsky, 64, of Glover died on March 30, 2016, at his home.

He was born on October 31, 1951, in Irvington, New Jersey, to Esther (George) Gorsky and the late Julius R. Gorsky.

He owned and operated S&D Precision in Glover. He was a craftsman and he enjoyed making knives and woodworking. He was a collector of guns and knives and was a very talented machinist.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed spending time with his close friends sitting around a campfire.

He is survived by his children: Daniel B. Gorsky of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Jennifer Dumire of Woodstock, Georgia; his mother, Esther Gorsky, of Passaic, New Jersey; his siblings: Carol Brumale and her husband, Robert, of Wayne, New Jersey, Joyce Cumiskey and her husband, Thomas, of Wellington, Florida, and Lisa Delbene of Crossville, Tennessee; and by his nieces and nephews: Logan and Rachael Cumiskey, Phillip and Kyle Delbene, and his grand-nephew Blake Rodriquez.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Online condolences at curtis-britch.com.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of **Adam Vera** wishes to thank everyone who gave so much to comfort us in our time of deepest sorrow. To the neighbors and folks who sent cards, brought food and flowers to the house, as well as those friends who dropped by day after day to check in and see if there was anything we needed; thank you. Thanks to the Brighton American Legion, who went out of their way to accommodate and make the spacious hall available at the time we needed. Heartfelt thanks to Jesse's Little Kitchen and the women at the Brighton Elementary School, who cooked and cooked and loaded the tables with food throughout the service. And then a warm and grateful thanks to Adam's friends, who stood up and shared the stories and times they had with him. You lightened our sorrows by your presence, and we thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish in this way to express our appreciation to each individual and organization who sent or brought thoughts of cheer to Florence Thompson. To the many friends who sent cards of sympathy, or in any way made our sorrow a bit easier to bear during our bereavement, we say sincerely, "thank you." May you be as rich in friendship during sorrow.

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Roland Hector Desrochers

Roland Hector Desrochers, 78, of Brownington died peacefully on Sunday, March 27, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on August 12, 1937, in Newport Center to Oscar and Yvonne (Arel) Desrochers.

On February 22, 1961, he married Virginia "June" Cornell, who survives him.

He was a salesman for many businesses in the area. He was a man who loved to talk, visit, and laugh with people. He was always there in any way for his family and friends.

There were days when he would take his motorcycle out with his dog Jake for a ride, which he loved, or he would be over helping Uncle Joe with the horses or Uncle Real

making a tractor sale, and, of course, you could find him at the fair horse pulling, having fun, and getting home past his bedtime. He also made Sunday rounds with family and friends.

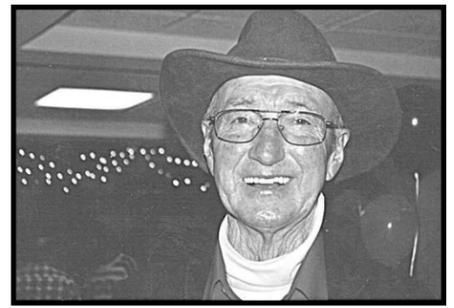
He was a great husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to his family who he loved so much. He will be sadly missed by his buddy, his dog Jeb.

He is survived by his wife, June Desrochers, of Brownington; his children: Bridgett Desrochers and her friend, Patrick Silver, Kim and her husband, Andre Desmarais, Roland Oscar Desrochers, and Marcus Desrochers and his wife, Linda; his grandchildren: Brittany, Roland, Luke, Jessie, Jacob, Jeremy, Cassie, Bethany, Bailey, and Aliza;

his great-grandchildren: Nolan, Bretton, Blakely, Bronson, Tristin, and Ashton; his siblings: Real Desrochers and his wife, Denise, Joe Desrochers and his wife, Donna, and Rita (Rejean) LeBlanc; his sisters-in-law: Connie Desrochers, Cora Doyon, and Caroline Darcy; and by his brothers-in-law: Amos, Sidney, and Stewart Cornell.

He was predeceased by his brother Claude Desrochers; his sister Claudette Chaput; his parents: Oscar and Yvonne Desrochers; his brother-in-law Stanley Cornell; and by his mother- and father-in-law: Cleveland and Phyllis Cornell.

Funeral services were held on April 1 in Newport. Spring interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.



Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to the Orleans-Essex Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice, Inc., 46 Lakemont Road, Newport, Vermont 05855.

Online condolences at curtis-britch.com.

Warren Blodgett

Warren Blodgett, of Irasburg, died peacefully at his home on March 29, 2016, at the age of 91.

He was born on August 10, 1924, in Waterford, a son of Carl and Ona (Goss) Blodgett. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1942, then received an agriculture degree from the Vermont School of Agriculture, now known as Vermont Technical College, in 1944.

He married Virginia Larabee, the love of his life, on September 22, 1945. Together, they farmed on the family farm in Lower Waterford. In 1959 they moved to the farm in Irasburg. They raised six children and opened their home to many foster children.

Mr. Blodgett farmed all his life, providing a happy and loving home for his family. He served in a number of town offices in both Waterford and Irasburg, including lister, town auditor, board of civil authority, school board and selectman. He was a longstanding member of the Farm Bureau and was named Vermont Farmer of the Year in 1987. A man of deep faith, he valued his many friendships at the Albany Methodist Church.

He will be fondly remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, dedication to his family, his integrity, honesty and fairness, and by his welcoming bright blue eyes and quick, genuine smile.

Survivors include his children: Barbara Blodgett Russell, Dennis Blodgett, Shirley Moulton and her husband, Dwight, Patricia Blodgett and her fiance, Gary Crosby, David



Blodgett, and Neil Blodgett and his wife, Christine; his daughter-in-law Cathy Blodgett. He is also survived by grandchildren: Jason, Christopher, Scott, Todd, Cindy, Nicholas, Corinne, Nichole, Neil Jr. and Zachary; and by several great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Virginia; his siblings; his son Russell Blodgett; and by his daughter-in-law Mildred Nault.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 9, at 1 p.m. at the Albany Methodist Church. A luncheon will be served at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Albany Methodist Church, P.O. Box 167, Albany, Vermont 05820.

Online condolences can be shared at pearsonsfh.com.

Gary Steven Birch

Gary Steven Birch, 26, of Brownington died suddenly on March 28, 2016, in Coventry, after losing his battle with addiction.

He was born on April 16, 1989, beloved son of Kent and Jeannette (Daniels) Birch.

He graduated from Lake Region Union High School in the Class of 2007 and later from the University of Northwestern Ohio with a degree in automotive technology. He was currently employed at Maple Grove Farm in Derby.

His favorite hobbies included playing soccer, snowmobiling, boating, water skiing, and four-wheeling with a special fondness for tall trucks and big tractors. He had a passion for life and loved being around people, especially his friends and family, and he had particular enthusiasm for the outdoors.

He is survived by his parents: Kent and Jeannette Birch, of Brownington; his daughters: Mylie Ellen Logan and Autumn Riley Birch, both of Ohio; his sister Kamala Birch of Daytona Beach, Florida; his maternal grandmother, Alice Locke, of Albany; his paternal grandparents: Richard and Nancy Birch of Hollis, New Hampshire; his aunts and uncles: Sharon and Robert Tetrault, Shirley Daniels, Mary Ellen and Miguel Vasquez, Patty and Ed Rakowsky, Darlene and Alan Butler, Marilyn Stanley and Troy Schumacher, Scott and Lindy Birch, Carol Birch, and Craig



and Cheri Birch; and by his cousins: Daniel Tetrault, Laura Gatzos, Michele Vasquez, Michael Vasquez, Corrina Almeida-Perez, Crystal Matthew, April Lane, Ryan Butler, Andy Birch, Jared Birch, Ian Birch and Rachel Birch.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 2, at the Brownington Village Congregational Church, with the Reverend Michael DeSena officiating.

Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to Teen Challenge Vermont, 1296 Collins Hill Road, Johnson, Vermont 05656; or Hearts of Change, care of Julie Mckay, 309 High Street, Barton, Vermont 05822.

Online condolences at curtis-britch.com.

Request for Proposals—Private Road Work

The Nature Conservancy invites proposals for the renovation of 3,300 feet of upper Barr Hill Road in Greensboro. Work will be done under the supervision of a TNC foreman, and according to a road renovation plan. Work involves ditching, installation of water bars and turnouts, new culverts, and graveling. Strict compliance with erosion control standards required.

Proposals due COB April 20, 2016. To request full RFP, road plan, and arrange a site visit contact: Rose Paul, The Nature Conservancy, 802-229-4425, ext. 108, or rpaul@tnc.org.

TROY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016 12:30-3 P.M., by appointment

If your child is 3 or 4 years old, or will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2016, please schedule a registration appointment.

Please bring the following: your child and his/her birth certificate, Social Security number, immunization records, proof of residency, and any other important health information regarding your child. You and your child will be meeting with our preschool teacher. Please call Ann Bathalon at Troy School (802) 988-2565 to make an appointment.

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Obituaries

Robert A. "Bob" Lyon

Robert A. "Bob" Lyon, 59, of Brownington died suddenly on March 26, 2016, in Burlington.

He was born on April 12, 1956, in Newport to Harold and Claire (Perry) Lyon.

On June 10, 1995, he married Rose Cyr, who survives him.

Mr. Lyon worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad for over 15 years before going to Ethan Allen, where he worked for over 25 years as a night watchman. He always loved to go hunting and fishing and some of the fondest memories are with his brother John, at the little hunting camp behind the house. He loved being able to hunt on his own property, and, as family puts it, "He wouldn't want it any other way." He also loved to fish, especially with his grandchildren. He was a true outdoors type of guy who couldn't stand sitting around for too long. His grandchildren made sure to

keep him busy by playing catch, playing baseball, and more. He truly was an amazing person who would give the shirt off his back for a stranger if needed. He had a heart of gold. He was also an inventor.

Mr. Lyon created what the locals of Brownington and beyond know as R&R Here we go Archery Golf (the initials stand for Robert and Rose), which he copyrighted and patented. He was the true champion of that game, and to this day it is unknown if anyone beat him. His kids always said that they would be the ones to take the title away, but he would always seem to pull through and beat them in the end. His grandkids also loved playing the game, and all those moments they shared in the fields.

His wife, Rose Lyon, and many others who love him with all their hearts survive him: his eldest child, Brandy Robillard, and her husband,

Zach Robillard, of Brownington; Michael Cyr and his wife, Heather Cyr, of Johnson; and Matthew Lyon of Burlington. Mr. Lyon also has siblings who will miss him dearly: John Lyon and his wife, Lorraine Lyon, of Derby, Jesse Lyon and his wife, Connie Lyon, who live in Alabama, and Ruby Thibault and her husband, Mitch Thibault, of Burlington. Grandchildren also survive him: Brandy and Zach's children: Ethan Robillard, Nick Robillard, Hayden Robillard, and the youngest Landon Robillard; and Michael and Heather's child, Jaxon Cyr. He loved them all deeply and would always be there for his family. Nieces and nephews, cousins, and many more survive him as well.

A wake was held on April 1 in Newport.

Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude



Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105; or to Ladies First for Cancer, addressed to the Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont 05402.

Online condolences at curtisbritch.com.

Marguerite A. Labrecque

Marguerite A. Labrecque, 95, of Derby died peacefully on April 3, 2016, in Newport.

She was born on October 3, 1920, in Compton, Quebec, to Odias and Marie (Masson) Audet. On October 12, 1957, she married Eugene Labrecque, who predeceased her in 1986.

Her hobbies included making crafts, gardening, and traveling.

She is survived by her sister Juliette Audet of Coaticook, Quebec; and by several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son Daniel Labrecque; and by her siblings: Rose Audet Trembley, Charles Audet, Hermance Audet, and Lucienne Audet.

Friends may call from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, at the Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home at 4670 Darling Hill Road in Newport. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on April 7 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newport, where a Mass will be celebrated. Spring interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.



Should friends desire, contributions in her memory may be made to the Ronald Holland Dialysis Center, in care of North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, Vermont 05855; or to the Mary Wright Halo Foundation, 1073 Upper Quarry Road, Newport, Vermont 05855.

Jeanne Desbiens

Jeanne Desbiens died on March 15, 2016. She was blessed with a life of 96 years.

She was born on August 21, 1919, to Napoleon and Delia (DeGrandpre) Lalime in East Angus, Quebec. She moved to Vermont with her parents at age six.

She was a strong, independent woman, and a loving and kind mother to seven children, and a loving memere to 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is survived by three daughters: Jacqueline Gallup of Coventry, Claire Cassady and her husband, Richard Cassady, of Lyndonville, and Theresa Desbiens of Island Pond; three sons: Gerard and his wife, Camilla, Peter and his wife, Donna, all of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and John and his wife, Donna, of Warner Robbins, Georgia; and by many nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Monica Ethier, who helped her with love and kindness during the many years she lived in Rhode Island.

She was predeceased by the father of her children, Wilfred Desbiens; her son James; her granddaughter Doreen Cassady Joslyn; her great-great-granddaughter Erica Desbiens; her son-in-law Donald Gallup; four sisters: Bertha Gendron, Annette



Plante, Yvette Provost, and Cecile Lalime; her brother Germain Lalime; and by a special sister-in-law, Harriet Lalime.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Coventry Community Center in Coventry on Saturday, June 18, at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. Calling hours will be from 10 to 11 a.m. A Mass in her memory will be said on Sunday, June 19, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Benedict Labre in West Charleston.

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FURNITURE: Hepplewhite tiger maple lightstand w/drawer and shaped top; VT Sheraton 4 drawer side table; early dovetailed lift top blanket box; miniature blanket box in red stain; Chippendale tilt top table w/tiger maple inlay shield; Chippendale 6 drawer chest on a cut out bracket base; Hepplewhite cherry dropleaf table; Portsmouth side chair; Chippendale pierced back side chair w/rush seat; Chippendale spider leg candlestand; birch turned leg table w/red wash; a number of pine lift top blanket boxes; double stepback serpentine front bureau top dressing mirror; custom tiger maple corner cabinet w/panel glass doors; Empire splay back dining chairs; Empire and Victorian pieces; curved glass mahogany china cabinet; ebony stands w/marble inserts; fancy 6' glass showcase. **ACCESSORIES:** Exceptional 17"x13" early 20th Century East Persian, possibly Meshed carpet; pr. of 10" early Queen Anne brass candlesticks; pewter whale oil lamp; pr. of aqua blue Sandwich candlesticks; oval pantry box w/pewter tacks; tiger maple lift top sewing box w/shelf, 14"x8"; early burl water container, 9.5"; burl motor & pestle; burl dipper bowl, 11"x5"; lg. collection of approx. 100 cast-iron trivets; cold painted metal cabbage form inkwell; French Faience miniature table, Lille 1767; blown glass bottles; number of samplers both American & English; unusual wooden foot warmer w/bail handle; collection of ink wells, pewter & porcelain; Dutch brass tobacco box w/floral decoration; large collection of tea caddies; German rabbit candy container; early leather document box; collection of horn items; curly maple treen compote; treenware sander in yellow pt.; peasware turned treen container; treenware lidded container; other treenware; quantity of jewelry, mostly costume; sterling silver pieces; 800 sil. decorative box w/enamel top & miniature portrait of a woman; toasters; Betty lamps, a selection of silhouettes; collection of tea caddies. **PAINTING & PRINTS:** Oil on canvas, "Broad Acres," signed and dated, Edward Gay, May 18, 1887, 21-1/2"x35"; "Sheep in a Meadow," signed F. Brissot, 19-1/2"x27-1/2"; watercolor, "Cabin on Beach," 13"x11-1/2", signed Alice B. Thayer, 1898; George Howell Gay watercolor seascape, 9-1/2"x20"; signed Percy Moran lithograph, 11-1/2"x8"; o/c Horse painting, signed L. Deschenes, 16-1/2"x 28". **GLASS & CHINA:** Leeds pepper pot w/blue band; Mocha pepper pot w/seaweed band; Gaudy Dutch pepper pot; English Mocha footed compote; approx. 3 dozen pcs. of blown stemware & related items; blown emerald wine; clambroth blown decanter. **ORIENTAL:** Chinese bottle form vase w/yellow floral design and figural scene of children playing w/kites; 2 Chinese export Scottish armorial plated 9.5" (d). Rose Medallion covered dish w/handle; Chinese blue & white porcelain charger; collection of snuff bottles. **FIREARMS:** German Artillery Lugar pistol, by DWM w/wood stock & holster; Winchester rifles; Colt pistol boxes; selection of ammunition.

