

# INSIDE THE KINGDOM

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## Sugar and spice at the Leach Public Library

by Nathalie Gagnon-Joseph

IRASBURG — The Leach Public Library in Irasburg held the ninth edition of its Gingerbread Open House on Saturday.

The promise of gingerbread featured on a sign outdoors lured people into the library, where the smells of Christmas — evergreens, sugar, and spice — greeted them.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. people could taste all kinds of cookies and

But this year, she didn't see the usual crowd from the fair.

"I make a lot of cookies," she said about prepping for the day.

In fact, her daughter said she was up until 1:30 a.m. finishing the baked goods.

Others helped make sweets as well. Rita Sylvester made sugar cookies, and Colette Houle made peanut butter cookies.

Ms. Green bought items for the raffle. The tall Christmas tree was



A sign outside lured people into the Leach Public Library on Saturday for tasty treats. Photos by Nathalie Gagnon-Joseph



Brittany Berry (left) and Althea Holland (right) manned the raffle table, where participants could bid on items ranging from a wall hanging to Legos.

cider, participate in a raffle, decorate cookies, and listen to beautiful music.

The purpose of the event was to raise money for the library, but it's not a moneymaker, so the hope is that it will generate more traffic to the library, librarian and organizer Laurie Green said.

"We've never had it this early," she said when asked about the turnout.

Normally the open house occurs in the first or second week of December, and people who go to the craft fair in the town hall next door come by to check out the activities.

cut the day before and decorated with cookies and candy canes.

Ms. Green's daughter Althea Holland and Brittany Berry manned the raffle table.

For \$5 people could get six raffle tickets. They wrote their names on them and put them in bags of their choice to bid on items like books, chocolate, maple syrup, a gingerbread house, a poinsettia, Legos, an Advent calendar, a jewelry box, caramel corn, and local honey.

Ms. Holland was one of the performers that afternoon. She played the flute.



Olivia Peters played in the gingerbread playhouse in the Leach Public Library once she finished decorating her cookies. She likes to lick her fingers when she's baking, she said.



Oscar Peters revealed the trick to making a perfectly decorated cookie at the Gingerbread Open House at the Leach Public Library in Irasburg: Flipping the frosted and sprinkled treat eliminates excess toppings. Here he sits at the cookie decorating station, right next to a faux gingerbread playhouse set up in the Leach Public Library on Saturday.

"I'm here for moral support," Ms. Berry said.

Kelly Peters, who brought her two children to the event, bid on a few items.

"It's a good way to donate and then possibly win goods," she said.

Meanwhile, Oscar and Olivia Peters were hard at work at the cookie decorating station. They had plain tree- and heart-shaped cookies to choose from, butter knives, a Tupperware container full of frosting, and bowls and shakers filled with M&Ms, chocolate chips, sprinkles, and cinnamon candies for decorating.

"I'm trying to make the frosting smooth," three-year-old Olivia said as she conscientiously spread a thin layer of frosting around on her cookies.

A lot of it ended up on her fingers, which she didn't mind.

"I like licking my fingers after I bake something," she explained after pulling her frosting-covered finger out of her mouth with a pop.

Her decoration of choice was

chocolate chips, which she piled high on each of the heart-shaped cookies she picked.

Her brother Oscar, five, worked on tree-shaped cookies, which he proclaimed to be his favorite.

He had a different strategy from his sister. After glopping on a thick layer of frosting, he positioned the red cinnamon candies in straight lines on his tree, and then shook a generous amount of green sprinkles on top.

The trick is to put the cookie upside down over a previous cookie or a plate to eliminate excess sprinkles, he said.

Usually each child is allowed two cookies, but as the day drew to an end, there were still many cookies left, and Oscar and Olivia were asked if they wanted to make more cookies for their parents.

"Oh sure!" Olivia said enthusiastically.

Afterwards the children and the adults had refreshment in the form of cookies and cider before leaving.

# Obituaries

## Peter A. Mignone

Peter A. Mignone, 70, of Newport died on November 19, 2015, in Newport.

He was born on July 9, 1945, in Providence, Rhode Island, a son of Alfredo and Florence (Hilton) Mignone.

Mr. Mignone graduated from Johnston and Whales with a master of business administration. Mr. Mignone enjoyed going to craft fairs, flea markets, and selling on E-bay.

He is survived by his four children: Todd H. Mignone of Taunton, Massachusetts, Jason Mignone, Stacey Mignone, and

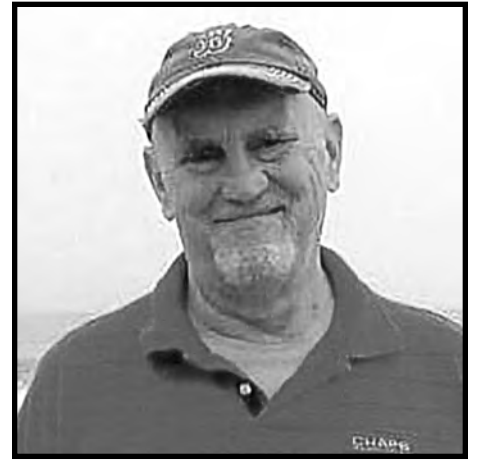
Christine Beyer of Attleboro, Massachusetts; ten grandchildren; his brother Craig Mignone of Massachusetts; extended family: Brian Mercer and Kaylee Mercer of Newport, Charity Meunier of Newport, Ross and Renee Meunier, Kate McKervey and her boyfriend, Lewis Brown, of Newport, Samantha, Riley, and Tracey McKervey, Carissa Tetlow of Derby, Brittany and Jacob Tetlow, Christine Tetlow; numerous nieces and nephews; a lifelong friend and

companion, Kathy Beyer of Newport; and by a friend Patrick Beyer and his wife, Angela.


Services were held at the VFW on Central Street in Newport on Sunday, November 29.

Should friends desire contributions in his memory may be made to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, 502 Strawberry Acres, Newport, Vermont 05855.

Online condolences at [curtisbritch.com](http://curtisbritch.com).



## Marvin B. Pollard

 Marvin B. Pollard, 64, of Evansville died on November 8, 2015, in Burlington.

He was born on November 14, 1950, to Don and Viola Pollard.

In 1975 he married the former Irene Gagne who survives him. He was a U.S. Marine and served during the Vietnam era.

He worked as a plumber and was a member of the Clan of the Hawk.


He is survived by his wife, Irene Pollard, of Evansville; by two brothers and two sisters; by his bird Sunshine; and very close friends Ralph Swett and family of Evansville.

Spring services will be held at the Clan of Hawk grounds.

Online condolences at [curtisbritch.com](http://curtisbritch.com).



## Albert Kenneth Lucas

 Albert Kenneth Lucas, 78, of Newport died peacefully on November 23, 2015, at his home.

He was born on April 3, 1937, in Derby to Kenneth and Rose (Coren) Lucas.

On September 7, 1942, he married Sylvia Snay, who survives him. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Lucas was employed in the maintenance department of Butterfield's Union Twist in Derby Line for many years.

His hobbies included fishing, and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Lucas of Newport; his children: Mary Cornell and her husband, Michael, of Burlington, Albert Stephen Lucas and his wife, Lucy, of Derby, and Arthur Lucas and Laurette Riendeau of Coventry. He is also survived by seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and by two brothers: Percy and Earl Lucas.

He was predeceased by two



sisters: Shirley and Pearl; and his brother Leonard.

Per request of the family, funeral services will be for family only. Military honors will be presented to Mr. Lucas by the Vermont National Guard.

Online condolences at [curtisbritch.com](http://curtisbritch.com).

## Five-week cooking course to be offered in January

Starting on January 7, Jewels of the Kingdom L3C will host a five-week cooking class in Newport called, "Cooking the Fish" on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It will be presented with the aid of the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Service Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). The program will be based on *Around the Table with EFNEP*, and Bernadette Bessette is the instructor.

Jewels of the Kingdom L3C is a low-profit, limited liability company that has a stated goal of performing a

socially beneficial purpose, not maximizing income.

UVM Extension developed the course to empower limited-resource families with young children to eat healthy on a budget and become more physically active. The small group course is engaging, interactive, and fun.

"Too often we assume food preparation skills are taught at school like they were a generation ago or learned at home from an older family member," said Ms. Bessette. "Unfortunately this is not always the case. It can be a struggle for many

people receiving assistance to utilize some of the groceries offered from donations and food shelves. Being able to meet your family's nutritional needs on limited resources can be challenging. Learning skills such as meal and menu planning, create a shopping list, and how to slice, dice, bake, boil, etc., a variety of foods can help tremendously."

Although "Cooking the Fish" was created to assist limited-resource families, anyone interested in learning basic cooking skills is welcome to register.

There will be no charge to participants, and upon course completion, awards may include food and/or cooking utensils. Space is limited and certain restrictions apply. Childcare will not be provided. Class location has yet to be determined.

For more information on registering, or to learn how to contribute to the privately funded project, people can call Tim Daley at 334-5171, or e-mail [cookingthefish@yahoo.com](mailto:cookingthefish@yahoo.com). — from Jewels of the Kingdom L3C.

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my tears will stay the same.

A million tears I have cried for you,  
another million will surely follow.  
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## Dolores Rita Letourneau

Longtime Holland resident Dolores Rita Letourneau, died on November 24, 2015, at age 86. She was active until the last hours of her life, living as she always had.

She was born in Rock Island, Quebec, in 1929, to Armosa Pomerleau and Dominique Roy. She was the youngest of three children. She worked in a factory as a seamstress making men's coveralls. She helped her mother take care of a boarding house for people traveling the area who worked at the Butterfield factory in Rock Island.

She met the love of her life, Reginald Letourneau, when she was visiting her cousin stateside. They married in May of 1949, and started a family and purchased the Letourneau family farm in Holland. They raised a family of three: Bert, Yves and Priscilla.

Mrs. Letourneau enjoyed gardening, farming, sewing, crafting, canning, baking and cooking. She prided herself in always providing for her family and friends. She always had homemade bread and a pot of homemade soup for anyone who happened to stop by. She prided herself in raising her kids and helping others with theirs.

Mrs. Letourneau never met a stranger who she didn't like or who didn't like her. She never lost her sense of wonder and awe about the world. She loved to walk hand in hand with her husband and rustle the fallen leaves. Recently a

fallen leaf on the sidewalk would spur a memory of a moment with her husband. Long reams of dreams and memories would flood her mind when she would walk in the leaves or smell them... memories and stories flowed forth.

A chance encounter in the produce section at the Price Chopper or the local market could prompt an invitation for soup and conversation; if she thought you might be interested she would tell you all about canning and preserving or cooking. She still loved to participate in meal prep. She took great pride in providing food for the people she loved. She loved to go into new stores each week to shop. She enjoyed recent trips to the theater to see *White Christmas* and she was in awe. She was planning her next trip to see *The Nutcracker*. She had recently moved in with her daughter Cilla, and she was making friends around the Essex area.

Mrs. Letourneau is survived by son Bert and Sue Letourneau and grandchildren Patrick and Sherry, Jennifer and her partner, Joe, and Bobbi-jo; by great-granddaughters Raven, Charlotte Annabelle, and Chloe; and by great-grandsons Mathew and Storm; by her son Yves Letourneau and his life partner, Ruth Dailey; by daughter Cilla Letourneau and her fiancée, Tanya Clark, and grandson Shaun Littlefield; Kevin Fournier and Brittney and Easton, Sabrina and

Tony Pretty Alyssa, Chastity, Conner and Carly, Andrew and Morgan Fournier, Robbie Barbour and Chelsea and Bri, and Marcel Clark; by many family members. She never liked the word in-laws — to Dolores, all were family: Paul Letourneau, Cecile Fortin, Larry and Alicia Letourneau, Philip and Barb Letourneau, Joe and Dalliah Letourneau, Andy and Dolores Letourneau, Silva Piette, and Simon Roy.

She was predeceased by her parents: Armosa Pomerleau and Dominique Roy; her sister Fernande and her husband, Lawrence Brault; her brother Armand Roy; her husband's parents: Albertine Quimette and Napolion Letourneau; Victoria Letourneau; and other family members: Rhina Letourneau, Henry Fortin, Theresa and Albert Fortin, Leon and Solange Letourneau, Simone Piette, Tony Letourneau, Pierre Letourneau. She was also predeceased by her grandsons: Benjamin Martin, Mathew Letourneau, and Sebastian Duranleau-Letourneau; and her daughter-in-law Lauri Littlefield.