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At Dabble Day

Sometimes families as a whole need care

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through the steps they need to take to improve.

She is also a professional development specialist with the National Association for the Education of Young Children

“Back when I started 20 years ago,” she said, “we took care of children. Now we take care of children and families.”

That means teaching parents the skills they need to give children enriching activities at home, giving families support they need when they are experiencing stress that might affect their children, and spotting developmental delays early, she said.

According to a flyer being passed out at Dabble Day by Let's Grow Kids, 90 percent of a child's brain development happens before children even start kindergarten.

And 80 percent of a child's brain

development happens in the first three years of life.

That's before children are old enough for the universal prekindergarten programs that Vermont school districts are now required to offer under Act 166, which went into effect last year.

During those early years, parents need to talk, read aloud, cuddle, hug, play, and listen to their children, says a colorful flyer from the Early Childhood Head Start Task Force.

“Read, sing, play, talk,” says another handout from Let's Grow Kids.

But most preschool children in Vermont belong to families where the adults work full time. That means that during the crucial early years, children are spending a lot of their waking hours with child care providers.

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Three-year-old Colby Thomas concentrates on building a tower of oversized blocks with help from his grandmother, Martha Perron of Glover, who works for Northeast Kingdom Learning Services. Colby's mother is Elizabeth Perron of Irasburg.

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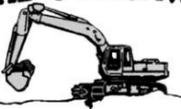
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At Dabble Day

Finances are tough for parents and providers

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Recognizing the importance of high-quality child care, Vermont has been raising the quality standards for day care providers.

Still, right now about half the children in Vermont arrive in kindergarten unprepared for academic learning, and nearly one third have fallen behind in reading skills by third grade, according to handouts provided on Saturday.

Financially, it's a tough situation for both parents and providers, Lisa Duncan of Let's Grow Kids said.

Parents spend an average of 28 to 40 percent of what they earn on child care for their children while they work, Ms. Duncan said.

But statewide, child care providers earn only about \$24,000 a year, compared to the median income of \$47,700. And many child care providers don't have any sick leave or other benefits.

There are a lot of job openings in early child

care, because low pay means high turnover. Between 2010 and 2015, about 10 percent of child care providers went out of business, unable to make a living.

At the same time, the gap has grown between the cost of quality day care and the assistance provided to low-income parents to help pay for it.

"It's a domino effect," Ms. Duncan said. "If you can't afford child care, businesses don't have employees."

Let's Grow Kids is a privately-funded organization that raises awareness about the importance of high-quality child care in Vermont.

In addition to recognizing that parents can't work when they don't have access to quality child care, Let's Grow Kids takes a long view — that high quality early childhood programs are critical to building a strong future workforce.

In soliciting donations from the business community, Let's Grow Kids points out that

money spent in the earliest years — on prenatal care, and infant and early childhood programs — yields a much higher return on the investment than money spent later on in the education and job-training process.

The challenges are very real in the Northeast Kingdom, Ms. Braithwaite said.

"But what we lack in infrastructure, we make up for in human capital — providers, parents, and grandparents who are willing to donate time and energy for kids."

The dozens of volunteers who came to Coventry Village School on Saturday morning to spend time with children and help parents connect with resources are just one example of how an area without much in the way of money or brick-and-mortar resources can make things work for families, she said.

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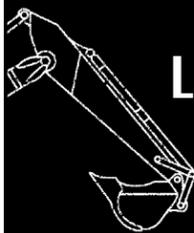


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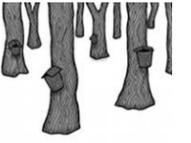
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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – 44 Second Street, Newport. 334-7365. Rev. Jane Butterfield, interim priest. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Handicapped accessible. Food shelf is open Mondays from 11:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA – Saturday at 4 p.m., (Sunday and Holy Day Vigil). Sunday & Holy Day masses at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weekday masses are Monday and Thursday at 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8 a.m., Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation anytime by appointment as well as Saturday 3-4 p.m. Fr. Patrick I. Nwachukwu, S.D.V. 802-334-5066.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH – 37 Concord Ave., Newport. Pastor Cornell Preda, 487-4632 or 334-3096. Saturday Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship Service at 11 a.m. Tune in to 96.1 FM (WJSJ-LP) for quality Christian radio broadcasting 24/7 or visit us online at www.wjsj.org.

NEWPORT BAPTIST CHURCH – 306 East Main Street. The Rev. David Lisner, Pastor. 334-5554. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Children's Church with nursery available. Handicapped accessible. Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Kid's Club begins on Friday nights with a light meal at 6 p.m. For more information, call Nancy at 766-5094. Our church services are broadcast on the PEG Channel 17 on Fridays at 4 p.m. and again on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Our services are also online through our website at www.newportbaptistchurchvt.org.

UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT – 63 Third Street. 334-6033. 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service with nursery for ages 5 years and under. We are a combined United Church of Christ and United Methodist congregation with a tradition of lively music, open-minded exploration, and strong community service. Come and join us to find out how you can serve others while deepening your walk with God. Other activities include choirs, handbells, food shelf, youth group, community lunch, women's fellowship, prayer partners, Bible study, book club, and more!

NEWPORT CENTER

NORTHEAST KINGDOM BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH – 2542 VT Rte. 105, across from Hilliker's. 334-7700.

NEWPORT CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – An Evangelical Bible Based Congregation and Member of the Conservative Confession Methodist Movement. The Rev. Dr. Richard E. O'Hara, Pastor. Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m. with childcare provided. Bible Study on Wednesdays (spring & fall). Coffee Fellowship & Communion first Sunday of the month. Christian Women's Group first Saturday of the month. FIC "Friends in Christ" Children's Group second Friday of the month. TLC "The Lord's Choir" Handbells practice Thursday nights. Other activities announced. "In the tradition of the Reformation."

NORTH TROY & TROY

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – South Street, North Troy (independent). The Rev. Dr. Richard E. O'Hara, Pastor. Sunday Worship (traditional) at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (fall & spring). Other activities as announced. "A Christ-centered church in the Reformed and Congregational tradition."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH – 18 North Pleasant St., North Troy. The Rev. Ladislav Mwelinde. 988-2608. Sunday 8 a.m. Confession, anytime at request.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS – 130 South Pleasant St., Troy. The Rev. Ladislav Mwelinde. 988-2608. Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday Mass at 7 p.m. Confession, 4-4:45 p.m. on Saturdays.

ORLEANS

ORLEANS FEDERATED CHURCH – Sunday Worship Services at 9 a.m. Community food shelf hours are 8:30-10:30 a.m. the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – Saturday evening Mass at 4 p.m. No Sunday Mass. Parish office: 525-3711. Visit www.MostHolyTrinityParishVT.com for holiday and seasonal Mass times.

SHEFFIELD

SHEFFIELD FEDERATED CHURCH – Berry Hill Road. Sean Quinn, Pastor. 802-873-4558. Sunday Worship Services 10:30 a.m.

SUTTON

SUTTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH – The Rev. Mark Heinrichs, supply pastor, 525-4214, or church 467-8585. Church services: 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study, Sunday School. 10:15 a.m., Morning Worship. Fridays at 7 p.m., music practice. Fellowship hour after church.

WESTMORE

WESTMORE COMMUNITY CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL UCC – Grounded in Christ, open to all, with thoughtful worship, lovely music, and fellowship Sundays at 9 a.m., on the shore of Willoughby Lake. The Rev. Martha B. Peck, 334-6075. mbpeck@myfairpoint.net

WHEELOCK

THE ROCK – "A Holy Spirit empowered church" meeting at the Wheelock Town Hall on Thursday and Sunday nights at 6 p.m. Pastor: Butch Ainsworth. 1-877-868-7625.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

NO EVENTS SUBMITTED.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

VERMONT AUTHOR AT NEWPORT NATURAL FOODS

Vermont author, Grace Cershung, will read from her book, *Organic Revolutionary: A Memoir of the Movement for Real Food, Planetary Healing, and Human Liberation*, on Thursday, April 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Newport Natural Foods on Main Street in Newport, followed by a brief discussion. Books will be available for purchasing and signing. For more information, call 802-633-4152 or e-mail organicrevolutionary@gmail.com.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS SELF-CARE WORKSHOPS IN NEWPORT

Powerful Tools for Caregivers, a series of self-care workshops, will be held on Thursday afternoons beginning April 7 through May 12 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. in the Vermont Room at the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport. To register and for more information, call Pam or Nancy at the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging at 1-800-642-5119 or 334-2190. Suggested \$25 donation helps defray costs but is not required for participation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

JOB FAIR AT CCV IN NEWPORT

The Community College of Vermont (CCV), along with the Creative Workforce Solutions and the Vermont Department of Labor, will hold a job fair on Friday, April 8, at its Newport academic center located in the Emory Hebard State Office Building on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local employers with immediate job openings will be on hand to discuss open positions, interview candidates, and collect resumes. This free event will give students and community members an opportunity to learn about available jobs in the community and to network with potential future employers. The job fair is open to the public. For more information, call 334-3387.

VERMONT STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL IN ST. JOHNSBURY

St. Johnsbury Academy will host the 1016 Vermont State Drama Festival on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 19. Ten award-winning high school productions from all over the state will perform in Fuller Hall auditorium in five performance slots. For more information, including the schedule, visit bit.ly/VTStateDramaFest.

MEMPHREMAGOG WATERSHED BOARD MEETING

The Memphremagog Watershed Association's next scheduled board meeting is Friday, April 8, at 4:30 p.m. in the Alternative classroom in the NCSU building. For more information, call 334-2444.

SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST & STUDENT ART EXHIBITS IN DERBY

The Derby community is invited to a spring pancake breakfast and student art exhibits on Friday, April 8, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Derby Elementary School. Enjoy breakfast at school! Pancakes, cinnamon rolls, sausage, home fries, fruit, eggs, and beverage. Cost is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

WEST GLOVER WILLING WORKERS REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The West Glover Willing Workers are reorganizing and expanding their membership to all civic-minded women and men in the community. Come share ideas at a meeting on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall at the West Glover church. Special guests are the Glover Planning Commission.

AULOS ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE IN ST. J

The Aulos Ensemble performs works of the Baroque era at the South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury on Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m., presented by the Northeast Kingdom Classical Series. Visit www.nekclassicalseries.com for more information.

SECRETS UNDER YOUR CAR

Join ASE-certified Master Tech Bob Bertrand as he puts your car up on the lift and shows you exactly what a mechanic sees on Saturday, April 9, starting at 2 p.m. at Metric Wrench, 4728 Memorial Drive in St. Johnsbury. Mr. Bertrand will answer your questions and help you feel more confident in caring for your car. Free event but donations will benefit the Lyndonville Fire Department. For more information, call 626-9237 or visit www.lyndonshareandlearn.com.

FISHERMEN'S BREAKFAST IN ORLEANS

The Orleans County Rod and Gun Club will hold its annual all-you-can-eat fishermen's breakfast on Saturday, April 9, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Orleans American Legion. A brief meeting will be held from 9 to 9:30 a.m. This breakfast is open to the public and all are welcome.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW AT ELKS LODGE

A sugar-on-snow supper will be held at the Elks Lodge #2155 on the Derby Road on Saturday, April 9, from 5 p.m. until all are served. Meal includes ham, potato, vegetable, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and butter, sugar-on-snow, raised doughnuts, dill pickles, and coffee, tea, and punch. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$5.50 for kids ages eight and under. For more information, contact Frances Dewing at 624-4124. Open to the public. Cash bar.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & RAFFLE IN BARTON

A Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle to benefit the Barton Public Library will be held on Saturday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Barton United Church. Meal includes spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. A silent raffle will take place during the dinner. Donations of new or nearly new items or homemade foods for raffle are appreciated. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children 12 and under, and free for children four and under. Take-out is available. Please call the library at 525-6524 or 525-4538 for more information.

BEEKEEPING LECTURE IN NEWPORT

Learn all about working with bees, just as a hobby or as a more serious endeavor, at the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport on Saturday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. Jim Reed, a local registered apiary owner and beekeeper wannabe, will present a pictorial and verbal description of his experience as a first year beekeeper. Open to all. Donations benefit the library.

ART EXHIBIT IN GREENSBORO

The first ever show and art exhibit of Cole Kerr Originals, hosted by the artist, Elaine Cole Kerr, will be held Saturday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Thurneyssen residence at 1662 Town Highway 8 in Greensboro. For more information, call 533-2333 or e-mail colekerroriginals@yahoo.com.

POSSUMHAW AT THE MUSIC BOX

Possumhaw will perform at The Music Box in Craftsbury on Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. Bluegrass and country, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, and bass. More info about the band at possumhaw.net, or call The Music Box at 586-7533 or visit www.themusicboxvt.org.

EVELYN GLENNIE - THE HEART OF SOUND

Percussionist and three-time Grammy winner Evelyn Glennie will perform concerts with the CEL Festival Orchestra (conducted by Paul Gambill) featuring the Rosauro Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra, plus works by Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, and Part. The concert will also showcase students works from local schools, created through the Vermont Creative Schools Initiative, a program of the Community Engagement Lab. Held Saturday, April 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Johnsbury School auditorium. For more information, call Marialisa Calta at 223-8921.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

CRAFTSBURY COMMUNITY FOLK CHOIR

The Craftsbury Community Folk Choir, led by Emily Glestos and Maria Schumann, will meet Sunday afternoons in April and May at the Presbyterian Church in East Craftsbury from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants will learn traditional folk songs from many different parts of the world. Songs will range from simple two-part rounds to complex four part harmonies. No experience necessary to join the choir - all are welcome. A donation of up to \$10 per session is welcomed. For more information, contact Emily at 586-9092.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH THE GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY

Join the Greensboro Free Library to celebrate National Library Week from Sunday, April 10, to Sunday, April 17. There will be library scavenger hunts available for children of all ages with a free book for all participants. Tuesday, April 12, is Snapshot Day. The staff and volunteers of the library will be snapping pictures of what a day at the library looks like for a display. Thursday, April 14, will be regular story time from 10 to 11 a.m. for kids ages birth to six. There will be a representative from Let's Grow Kids talking for a shot time about brain development in young children. There will be special book displays and free bookmarks all week. All are welcome to visit the library anytime during library hours. For more information, call 533-2531.

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BENEFIT CONCERT IN NEWPORT

The Now Playing Newport Music Series is happy to present a benefit concert for the Newport Area Community Orchestra on Sunday, April 10, beginning at 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Second Street in Newport. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Tickets are \$10 and are available online at www.nowplayingnewport.com.