Mrs. Letourneau had many charities dear to her heart, but two that stand out are the children cardiac units, either in Boston or at the University of Vermont Medial Center, and Checo and Friends Saving Dogs, Inc., animal rescue in Westford. She loved her animals (dogs and cats), and she would have had a farm of them if her husband



had allowed it.

In her later years she had several granddogs: Buddy and Sheena; and became especially attached to Bernie, Toby, Baxter, Boots, and her new love, Bob her kitten. They were all laying on her bed at her time of her death. She petted them all before she took her last breath.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Derby Line where a Mass was celebrated. Interment followed in St. Edward's Cemetery in Derby Line. Donations may be sent in care of the family: Priscilla Letourneau, 55 Jericho Road, Essex, Vermont 05452.

Online condolences at [curtisbritch.com](http://curtisbritch.com).

## DeLaBruere opens Newport artist's studio

Alyssa DeLaBruere is a local Vermont artist, educator, and mother of three who has made the Northeast Kingdom her home for over 20 years. After many years of teaching art, both privately and at United Christian Academy in Newport, she has opened her own "atelier" or artist's workshop in Newport.

An accomplished painter (acrylic, watercolor, collage, and silk) and teacher of fine art and art history, Ms. DeLaBruere attended the University of Vermont where she studied fine art and art history, then continued her education further at Johnson State College where she obtained dual certification in both elementary and art education.

She is passionate about sharing her love for art and artists with others, nurturing the creative talents of her students. In the summer of 2012, she had the opportunity to attend Les Tapies, a residential art teacher's workshop in the south of France sponsored by TASIS, the American School in Switzerland. For the last three summers, she was honored to return to Les Tapies as a guest artist and instructor.

In November of 2014, Ms. DeLaBruere traveled to London to be a guest artist at TASIS England then spend some time painting on the west coast of Ireland.

She welcomes the public to explore her work or stop by her studio in Newport and view some of her recent work from her travels in the

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## Christmas at the Goodrich December 6

Merrymaking at the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport begins on Sunday, December 6, at 1 p.m. with the eleventh annual tree lighting open house. Everyone is invited for sounds of the season as the United Church of Newport's Hand Bell Choir kicks off the festivities.

At intermission, homemade cookies and treats will be served with hot chocolate. After the break, Alyssa and Paul Gandy will perform songs of the season on the guitar and keyboard.

The Goodrich is at its best during this time of year. Every room is ablaze with seasonal splendor. New books, DVDs, CDs and magazines abound.

Buy raffle tickets for the handcrafted rocking horse, buy a beautiful handmade item constructed by the Knifty Knitters, buy tickets to the holiday musical reception with pianist Cody Michaels happening on December 17 at 5:30 p.m., or place a bid on silent auction items beginning on December 6. Winners will be announced on December 17.

Tickets for the rocking horse raffle and holiday musical reception are on sale now, as are the hats, mittens, scarves, etc., made by the knitters. All proceeds go toward the support the Goodrich Memorial Library.

For information call 334-7902. — from the Goodrich.

## Wedding

### Davis – Albers



Emily Davis and Ross Albers were married on February 27, 2015, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The bride is the daughter of Jennie and Bob Davis of Derby Line. The groom is the son of Becky and Wes Albers of Chantilly, Virginia. Ms. Davis is a sales representative of Astra Zeneca and holds degrees from Elon University and the University of Georgia. She graduated from North Country Union High School in 2000. Mr. Albers is an attorney in Carroll County, Maryland, and holds degrees from Bucknell and University of Baltimore. The couple resides in Westminster, Maryland, with their four dogs.

## MAC workshop in Newport on December 5

The MAC Center for the Arts is holding its fifth Annual Handmade Holiday Craft Workshop. It's free for kids ages eight and up, although donations are appreciated.

Each child will have the opportunity to make three or four ornaments to take home. They include a folded paper Christmas tree, a bean-and lentil-covered star and a modern tin art ornament made with aluminum foil.

The workshop will be held in MAC's downstairs classroom at 158 Main Street in Newport, on Saturday, December 5, at 9:30 a.m.

The activities will take one to one and a half hours to complete, so it will be done in time for the Santa parade. Parents can feel free to get in a little holiday shopping while their child works on his or her projects.

Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. People who are interested should sign up before Jack Frost nips noses by contacting Diana Poulin at 673-8808, or by e-mailing her at vtdianap@gmail.com. People can visit us online at maccenterforthearts.com. — from MAC Center for the Arts.

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### Highest honors

**Grade nine:** Zachary Lee Barrup, Cody Ryan Griffin, Samuel D. Heinrichs, Abbygale E. Karlen, Adam Kruszyna, Derick LaMadeleine, Amanda J. Mason, John Anthony Matthews, Emma L. Perkins, Adeline Poginy, Jacob C. Richardson, and Adelaide E. Roessler. **Grade ten:** Catherine M. Close, Caelyn A. Gonzalez, Melanie E. Joubert, Megan Ruth Martin, Celeste M. Piette, Darrek M. Pion, Emma C. Strange, and Kaden Andre Swett. **Grade eleven:** Maria C. Brousseau, Emily Klar, Avery Marcotte, Ashley M. Morrill, Olivia M. Owens, Andrew N. Parkinson, Silvia Preiler, and April M. Streeter. **Grade twelve:** Trent Bathalon, Denver P. Bodette, Daniel E. Epinette, Taryn R. Fairbrother, Karamae A. Hayman-Jones, Kaitlyn Marie Lemieux, Megan Y. Menard, Grace L. Miller, Jade N. Piette, Noah J. Racine, and Allison M. Warner.

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**Grade nine:** Bryce J. Aldrich, Abigail L. Barker, Shawna M. Columbia, Brookelyne M.

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# Public meeting to get feedback on draft water quality rules

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (VAAFAM) has scheduled a public meeting in Newport at the East Side Restaurant from 2 to 4 p.m. on December 8 to receive comments and input on its draft copy of the Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs). The period of public comment which will run through December 18, 2015.

It's a pre-filing period which will afford the opportunity for all interested stakeholders to review the draft RAPs and provide initial comment before VAAFAM formalizes the draft this winter and enters into the formal rulemaking process in the spring of 2016. Additional public comment periods will follow both the draft rewrite as well as the formal rulemaking period.

A copy of the draft RAP document can be found at [agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/ag/files/pdf/water\\_quality/VAAFAM-Draft-RAP.pdf](http://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/ag/files/pdf/water_quality/VAAFAM-Draft-RAP.pdf).

The public meeting will include a detailed presentation of the draft RAPs, with a question and answer session to follow. In order to maximize public input, VAAFAM is also offering to hold smaller group meetings for interested organizations and stakeholders to review the rules in greater detail. For the current list of scheduled public meetings, please visit VAAFAM's webpage at: <http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/news-events/public-meetings>.

"It is important for all stakeholders to understand the rules are in draft form — and that their feedback in this process is critical," said Vermont's Agriculture Secretary, Chuck Ross.

"We are holding these meetings because we want to engage with the public, to gather their feedback, and to ensure we are implementing a realistic, workable framework for agricultural practices in our state that effectively protects our lakes and rivers. We hope, and expect, that key stakeholders will step up and attend these meetings, to ensure their perspectives are heard."

VAAFAM was directed by the Legislature to draft the RAPs pursuant to Act 64, signed into law on June 16, 2015. Act 64 amended and enacted multiple requirements related to water quality in the state. The Accepted Agricultural Practices (AAPs) were rewritten to a higher level of performance and renamed the Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs). VAAFAM was charged with revising the RAPs by rule on or before July 1, 2016. Act 64 requires that the revised RAPs include requirements for: small farm certification, nutrient storage, soil health, buffer zones, livestock exclusion, and nutrient management.

"The Agency of Agriculture wants to be very transparent with this process," said Jim Leland, VAAFAM's Director of Agricultural Resources Management Division. "This collaborative process will ensure VAAFAM develops a rule which meets the intent of Act 64, and is workable and implementable by the diversity of agricultural operations in the state."

In addition to requiring the implementation of RAPs, Act 64 instructed VAAFAM to establish a program certifying and training small farm operations. With over 7,000 farms in the state, according to the 2012 USDA Ag Census, a significant portion of small farms could be required to newly certify compliance with the RAPs when the program is implemented on July 1, 2017.

"Farms of all sizes will be impacted by the RAPs, which is why it is important for all farmers to attend a meeting and provide comment," said Leland.

Significant and expanding technical and financial assistance is available from federal, state and local organizations, including Vermont's new Clean Water Fund established by Act 64. This will help ensure farms of all sizes are able to continue to access resources to assist in the planning and implementation of management changes and conservation practices to improve water quality on farms.

"Farms of all sizes are already making significant progress at developing plans and implementing conservation practices statewide," said Leland. "When implemented, the RAPs will set a roadmap and standards to ensure current and future planning efforts are as effective as possible at improving water quality on farms in Vermont."

Act 64 also requires that a VAAFAM submit a draft report on water quality considerations regarding tile drainage to the legislature in January 2016, with the RAPs revised to include requirements for tile draining by January 15, 2018. Successful implementation of the RAPs will assist in Vermont's mission to meet the goals of Act 64 as well as the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for phosphorus for Lake Champlain.

More information about the RAPs is available at [agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/regulations/rap](http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/regulations/rap).

VAAFAM will seriously consider all comments received during this pre-filing period, though there may be no formal response to individual comments received. Comment can be e-mailed to [AGR.RAP@vermont.gov](mailto:AGR.RAP@vermont.gov), or mailed directly to 116 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620.

Comment received by VAAFAM regarding the draft RAPs will be used solely for consideration during the revision of the RAPs and will not be used for water quality regulatory enforcement purposes. VAAFAM encourages farm operations to submit comment with examples of areas on their farm where their current management meets state water quality standards, but would be out of compliance with the draft rules. — from VAAFAM.



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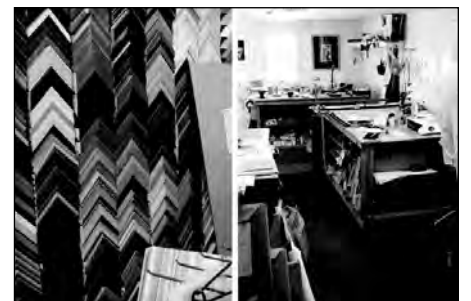
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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BRIGHTON, ISLAND POND** – The Rev. Alan Magoon, Pastor. Church & parsonage phone: 723-5037. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. Prayer Meeting Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Bible Study Thursday at 7 p.m. Handicapped accessible (chair lift). "A friendly church in a friendly community welcomes you!"

**BRIGHTON BAPTIST CHURCH** – Sunday service at 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. For more information, call (802) 723-4800.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH** – Route 105, 1 mile west of the village of Island Pond. Sunday service at 10 a.m. and Wednesday service at 7 p.m. First Wednesday: Hymn Sing. Pastor Neal Perry, 754-2396.

**ST. JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH** – Sunday & Holy Day Masses at 10:10 a.m. Weekday Mass on Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m. (Sunday and Holy Day Vigil). Reconciliation anytime by appointment as well as Saturday from 3:30-4 p.m. Fr. Patrick I. Nwachukwu, S.D.V. 802-334-5066.

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** – Renovations finished! Morning Prayer on Sundays at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist the last Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. E-mail: [ipchristchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:ipchristchurch@yahoo.com).

### LOWELL

**LOWELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** – Pastor David DiZazzo (673-9459): Sunday Worship & Sunday School at 10 a.m. with coffee hour following service. Worship Service first Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study at 7 p.m. in Lowell. Thursday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in Newport. Please call for information & directions.

**ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CHURCH** – 151 Hazen Notch Rd., Lowell. The Rev. Ladislaus Mwelinde. 988-2608. Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Confession, anytime at request.

### MORGAN

**MORGAN CHURCH** – Contemporary service Saturday evening at 6 p.m. Sunday morning worship service (traditional service) at 9 a.m. with Sunday School and nursery available during the service. Coffee hour following service. [www.themorganchurch.com](http://www.themorganchurch.com).

### NEWPORT

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH** – Pastor Brian Fecher, 2542 VT Rte. 105, Newport, VT 05855. 802-334-7700. Traditional Services (KJV Bible) Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available. "Seeking the Kingdom First!"

**NEWPORT ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH** – 128 Vance Hill Rd., Newport Center. Sunday morning worship services begin at 9:45. Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 11 a.m. Bible study & prayer time held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Various fellowship times include breakfasts, dinners, and game nights, etc. Pastor Chris Barton. Everyone is welcome.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY** – 362 East Main Street, Newport. Sunday church service and Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Wednesday evening testimony meeting at 7 p.m. (5:30 p.m. November–April) Phone: 334-5840. All are welcome!