SUNDAY BRUNCH IN MORRISVILLE

A Sunday Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the VFW Post 9653 on Pleasant Street in Morrisville. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Proceeds benefit the Lamoille County VFW Auxiliary to Post 9653. For more information, call 888-4919.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

NO EVENTS SUBMITTED.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

PRESENTATION ON MAPLE SUGARING HISTORY & CULTURE

On Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym of Canaan Schools, Dr. Michael Lange, a profession of anthropology and folklore at Champlain College in Burlington, will discuss the enormous importance of maple sugaring to Vermont's economy, ecology, and heritage. The presentation will include a slide show. Free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING SPRING LECTURE SERIES

Held Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Emory Hebard State Office Building in Newport, second floor (conference room). Cost is \$5 and includes refreshments after each lecture. On Wednesday, April 13, Kurt Valenta presents "The Beaver: Nature's Superb Engineer." For more information, call 673-9499 or visit www.learn.uvm.edu/osher.

PLANNING YOUR GARDEN

The Old Stone House Museum in Brownington will hold a session on Planning Your Garden on Wednesday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. This session will include deciding on what to grow, planning your beds, starting seeds and finding the best seeds and plants. Bring extra seeds to share. No charge, but please call the museum at 754-2022 to register.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

NO EVENTS SUBMITTED.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

CHILI NIGHT AT HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

The sixth-graders at Holland Elementary School will be hosting a Chili Night on Friday, April 15, at 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to bring chili is more than welcome. Cost is \$5 per person. There will be entertainment and raffle-off baskets and a cord of firewood. For more information, call the school at 895-4455.



SATURDAY, APRIL 16

APRIL SHOWERS SUPPER IN HARDWICK

An April Showers Supper will be held on Saturday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the United Church on South Main Street in Hardwick. Menu includes lasagna (red, white, meat and meatless), baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and homemade desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages five to 12, and free for children under four. Proceeds will support the youth attending the annual Youth Conference and the annual Community Holiday Project. The raffle for the "Scents & Sounds of Spring" will also be held. Takeout is available at 5 p.m.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT IN WESTFIELD

The Troy and Area Lions Club is hosting a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Saturday, April 16, at the Westfield Community Center on North Hill Road. Doors open at 9 a.m. with the tournament starting at 10 a.m. There is a \$35 buy-in with an optional \$5 high hand. Lunch will be available. Proceeds to benefit the Vermont Lions Charities. For more information, call 744-9927.

ANTARCTICA – A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY

Antarctica – A Photographic Journey by Steve Malshuk is currently on display at the MAC Center for the Arts on Main Street in Newport. A closing reception will be held Saturday, April 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. Mr. Malshuk will give a talk about his work, and looks forward to meeting old school friends. All are welcome, free event. Held in the downstairs gallery. For more information, call 334-1966 or www.maccenterforthearts.com.

BORDER BOARD GAMES

Come and play a whole new variety of board games on Saturday, April 16, at 5 p.m. at the Derby Line Village Hall in Derby Line. This month, try some Star Wars Armada or a strategy board game like the Settlers of Catan. All games are gladly taught to newcomers. For more information, find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/borderboardgames/> or call (802) 873-3028 or myersbethany@hotmail.com.

SPRING FLING ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW & SALE IN DERBY LINE

The Spring Fling Arts and Crafts Show and Sale will take place on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Derby Line Village Town Hall. This is a Wooden Horse Arts Guild event.

FASCAR IN IRASBURG

New Hope Bible Church on Route 14 in Irasburg presents FASCAR on Saturday, April 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring six Matchbox cars to race and see which is the fastest. Your fastest car will then be raced against everyone else's cars. There will be refreshments, rewards, and a message from the local Word of Life missionary, Eric Brown. This is free for all ages. Invite friends! For more information, contact Suzanne at 754-8821.

BIKE RODEO IN NEWPORT

North Country Hospital will be hosting a bike rodeo for all kids in the Northeast Kingdom on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Grab a bike and come on down. Kids will do bike skills and safety drills and have a lot of fun with family and friends on the adjacent bike path after the rodeo. Helmets required to participate and will also be available for a \$10 donation. For more information, contact Beth Barnes at bbarnes@nchsi.org or 334-3210.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

BREAKFAST BUFFET AT AMERICAN LEGION IN ORLEANS

The Orleans American Legion Post 23 will sponsor a breakfast buffet on Sunday, April 17, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The public is invited and there is a small fee. For more information, call 754-6540 or visit www.orleansvermontpost23.org for more information and directions.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

FREE ATV CLASSROOM SAFETY TRAINING

North Country Hospital and VASA will be hosting an ATV classroom safety training in the hospital's meeting room, downstairs in the main hospital, on Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Kids aged 12 to 17 are welcome and parents are encouraged to attend, too. Snacks and supplies provided. The state approved certificate after completion of this training is required for your child to ride an ATV. To register, e-mail dcady@vtvasa.org or bbarnes@nchsi.org, or call 334-3210, extension 351.

PUBLIC ACCESS GREETER TRAINING

Will you be ready to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species? Please join Vermont Lakes Program staff at one of five free workshops offered to train Public Access Greeters. Public Access Greeters educate lake visitors about invasive species, provide courtesy watercraft inspections and stop introductions of invasives. Locally, a workshop will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glover Community School, hosted by the Shadow Lake Association, and another workshop on Wednesday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Westmore Community Church, hosted by the Westmore Association. Free greeter program tools include the Greeter Program Training Manual, sandwich board "greeter on duty" signs, T-shirts, and educational handouts are free to any Vermont Greeter Program. Pre-registration is required. Contact Josh Mulhollem at josh.mulhollem@vermont.gov to request a registration form or with questions.

FREE TAX RETURNS PREPARED FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS

Free tax returns will be prepared for taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older, every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport. Call Chris at 802-279-0442 for an appointment. Taxes prepared every Friday in Derby at the Dailey Memorial Library from 10:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Call the library at 766-5063 for an appointment.

JAY FOCUS GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Jay Focus Group, a 501 (c) 3 Non Profit, announces the 2016 Jay Focus Group Community Service Scholarship open to an Orleans County high school senior to assist with continued educational costs. One \$500 scholarship will be offered per calendar year and requires previous community service involvement. Applicants must attach one reference regarding community involvement/service (not a family member) along with application, and confirmation of acceptance to a continued education school. Application deadline May 1, 2016. Winner announced May 15, 2016. Application available online at www.jayvt.com or at Jay Town Hall during regular business hours. E-mail jayfocusgp@gmail.com or call Kathy 988-1115 for more information.

BARTON SENIOR CENTER TRIP TO QUEBEC CITY/ISLAND

The Barton Senior Center will sponsor a trip to Quebec City and the Island of Courdes, Charlevoix Region of Quebec, Canada, on Saturday, June 11, through Thursday, June 16. Trip includes motorcoach, five nights lodging with three nights on Island of Courdes, a visit to Montmorency Falls, tours of Quebec City and an add-on whale watch on the Bay St. Catherine are all included for a fee of \$714. Call 525-4400 for more information. First deposit is due now with final payment due on April 4.

VENDORS WANTED FOR WESTMORE DAY

Westmore Day is Saturday, July 2, and vendors are needed. Call Betty at 525-6613. Entertainers, singers, and musicians call Sharon at 323-2077.

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ADULT IMMUNIZATION CLINIC IN NEWPORT

Third Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Department of Health in Emory Hebard State Office Building at 100 Main Street, Suite 220, in Newport. Free. Walk in or call for an appointment at 334-4386.

ADULT LEARNING CENTER FREE SERVICES

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Community Education Center on 1 Main Street in Newport offers GED preparation and GED testing, High School Completion Plans for teens (16 years and older) and adults, preparation for standardized tests such as the AccuPlacer for CCV or the ParaPro for public school teaching; basic computer skills instruction; academic skills assessment in reading, writing and math; and instructions in most academic disciplines. All adult education services are free of charge to the student. The tutorial program offers tutoring services at an hourly rate for grades K-12. The adult learning center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; tutorial services K-12 are scheduled by appointment. For more information, call 334-2839.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings are held in Newport, St. Johnsbury, and most towns in the Northeast Kingdom. For detailed information call AA at 334-1213 or toll free at (877) 334-1213, or visit www.aavt.org and click on "District 3." Also visit www.aavt.org and click on "District 3" for a comprehensive schedule.