**LIFE IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP** – 81 Weaver St., Newport. Apostolic Church. Senior Pastor: Janet Bishop. Associate Pastor: Allan Bishop. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. Phone 334-7220 for information. All are welcome!

**NEWPORT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE** – 115 Elm Street, Newport. Pastor Paul Prince. You are welcome to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. (for all ages). Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. Please call the church at 334-2628 for further information. We care about you!

**NEWPORT CHURCH OF CHRIST** – Corner of Sias Avenue and Prouty Drive, Newport. Sunday Bible Class at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Church office phone: 334-2028.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS** – Eric Pingree, Branch President; James Sanderson, First Counselor; Marston Cubit, Second Counselor. Sacrament meeting at 10 a.m. with Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.; Priesthood and Relief Society at 12:10 p.m. The chapel is located at 3417 Darling Hill Road in Derby. 334-5700 or 334-5339.

**FAITH LIGHTHOUSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD** – All are invited to come out to worship with us at 51 Alderbrook Road, Newport. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service at 6 p.m. Saturday Youth Group at 6 p.m. Tuesday Evening Mid-week Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Call for details: 334-8576.

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** – 44 Second Street, Newport. 334-7365. The Rev. Cameron Miller, Priest-in-Partnership. 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. 334-3096. Saturday Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m.; Praise & Music Ministry at 10:40 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Join Pastor Cornell for an in depth study of the prophecies of Revelation. Tune in to 96.1 FM Newport (WJSY-LP) for Christian Radio Broadcasting (24/7) or visit us online at [www.wjsy.org](http://www.wjsy.org). Pastor Cornell Preda, 487-4632.

**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](http://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. Ladislaus Mwelinde. 988-2608. Sunday 8 a.m. Confession, anytime at request.

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS** – 130 South Pleasant St., Troy. The Rev. Ladislaus 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 in Barton: 525-3711, e-mail: [trinityparish@gmail.com](mailto:trinityparish@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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, DECEMBER 2

### BLOOD DRIVE IN NEWPORT

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the United Church of Newport, located at 63 Third Street. For more information or to make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

### WILD GAME DINNER & SILENT AUCTION IN CRAFTSBURY

A Wild Game Dinner and Silent Auction will be held Thursday, December 3, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Church on the Common in Craftsbury. Enjoy a variety of wild game dishes (vegetarian options also) as well as a wide array of silent auction items. Meal is by donation. All proceeds go towards the Craftsbury Academy Class of 2016.

### HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR AT LSC

Thursday, December 3, the Lyndon State College Twilight Players will present their Holiday Spectacular, featuring holiday p.m. in the Alexander Twilight Theater. The show is appropriate for all ages. For more information, call 626-3663.

### OPEN HOUSE SALE AT THE WINDOW BOX GIFT SHOP

There will be a 20% off sale at the Window Box Gift Shop, located at North Country Hospital, on Thursday, December 3, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come and check out the new items.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

### OLD TIME MUSIC & JAM IN ST. JOHNSBURY

On Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m., there will be an Old Time Music & Jam at Catamount Arts on Eastern Avenue in St. Johnsbury. Country, gospel, Appalachian and originals. Special selections by Vicki Moore and Joe Goodwin; acoustic jamming starts at 8 p.m. Bring instruments or just come to listen! For more information, e-mail [goodoletunes@gmail.com](mailto:goodoletunes@gmail.com).

### POLAR EXPRESS STORY TIME AT GALAXY BOOKSHOP

Kick off a weekend of holiday happenings in Hardwick with a special holiday story time at The Galaxy Bookshop on Friday, December 4, at 5 p.m. Bring the whole family to listen to a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's modern Christmas classic, *The Polar Express*. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, some cookies, and kid-friendly activities, then take home an ornament for your tree. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 472-5533 or visit [www.galaxybookshop.com](http://www.galaxybookshop.com).

### TOWN OF JAY ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING

The Town of Jay will hold its annual Holiday Gathering at the Jay Town Hall on Friday, December 4, from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be tree lighting, caroling, a visit from Santa, free hot dog, cookies, hot cocoa and candy canes. Outdoor event. Please bring a donation for the Jay Area Food Shelf (nonperishable food item or item of winter clothing). A Jay Focus Group feel good event for all area residents and visitors.

### "A SELF MADE MAN" SCREENING AT STERLING COLLEGE

The Art House, in partnership with Sterling College in Craftsbury, will be screening the documentary, "A Self Made Man." This documentary takes a candid look at what it means to be transgender, told through an intimate portrait of trans youth advocate Tony Ferraiolo. The screening will be held in Simpson Hall, Classroom 3, on Friday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. There will be a discussion and refreshments following the screening. For more information, contact John Zaber at [jzaber@sterlingcollege.edu](mailto:jzaber@sterlingcollege.edu), Farley Brown at [fbrown@sterlingcollege.edu](mailto:fbrown@sterlingcollege.edu), or call 586-9973.

### NORTHSONG WINTER CONCERT IN BARTON

Northsong, the Newport-based chamber choir under the direction of Anne K. Hamilton with Vivian Spates, accompanist, will perform their annual Winter Concert on Friday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Barton United Church in Barton, and on Sunday, December 6, at 4 p.m. at the Newport United Church. The program includes a variety of beautiful choral selections. Suggested donation is \$5. Both concert locations are handicapped accessible. For more information, visit [www.northsong.org](http://www.northsong.org) or call 895-4942.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

### HOLIDAY HOME TOUR FUNDRAISER

RE/MAX All Seasons Realty and the Dailey Memorial Library invite the public to a Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, December 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. This fundraising event will feature creative holiday décor to spark the spirit of the season. By donation for the Dailey Memorial Library's building fund. Maps for the showcase homes and property information packets will be available. Door prize tickets provided to guests to win a holiday-themed gift. For more information, call 334-7277.

### OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION & SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

National Osteoporosis Foundation's Better Bones of the Northeast

Kingdom welcomes Steve Perlin, MD, as their guest speaker on Saturday, December 5, at 1 p.m. in the community room of the Community National Bank in Derby. Dr. Perlin will be giving a presentation to the group about bone density scans. This presentation is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Registration is required as seating is limited. For more information or to register, please visit [www.betterbonesnek.org](http://www.betterbonesnek.org) or call Mary King at 535-2011.

### SANTA COMES TO LYNDON

Santa comes to Lyndon on Saturday, December 5, and that means holiday crafts at the Cobleigh Library from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Guest crafters will be Teresa Vasko, Colleen Lariviere, and Kristen Langlais. Stop by for crafts, then continue on to the Darling Inn to see Santa at noon. Free and open to everyone. For more information, call 626-5475 or visit [www.cobleighlibrary.org](http://www.cobleighlibrary.org).

### GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Christmas is coming and you can stock up at the Greensboro Free Library book sale December 5 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library has hundreds of books, both hardcover and paperbacks, children's books and more. Books are well loved and are lightly worn or like-new and available at low prices. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the library and help buy more books. Call Mary Metcalf, Librarian, at 533-2531 for more information.

### LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON IN GREENSBORO

The Greensboro Church invites all women from the area to the annual Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 5, in Fellowship Hall at noon. Childcare available upon request to Judy Waible by November 27, call 533-9894.

### ELF THE MUSICAL JR. IN ORLEANS

Vermont Family Theatre will be presenting *Elf the Musical Jr.* at the Orleans Municipal Building for four wonderful shows of this fabulous musical comedy. Also performing before *Elf* (this weekend only) will be a really fun musical called *Prehistoric Christmas*. Check out all the Christmas fun on Saturday, December 5, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, December 6, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students, which includes a \$1 building restoration fee. Tickets are available at the door or reserved in advance at [vermontfamilytheatre.weebly.com](http://vermontfamilytheatre.weebly.com).

### CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR IN BARTON

On Saturday, December 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., there will be a Christmas Tea and Bazaar at the Barton United Church featuring baked goods, candy, crafts, fresh arrangements, shoebox raffle, and more. Come and relax with a cup of tea or punch and delicious treats served throughout the afternoon.

### ARTISANS' CHRISTMAS SALE IN NEWPORT CENTER

The Wooden Horse Arts Guild invites the public to its Artisans' Christmas Sale on one day only, Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 783 Vance Hill in Newport Center. This is the fourth year of this boutique sale, in a member's home, with many of their 44 members sharing their very best art and crafts for this holiday season. "Cookie's Cookies," along with fudges, cakes and breads will again be packaged as gifts on the "Food As Art" table, and benefitting the Arts Education Fund. The 50-50 cash raffle will be available for a donation to the Camilla Mead Arts Education Scholarship Fund until the winning ticket is drawn at 3:45 p.m. For more information, visit [www.woodenhorseartsguild.com](http://www.woodenhorseartsguild.com).

### THE ANIMALS IN WINTER CHILDREN'S PLAY

*The Animals in Winter*, a children's play from a poem by George Dennison, will open a week of performances at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at the Craftsbury Public Library. There is also a 4 p.m. show on Monday, December 7, at the Greensboro Free Library, and a 6 p.m. show on Saturday, December 12, at the East Hardwick Grange, prior to the Grange's monthly contra dance. All performances are free and open to the public.

### NEWPORT ELKS HOOP SHOOT

The Newport Elks Lodge #2155 will hold a Hoop Shoot on Saturday, December 5, at North Country Union High School in Newport. Packets on the shoot have been delivered to local schools. Each school can send six shooters, two in each division. Competition will be in six age troops based on the ages of the contestant as of April 1, 2016. 8-9 boys and girls registration at 8:15 a.m., shooting at 8:30 a.m. 10-11 boys and girls registration at 9:15 a.m., shooting at 9:30 a.m. 12-13 boys and girls registration at 10:15 a.m., shooting at 10:30 a.m. Local lodge winners will advance to a District competition on January 2, 2016 with shooters from St. Johnsbury, St. Albans, Burlington, and Newport. Home schooled children can also participate in the local contest, just come to the gym that day. Please call Steve Edgerley, local Elks Hoop Shoot chairman, at 334-6912 if you plan to attend and for more information.

### MOONLIGHT MADNESS HOLIDAY SHOPPING FAIR IN BARTON

The 17th annual Moonlight Madness Holiday Shopping Fair will be held Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Barton school gymnasium, sponsored by the Barton Area Chamber of Commerce. There will be a big raffle of the exhibitors' finest products! Food available. Visit with Santa from 1 to 3 p.m. Vendors are needed! Sellers can register at [www.moonlightmadness.info](http://www.moonlightmadness.info) or call 525-0084. Booth space is only \$10 for an 8'x8' space.

### NEWPORT AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA MEMBER RECITAL

The Newport Area Community Orchestra will be having its third annual Orchestra Members Recital on Saturday, December 5, at 2 p.m. at

St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Second Street in Newport. For more information, visit [www.newportareacommunityorchestra.org](http://www.newportareacommunityorchestra.org).

### HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP AT MAC CENTER

The MAC Center for the Arts on Main Street in Newport is holding its fifth annual Handmade Holiday Craft Workshop on Saturday, December 5, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs classroom. Free for kids eight and up although donations are appreciated. Each child will have the opportunity to make three or four ornaments to take home with them, including a folded paper Christmas tree, a bean and lentil covered star and a modern tin art ornament made with aluminum foil. Activities take about one to one and a half hours to complete. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. Sign up by contacting Diana Poulin at 673-8808 or by e-mailing [vtidianap@gmail.com](mailto:vtidianap@gmail.com). For more information, visit [www.maccenterforthearts.com](http://www.maccenterforthearts.com).

### "GROW YOUR OWN" GATHERING - BULK SHOPPING

Grow Your Own will host a gathering on the topic of bulk shopping led by Carrie Glessner at the Center for an Agricultural Economy in Hardwick on Saturday, December 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ms. Glessner will share her knowledge of planning around bulk buying and preparing meals and snacks by putting together smaller quantities of such things ahead of time. The group will prepare some meals or snacks to take home, and participants will enjoy a meal together. Gatherings are free and open to the public, and children are welcome. RSVP is mandatory as space is limited. RSVP to Ruby Dale-Brown by calling 472-5940 by Thursday, December 3. Door prize. For more information, visit [www.hardwickagriculture.org](http://www.hardwickagriculture.org) or e-mail [Bethany@hardwickagriculture.org](mailto:Bethany@hardwickagriculture.org).

### MISSISQUOI RIVER BAND AT THE MUSIC BOX

The Missisquoi River Band will perform at The Music Box on Creek Road in Craftsbury on Saturday, December 5, at 7 p.m. Jim and Cindy Weed, Will Patton, Neil Rossi, and Patrick Murphy performing Bluegrass music on guitar, mandolin, steel guitar, bass, and fiddle. For more information, call 586-7533 or visit [www.themusicboxvt.org](http://www.themusicboxvt.org).