AL-ANON MEETING IN CRAFTSBURY COMMON

Thursdays at 6 p.m., at the United Church in Craftsbury Common. Discussion.

AL-ANON MEETING IN DERBY

Saturdays from 6 to 7 p.m., at Newport Church of God, Crawford Road in Derby. If your life is affected because someone you love has an addiction, Al-Anon can help. Offering understanding, support, and a community that understands how you feel.

AL-ANON MEETING IN NEWPORT

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church parish house on Second Street in Newport. Discussion meeting is open to anyone whose life is affected by someone's addictions. Newcomers welcome.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT

Caregivers support group every fourth Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at North Country Hospital, 2nd floor waiting room (Room 221). For those dealing with family members or friends diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other related dementia. Informal gathering. All welcome. For further information, call (800) 272-3900 or e-mail suzi_dix@sympatico.ca.

AMERICAN LEGION BARTON POST #76 MEETINGS

First Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Legion Hall in the Barton Memorial Building.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETINGS

Second Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m., at the Legion Hall in the Barton Memorial Building. For more information, call Patsy Tompkins at 525-6565.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT POOL TOURNAMENT

The American Legion in Newport is holding an 8 Ball Pool Tournament on Mondays. 6 p.m. practice, 7 p.m. play. Double elimination, BCA rules. 8 players or less, pay two places; 9 players or more, pay three places. For more information, call 334-2374.

BARTON SENIOR CENTER

Located downstairs at the Barton Memorial Building. Square dancing each Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.; Breakfast Club meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.; Exercise Classes/Tai Chi 9 a.m.; and Growing Stronger class at 10 a.m. 525-4400, bartonseniorcenter@gmail.com

BONE BUILDERS BALANCING & STRENGTHENING CLASS

An RSVP Bone Builders Balancing and Strengthening Class meets weekly on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. with the Troy and Area Lions Club weekly community mealsite following at noon. Located at the Westfield Community Center on North Hill Road. For more information, call 744-2484.

BRIDGE LEAGUES IN BARTON & NEWPORT

American Contract Bridge League, pair games, every Monday at 12:30 p.m. at the Barton Senior Center common room (located across from the Irving Gas Station), directed by Arthur Aiken, 525-4617. Also at Holbrook Bay Commons Club House in Newport every Thursday at 1 p.m., directed by Eric McCann, 988-4773. Both games are open, and a partner will be provided if you don't have one. \$3 fee per person. Rubber Bridge Game at the Gateway Center in Newport on the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. Must arrive as a complete table and at least one of the four must be a Community Bank customer. Bridge Learning Group meets at the Goodridge Memorial Library in Newport every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. All welcome. No fee. For more information on Bridge games in the area, e-mail pat.hunt@kingcon.com.

CCV JOB HUNT HELPER TO OFFER CAREER SERVICES

Community College of Vermont (CCV) Job Hunt Helper Holly Lillis is available at the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport for six hours a week to offer career services to library patrons and job seekers. Find employment opportunities in the area, write a resumé and cover letter, apply for jobs online, assess skills and interests, use the Internet to explore career opportunities, and learn about education and training programs. Ms. Lillis will be available from 3 to 5 p.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, call 334-7902.

COMMUNITY MEAL IN NEWPORT

A free Community Meal will be held the third Thursday of every month at noon, at the United Church of Newport on Third Street. All welcome.

CORNUCOPIA COMMUNITY/SENIOR MEAL IN NEWPORT

Cornucopia Community/Senior Meal will be served every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at Cornucopia, 125 Main Street, #3 (rear door entrance off parking lot between Coventry and Center Streets). Come at 11 a.m. for cards, board games, or just to socialize and make new friends. Community members of all ages are invited to enjoy a warm, well balanced meal prepared by Cornucopia Culinary Trainees. For more information, contact Cornucopia at 487-9380.

COUNTRY ACOUSTIC JAM IN BURKE

There will be a Country Acoustic Jam held every third Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Burke Community Building. Everyone with special musical or singing talents are encouraged to participate. Come to listen or join in on the fun. \$3 donation at the door. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the Burke Senior Meal Site. Snacks and beverages available. For more information, call Therese Stone at 525-3412 or the Senior Meal Site at 467-3423 or the Town Office at 467-3717.

CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES OFFERED BY BARTON AMBULANCE SQUAD

Barton Ambulance Squad is still offering CPR and First Aid classes for the public. Classes are taught by certified instructors who make classes fun while giving you knowledge and skills you may need to save a life one day. Four instructors are available so a large class is possible, but not necessary. They also work one-on-one. For prices and more information call 525-3637.

CRAFTSBURY COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Members of the United Church of Craftsbury in Craftsbury Common will offer free evening suppers on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Open to all. Donations appreciated but not required. For more information, call 586-8028.

CRIBBAGE IN WEST BURKE

Cribbage will be played every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the community building next to the Town Office on School Street in West Burke. Contact the Senior Meal Site for more information, 467-3423.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The Diabetes Support Group will meet on the third Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room at North Country Hospital in Newport. For more information or to confirm your presence, call Barbara Grant at 334-4155.

DO DROP IN MEAL SITE IN NEWPORT CENTER

The Do Drop In Meal Site at the Newport Center Fire Department on Cross Road is open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Games played before lunch, lunch at noon, bingo played after. For more information or reservations, call 334-6443.

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

The EAA meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia County Airport in Lyndonville. All are welcome to attend. All that you need is an interest in aviation. Each meeting begins with a short business session where we discuss the minutes and reports from our chapter's previous meeting, plus our past and future events. We then move on to something educational, such as aircraft maintenance, safety, members' projects, or speakers and documentary movies from EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

FIRST STEPS WOMEN'S GROUP

Meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m., at 55 Seymour Lane, in the Community Justice living room. A warm, safe place where women can find support for facing challenges and learn some new strategies for addressing life's complications and problems. All welcome. No qualifications or criteria.

GRANDPARENTS 'N' KIN RAISING "GRAND" KIDS

Meets second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at North Country Career Center, 209 Veterans Avenue, room 380, in Newport. For more information and to notify of your attendance, contact group leader Angela Blais at Head Start/Early Head Start by leaving a message at 525-3362, extension 201. Dinner provided. Childcare provided upon request.

"GROWING STRONGER" STRENGTH CLASSES FOR 40+

Sponsored by the NEK Council on Aging. Meets at the Church of God on Crawford Road in Derby on Mondays & Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Call Jenny at 748-5182 for more info or visit www.nekcouncil.org.

"GROW YOUR OWN" GATHERINGS IN HARDWICK

Grow Your Own (GYO) gatherings will be held at the Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE) in Hardwick from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month and will include a shared meal. For more information and to reserve a spot, contact Ms. Dale-Brown at 472-5940 or e-mail ruby.dalebrown@gmail.com, or Bethany Dunbar at 472-5362, extension 214, or Bethany@hardwickagriculture.org.

HIV TESTING CLINIC IN NEWPORT

Held every third Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Department of Health in Emory Hebard State Office Building at 100 Main Street, Suite 220, in Newport. Free, anonymous, no needles, oral test, includes short talk session. Walk in or call for an appointment at 334-4386.

JAM SESSION IN LOWELL

A Jam Session will be held at the Parish Hall in Lowell every third Sunday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m. Anyone with musical or singing talent is invited to attend. Admission by donation. For further information, call John and Sandy Vear at 635-2596.

JAY COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL CENTRE

Located on Cross Road in Jay. Open to all area residents and visitors for free cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking in the winter, and mountain biking, hiking, and walking in the summer. Link to site map at www.jayvt.com and topofvt.com under discover/map. Site maps available locally in Jay and at Jay Town Clerk's Office. User guidelines: Please leave no trace in this special place. Pack it in, pack it out. Leash your dog, bury dog waste away from trails. Respect other users. No motorized vehicles. No fires of any kind. As this is a big hunting area, it is advisable to wear orange. Enjoy at your own risk!