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS ARTS & CRAFTS IN HARDWICK

There will be Holiday Happenings Arts & Crafts, sponsored by the Heart of Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gohl building, 101 S. Main St., in Hardwick. It will feature finely crafted ceramic items, hand-thrown pottery, jewelry, bath and body lotions, preserved jams, jellies, & relishes, ornaments, fashion accessories, poinsettias, and other fine crafts by local artisans. Rick Norcross of Rick & The Ramblers will be there promoting his book and CDs, and Caledonia Spirits will have a tasting of their handcrafted spirits. Contact Jane Johns, Craft Fair Coordinator, at 533-7083 for more questions.

### CHILDREN'S FAIR AND BAZAAR

Come have some fun and leave with Christmas gifts! The Children's Fair and Bazaar will feature face-painting, games, baked goods for sale, and gifts priced to fit a child's allowance, at no more than \$3. The event also includes free parent sitting, allowing kids to purchase surprise gifts while Mom and Dad enjoy a free cup of coffee. Come join the fun, Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lyndon Center Baptist Church, 65 College Rd., Lyndon Center. (802) 427-3093.

### BURKLYN ARTS COUNCIL 46TH ANNUAL WINTER CRAFT FAIR

Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6, will be held at the Lyndon Town School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Over 50 juried artists from Vermont, will be exhibiting and selling

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their wares. Homemade meals and snacks, along with cookies will be available each day. There will be a raffle table with items provided by each artist, and there will be live musical entertainment. Artwork on display from local children, free activities for kids (origami and painting). Sunday, December 5, "Grannie" Snow will read from and sell her popular books in the Silas Series. Please help support arts programs in the local schools and communities.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN CRAFTSBURY

A Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, December 6, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the Craftsbury Academy common room. Breakfast will include pancakes, fruit, bacon, sausage, and other breakfast treats. Breakfast is by donation and all proceeds go toward the Craftsbury Academy Girls' Varsity Basketball team.

### TREE LIGHTING OPEN HOUSE IN NEWPORT

The Goodrich Memorial Library presents its eleventh annual Tree Lighting Open House on Sunday, December 6, at 1 p.m. featuring the United Church of Newport Handbell Choir and songs of the season performed by Alyssa and Paul Gandy. Be sure to check out the craft sale, raffle, and silent auction as well. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The library is handicapped accessible.

### NCUHS WINTER DANCE & DRAMA CONCERT

North Country Union High School presents the annual Winter Dance and Drama Concert on Sunday, December 6, at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Two one-act comedies, advanced dancer choreography, and a Michael Jackson finale. Tickets available at the door.

### GLOVER MEMORY TREE

The Glover Community Church will display a memory tree again this year in front of the church to benefit the steeple fund. A donation of \$5 represents one bulb on the tree in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Donations and names should be sent to Paulette Rogers, 518 Perron Hill, Glover, VT 05839. The tree will be lit on December 6 at 10:30 a.m. in front of the church. For more information, call 525-3050.

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### LOWELL HOLIDAY MARKET

The fourth annual Holiday Craft Market in Lowell will take place at the Lowell Graded School on Sunday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring truly unique items from over 20 local vendors selling pottery, scarves, jewelry, cutting boards, antiques, and more. Live music, food, and photos with Santa.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IN NORTH TROY

The third annual Breakfast with Santa will be held Sunday, December 6, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the American Legion in North Troy. Breakfast buffet, crafts, pictures and gift from Santa. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids three and up. Price includes everything.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

### HELP THE JAY AREA FOOD SHELF CHILDREN WITH A CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Jay Focus Group, in coordination with the Jay Area Food Shelf, are looking for people to buy a Christmas gift for a local child. If you'd like to help put a smile on a child's face, stop by the Jay Town Hall to pick up an ornament card with details of the child's gender, age, and gift wish. Unwrapped gifts (\$25 value) should be returned to the Jay Town Hall by Monday, December 7. The Jay Town Hall is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday from 7 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Teresa at 617-413-3898 or [Theresa.patch@rojacs.com](mailto:Theresa.patch@rojacs.com).

### TALK ON LYME MAGNETIC PROTOCOL

There will be an information talk on Lyme Magnetic Protocol from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hardwick Chiropractic/Northern VT Wellness Center, given by Alicia Feltus. To sign up for this info session, phone or e-mail your name and contact information to 802-563-3220, or [aliciafeltus@gmail.com](mailto:aliciafeltus@gmail.com)

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

### BLOOD DRIVE IN WESTFIELD

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 8, at the Westfield Community Center (corner of North Hill Road and School Street) on Tuesday, December 8, from 2 to 7 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEWPORT

Tuesday, December 8, Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor of State Colleges. Also on Tuesday, December 8, Vocational Vibes, at Goodrich Memorial Library, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN WESTFIELD

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 8, 2-7 p.m., at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road. Schedule an appointment today by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter 05874 in the zip code or sponsor code box. Walk-ins are also welcome. Sponsored by the Troy and Area Lions Club and Troy Council, 7943 Knights of Columbus. For more information call 744-2484.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

### LAKE REGION UNION HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

The Lake Region Union High School Winter Concert will be held Wednesday, December 9, at 7 p.m. in the LR gym, featuring the LR Concert Band, Jazz Band, Chorus, and Select Chorus, playing a variety of seasonal musical selections. Prior to the concert the French Club will be hosting the annual Meat Pie & Quiche Supper.

### WONDER & WISDOM AT CRAFTSBURY OUTDOOR CENTER

Explore the new activities center and try some low-impact exercises at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center on Wednesday, December 9 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tour at 10:30 a.m. with brief history of skiing. Sample low-impact fitness classes. Enjoy lunch and take a short walk to explore the changes nature brings to the winter woods. This is the first in a series of monthly adventures at the center for folks 50+. Bring sneakers for the indoors, and boots, warm jacket, hat and gloves for the outside. Wear loose

fitting clothing. Cost is \$15. Register by calling 533-9870, or e-mail [Heidi@wonderwisdom.org](mailto:Heidi@wonderwisdom.org) for more information.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

NO EVENTS SUBMITTED.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

### BINGLE JELLS IN NEWPORT

QNEK Productions presents *Bingle Jells*, a journey to an alternative universe North Pole featuring a cast of elves singing, dancing, and roaming their way through the night! QNEK's *Bingle Jells* is a great way to begin your holiday shopping in a spirit of generosity as proceeds will go to benefit the nonprofit where each show is being presented. All tickets will also include dessert and coffee/tea. *Bingle Jells* will play at the MAC Center for the Arts on Main Street in Newport on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m.; and at the First Universalist Parish of Derby Line on Saturday, December 12, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 334-2216, visiting [qnek.com](http://qnek.com) or [catamountarts.org](http://catamountarts.org), or at the MAC Center in Newport.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

### GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Christmas is coming and you can stop up at the Greensboro Free Library book sale on Saturday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library has hundreds of books, both hardcover and paperbacks, children's books and more. Books are well-loved and are lightly worn or like new and available at low prices. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the library and help buy more books. Call Mary Metcalf, Librarian, at 533-2531 for more information.