JAY/WESTFIELD RSVP BONE BUILDER CLASSES

RSVP Bone Builders Balance & Strengthening classes are being offered twice a week through RSVP volunteers: at Jay Community Center on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and at Westfield Community Center on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. These are free exercise classes to prevent or reverse osteoporosis. Weights provided. For more information, contact Teresa at (617) 413-3898 or teresa.patch@rojacs.com.

LINE DANCING IN WEST BURKE

Line dancing is held in West Burke at the meal site on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. \$3 donation. For more information, call Therese Stone at 525-3412.

LINE DANCING IN WESTFIELD

Line dancing will be held at the Westfield Community Center on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. No partner needed and no level of experience required. \$5 per person. For information, call Pat Sanders at 988-4193 or Connie LaPlume at 744-2484.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING IN NEWPORT

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. On Tuesday the location is North Country Hospital located at 189 Proutry Drive in Newport in the surgery waiting room on the main floor of the hospital. On Thursday the location is The Church of God at 295 Crawford Road in Derby. Enter through the main front doors of the church. For more information, call 895-4757.

NEK CAMERA CLUB

The NEK Camera Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Cobleigh Public Library on Main Street in Lyndonville from 6 to 8 p.m. This is an amateur photography club. For more information, call Casey at 754-2616.

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NEK MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

The NEK Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at North Country Hospital in the meeting room next to the library. For more information, call Stella at 766-0103.

NEWPORT AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS IN DERBY LINE

Newport Area Community Orchestra will hold regular rehearsals on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., at the First Universalist Parish in Derby Line. If interested, visit www.newportareacommunityorchestra.org/ or call 766-3021.

NORTH COUNTRY QUILTERS

Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., at the Church of God on Crawford Road in Derby. New members are welcome.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION ASSISTANCE

Available to help with forms, photocopies, faxes, phone assistance, fuel/electrical assistance, food shelf and commodities, Farm to Family coupons, holiday meals, seed packets, housing, temporary shelter, housing advocacy, and 3Squares applications.

Newport: 70 Main St., Newport, VT 05855. 334-7316. Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Island Pond: 70 Cross St., Island Pond, VT 05846. 723-6425. Hours: Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon.

St. Johnsbury: 115 Lincoln St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. 748-6040. Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ORLEANS COUNTY SEED LIBRARY

The Orleans County Seed Library, housed at the Barton Public Library, is a free, public program committed to supporting residents of the Northeast Kingdom to grow more of their own food, to encourage locally adapted seed varieties and the preservation of heirloom varieties, and to foster a community of sharing. A variety of open-pollinated and heirloom seeds for participants to "borrow," grow, and, when possible, return saved seeds to the library. Seeds are available now. For more information, e-mail nekseeds@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page.

OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION & SUPPORT GROUP

The National Osteoporosis Foundation Better Bones of the Northeast Kingdom group meets on the first Saturday of most months, at 1 p.m., in the Community Room at the Community National Bank in Derby (accessed from Crawford Road). Free and open to the public. All welcome. Refreshments. Learn from a variety of guest speakers and medical specialists. To register or for more information, contact Mary King, RN, BSN, at 535-2011 or Mary@BetterBonesNEK.org, or visit www.BetterBonesNEK.org.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a 12-step program of recovery for the physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of compulsive eating. Derby meeting Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m., at Derby Community National Bank training center on Crawford Road (behind the bank). Big Book study meeting follows from 11:15 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 673-5621.

PLAY WORLD IN BARTON

Play World, sponsored by Building Bright Futures and NEKCA Barton Early Head Start Playgroup, will be held Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the COFEC building in Barton. For more information, call 525-6253.

SENIOR DINING AT DERBY ELKS CLUB

Derby Senior Meals are held at noon every second Thursday at the Elks Lodge #2155 on the Newport-Derby Road in Derby. By donation. For more information, call the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging's nutrition coordinators Jenny Patoine or Lallie Mambourg at 748-5182.

SENIOR DINING IN GLOVER

Lunch is served at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays on the lower level of the Glover Town Hall, 3018 Glover Street. Suggested donation by seniors is \$3.50; for those younger than 60, \$5. For more information, call the NEK Council on Aging's Nutrition Coordinator Lallie Mambourg at 1-800-642-5119.

SOUPER LUNCH AT ST. MARK'S IN NEWPORT

St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Second Street in Newport holds a free community Souper Lunch from noon to 1 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month. All are welcome.

STAMP CLUB IN NEWPORT

The Memphremagog Stamp Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. at CALLICO, 326 Bluff Road, Newport. All stamp collecting interests are welcome. For more information, call 334-6001.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Third Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Faith Lighthouse Church on Route 105 in Newport (105 Alderbrook). A support group for those who have lost someone to suicide and wish to have a safe place to talk, share, and spend a little time with others who have had a similar experience.

TAI CHI CLASS

A Tai Chi Class (Bagua meditation) will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Call Marc Bourdelle at 525-1234 for locations and more information.

TAI CHI IN BARTON

Leader Brenda Lowther is teaching Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention at the Barton Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. The Arthritis Foundation Thai Chi Program, developed by Dr. Paul Lam, uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are safe, easy to learn, and suitable for every fitness level. For more information, call 525-4400.

TAI CHI IN GLOVER

Tai Chi with instructor George Mckenzie is held Thursdays starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Glover Town Hall. Sponsored by GREC. For more information, visit www.grecreation.org.

TOPS MEETING AT BARTON LIBRARY

TOPS VT #82 Barton meets every Monday at Barton Public Library. A fun, informative way to learn how to take off pounds sensibly. Weigh-ins, 5 to 5:45 p.m.; meetings, 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. For further information, call 525-3685.

TOPS MEETING AT ISLAND POND PUBLIC LIBRARY

TOPS VT #135 Island Pond meets every Monday at Island Pond Public Library. Weigh-ins from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m.; meeting from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. For further information, call Bev at 723-5907 or e-mail tombusa@hotmail.com.

VAN SERVICE FROM WESTMORE TO BARTON

Every first and third Tuesday of each month there will be van service from Westmore to Barton. 10:30 a.m. pickup at the old Town Clerk's office; 1:30 p.m. return trip to Westmore. Free to residents age 60 or older. For more information, call Mary at 525-4128 or the Area Agency on Aging at 334-2190.

VAN SERVICE TO SENIOR MEALS IN BARTON

Every Thursday there is van service to senior meals in Barton. The pickup schedule is as follows: 11:25 a.m., Mountain View Apartments; 11:30 a.m., Congress Court; 11:35 a.m., Monitor Manor; 11:40 a.m., Hillcrest; 11:45 a.m., Memorial Building; 11:50 a.m., Park Street trailer park. For more information, call Brenda Sargent at 525-4400.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY MEAL SITE

Every Thursday at noon at the Westfield Community Center (North Hill Road/School St.). Suggested donation \$4 with the 2nd Thursday of the month free. Free RSVP Bone Builders Balancing and Strengthening Class meets weekly before the meal from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Following lunch, join the fun and play Bingo! Sponsored by the Troy and Area Lions Club. For more information, call 744-2484.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

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ALBANY TOWN LIBRARY

Located on Route 14 in the back of Albany Town Hall on Main Street. Hours: Tuesday, noon-4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, noon-4:30 p.m. For more information, call 755-6107.

BARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 Church Street, Barton. Open Mondays from 1-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-7 p.m., Fridays from 1-7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. "Wednesday Poets," a weekly writing workshop for beginner and veteran writers, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with refreshments. For further information, please call the library at 525-6524.

COBLEIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

70 Depot Street, Lyndonville. Hours: Monday, noon-5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, noon-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For further information and programs, call the library at 626-5475. www.cobleighlibrary.org

CRAFTSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Church Lane, Craftsbury Common. 586-9683. craftsburylibrary@gmail.com. www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org. Hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon; Thursday, 2-6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Friday Story Time:** 10 a.m., up to age 6. **Friday Lego Club** for children 5 to 12 years old, 3-4:30 p.m. **Story Hour:** for children birth to 5 years and families on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

DAILEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

101 Junior High Drive, Derby Center. Hours: Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **Preschool Story Time:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. **Family Movie Night:** Third Friday of the month at 6 p.m. **Board of Trustees Meeting:** Last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. For more information, call the library at 766-5063, visit www.daileymemoriallibrary.org or check Facebook page.

GLOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

51 Bean Hill Road, Glover. 525-6524 or 525-4365. www.gloverlibrary.org. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-noon. **Story Hour:** Fridays at 10 a.m. **Cook & A Book Discussion:** Call for book and date. **Children's literature discussion group** for adults: Call to sign up. **Arm Chair Chats** meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, call library coordinator Toni Eubanks at 525-4365.

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GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

202 Main Street, Newport. 334-7902.
www.goodrichlibrary.org. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. **Board of Trustees meetings:** Meetings quarterly; call for dates. **Book discussion groups:** Third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. **Preschool story hour:** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. **Chess Club:** First and third Wednesdays of each month at 3:30 p.m.

GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY

53 Wilson Street, Greensboro. 533-2531.
greensborofree@yahoo.com, www.greensborofreelibrary.org
Librarian Mary Metcalf. Winter hours: Sunday 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; Thursday & Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m. For children: **Story Hour** at Four Seasons of Learning Center, Fridays at 10 a.m. **Storytime** for ages 0-6 every Thursday at 10 a.m., and for ages 6-12 every Tuesday at 10 a.m. **Wonder & Wisdom** on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Currently showing in the **gallery** are print impressions by Phillip Robertson.

HASKELL FREE LIBRARY

93 Caswell Avenue, Derby Line. 873-3022, extension 201.
www.haskellopera.com. Find them on Facebook. Librarian Nancy Rumery. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m.–6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. **Toddler Time:** Thursdays & Fridays at 9:45 a.m. **Book Club:** second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. **Board of Trustees** meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. **Purl Jam:** A group for knitters meets at 6:30 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of the month.

HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Route 100, Westfield. 744-8258. Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1–5 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Stop by and check out the new CLiF children's book collection!

ISLAND POND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Main Street. Hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; Wednesday, 2–6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. **Story Time** every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. For further information, call 723-6134 or look on Facebook.

JEDEVINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

93 North Main Street; P.O. Box 536, Hardwick. 472-5948.
www.jeudevinememoriallibrary.org. Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 1–7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1–5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; closed Sunday. **Story Time:** first Saturdays through May at 10 a.m. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 472-5948.

JOHN WOODRUFF SIMPSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1972 East Craftsbury Road, East Craftsbury. 586-9692.
Open Sunday, noon–1 p.m.; Wednesday and Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon, 2–5 p.m.

JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1 Water Street, Orleans. 754-6660. Hours: Monday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Handicapped accessible. **Story Time:** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. **Board Meetings:** 3:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. **Computer tutorials:** available by appointment.

LEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Irasburg. 754-2526. Hours: Monday, 3–8 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 3–6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers and home schoolers Thursdays at 10 a.m., October 1–May 31 when school is in session.

RAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

160 Railroad Street, North Troy. Open Monday 5 to 8 p.m., closed Tuesday, open Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m., and Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find us on Facebook under www.facebook.com/William-H-Lucy-F-Rand-Memorial-Library.

ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENAEUM

1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-8291.
www.stjathenaeum.org. **Story Time (Acorn Club):** Fridays at 10:30 a.m., ages 0 to 6, children's Library. **First Wednesday Series. Scrabble Club:** First Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Readings in the Gallery.**

WEST BURKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

135 Main Street (5A), next to the park. Hours: Saturday 1–4 p.m. For further information, call (201) 519-3633.
www.westburkepubliclibrary.wordpress.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/westburkelibrary.

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At Sterling College, Craftsbury Common. 586-7711, extension 129. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Exhibit *Plowing Old Ground*. For more information, visit www.VermontArtHouse.org/openings or call 586-2200.

CATAMOUNT ARTS CENTER

115 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury. Masonic Temple building. 748-2600. www.catamountarts.org. Open Monday through Friday, 1–6 p.m. and before and after each movie screening. Gallery is always open to the public free of charge.

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Newport concert

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The orchestra, under the direction of Ken Michelli, has been an avid supporter of the series and has presented several programs by its members each year, including its annual member recital in December. The orchestra, founded in 2011, is community based, serving the Northeast Kingdom and surrounding communities and is dedicated to quality performances in settings that provide educational and cultural relationships between musicians and audience.

This program will present some of the best of classical compositions from both members and friends of the orchestra. Participating are: Steven Tatum, bassoon; Howie Arzt, clarinet; Mark Violette, piano; Paula Hansen Graveline, flute; Thurmond Knight, cello; Lee Story, piano; Chris Maginnis, clarinet; Heather Webster, flute; Chris Nicotera, harp; Anne Steinberg, flute; Steven Tatum, oboe; David Harrison, vocalist; Megan Carpenter, French horn; Rachel Keck, viola; Kevin Emerson, trumpet; David Killam, piano; Jim McKimm, organ; and Iain McHarg, bagpipe. The program will conclude with a haunting, yet majestic, "Highland Cathedral" with flute, bagpipe, and organ. For the complete program, visit the series website at www.nowplayingnewport.com.

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Grants help Brighton students take field trips



Brighton middle-schoolers enjoy lunch at Base Camp Café in Hanover, New Hampshire. From left, are Amber Lanoue, Kendal Simmons, Raine Lacourse, and Victoria Simmons. Photo courtesy of Thea Storz

Two grants from the Vermont Community Foundation's Northeast Kingdom Fund have paid for two field trips for Brighton's middle school students.

Grant money funded two field trips for Brighton's middle school students.

In February, kids traveled to Hanover, New Hampshire, where they toured an exhibit of contemporary African art at the Hood Museum and sampled Nepalese food at Base Camp Cafe. In April, eighth-grade students will visit Burlington's Flynn Theater where they will attend a matinee performance of *Companhia*

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The \$1,000 grant helps further Brighton's mission of engaging students in developing skills to promote their ongoing commitment to lifelong learning by introducing them to important area cultural institutions.

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LITIGATION: Both spouses retain an attorney, there is very little contact between the couple and all communication and negotiation is done between the attorneys. Advantages to this path is that the couple do not have to communicate with each other directly. The disadvantages include time and money; it has proven to be lengthy and expensive. A judge can make the final decision about who gets what and the couple have no control over the decision, and it is made public.

MEDIATION: The separating couple meet with a divorce mediator in one room, around a table, and over a series of sessions agree to divide assets, and create a child visitation schedule if there are children involved. Advantages include having direct control in negotiating and a say in the decisions about the future, and it is private and confidential.

COLLABORATIVE: This is the "team approach" to divorce. Each spouse retains a collaborative attorney who is trained in collaborative divorce and does not litigate. Around the table are each spouse and their collaborative attorney and a neutral coach who keeps the sessions productive and civil. The advantages to this method are that legal counsel is at the table and anyone can talk to anyone at any time. All negotiations and decisions are made jointly; there is control over the outcome and it is private and confidential.

ADMINISTRATIVE: A separating couple go online and download all the divorce documents from the Vermont Judiciary website, fill out the forms and submit the final paperwork to the court. This is the "do it yourself" option. Advantages include the cost; it is very inexpensive and efficient.

Parker Conflict Resolution offers both the Mediated and Collaborative divorce options. Hal Parker and his team of collaborative attorneys, financial experts, child specialists and real estate professionals believe that divorce does not have to be a painful, public event. Our belief is that divorce is painful enough, why make it harder? Hal and his team are ready to help and can be reached at the information below:

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