### ELF THE MUSICAL JR. IN ORLEANS

Vermont Family Theatre will be presenting the last shows of the 2015 season this weekend. *Elf the Musical Jr.* is a fabulous musical comedy based on the movie *Elf*. "Find the Elf in You" on Saturday evening, December 12, at 7 p.m. or last show Sunday, December 13 matinee at 2 p.m. at the Orleans Municipal Building. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students, which includes a \$1 building restoration fee. Tickets are available at the door or reserved in advance at [vermontfamilytheatre.weebly.com](http://vermontfamilytheatre.weebly.com).

### HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE IN MONTGOMERY

There will be a Holiday Craft Sale at the Montgomery Elementary School on Route 118 in Montgomery Center on Saturday, December 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Proceeds benefit the elementary school.

### DAVE MALLET CONCERT IN GREENSBORO

There will be a Christmas Concert with Dave Mallett on Saturday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Greensboro. Tickets are \$15 and are available at [www.themirror.org](http://www.themirror.org). or by calling 802-249-8262. Special guests include Alexander Romanul, Annie Rowell, and Roy McNeil.

### FAIRBANKS MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM'S VICTORIAN HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Ring in the holiday season with friends and neighbors with this festive tradition at the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium in St. Johnsbury on Saturday, December 12, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. There are platters of holiday sweets, crafts for giving and for decorating, special planetarium presentations just for kids, and plenty of good cheer. Plus, one last chance to see the dinosaurs before they are packed up for their next adventure! Free and open to all. More information at [fairbanksmuseum.org](http://fairbanksmuseum.org).

### 2-ON-2 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN BROWNINGTON

There will be a 2-on-2 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, December 12, at the Brownington Central School, sponsored by the Brownington Parents Club. Seeking teams to benefit the eighth-grade end-of-year field trip. The only requirement is that on the day of the tournament, one player on each team must be 15 years old or younger and the other must be 16 years old or older. There will be three divisions: Male, Female, and Co-ed Teams. Registration fee is \$15 per team. For more information, contact David Martinez at 754-9896 or e-mail [tiacarmar@yahoo.com](mailto:tiacarmar@yahoo.com). Registration deadline is December 4th. Registration forms available online at [www.brownington.ocsu.org](http://www.brownington.ocsu.org).

### SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

There will be a free Snowmobile Safety Class for those born after July 1, 1983 at the Lyndon Town School cafeteria on December 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and another class on December 19 at the Glover Community School from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 754-9385 to register. Lunch is provided at each class. Anyone born after July 1, 1983 must complete a snowmobile safety class in order to operate a snowmobile on public trails.



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Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 pm, Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy
- \* **PATTY GRIFFIN, SARA WATKINS, and ANAÏS MITCHELL:**  
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Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm, Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy
- \* **Aquila Theatre presents Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's**  
**ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES**  
Friday, March 18, 7:30 pm, Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy
- \* **JESSICA LANG DANCE:**  
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Sat, April 2, 7:30 pm, Lyndon Institute Alumni Auditorium, Lyndonville

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**KCP PRESENTS: BIG TALENT IN SMALL TOWNS**

Saturday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. the event hosts Anonymous 4: The Last Noel, at the North Congregational Church, in St. Johnsbury. For tickets: [KCPpresents.org](http://KCPpresents.org), or call 888-757-5559.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**NEWPORT AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA ANNUAL FALL CONCERT**

On Sunday, December 13, at 3 p.m., the Newport Area Community Orchestra will hold its annual Fall Concert at the United Church in Newport. Suggested \$5 donation at the door. For more information, visit [www.newportareacommunityorchestra.org](http://www.newportareacommunityorchestra.org), or call 766-3021.

**WILSON "SNOWFLAKE" BENTLEY LECTURE IN ORLEANS**

The Snow in Jericho: An informal lecture about Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley, presented by artist/filmmaker and Newport resident Bradleigh S. Stockwell, will take place on Sunday, December 13, at 2 p.m. at the Jones Memorial Library in Orleans. Event is free and open to the public. Reservations are required and may be made in person during library hours or by calling 754-6660 or e-mailing [jonesmemorial@comcast.net](mailto:jonesmemorial@comcast.net).

**FIFTH ANNUAL FALL CONCERT AT UNITED CHURCH IN NEWPORT**

The Newport Area Community Orchestra is presenting its Fifth Annual Fall Concert on Sunday, December 13, at 3 p.m. at the United Church in Newport. Featured solosits include Steven Tatum, Thurmond Knight, Howie Arzt, and Thomas McCurdy. There will be a suggested donation of \$5 at the door. The orchestra is always looking for new members. Call 802-766-3021 or go to [www.newportareacommunityorchestra.org](http://www.newportareacommunityorchestra.org) if you are interested.

**REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

**VENDORS NEEDED FOR MOONLIGHT MADNESS IN BARTON**

The 17th annual Moonlight Madness Holiday Shopping Fair will be held Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Barton school gymnasium, sponsored by the Barton Area Chamber of Commerce. Vendors are needed! Sellers can register at [www.moonlightmadness.info](http://www.moonlightmadness.info) or call 525-0084. Booth space is only \$10.

**ROCKING HORSE RAFFLE**

The Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport is now selling raffle tickets for its Rocking Horse Raffle (made and donated by Bob Best). Cost is \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. Proceeds benefit the library. Drawing will be held at the Musical Reception on December 17. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets for the reception are also on sale now at the library. Victorian Christmas festivities at the Goodrich Memorial Library are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**MUSICAL RECEPTION AT GOODRICH LIBRARY**

Join the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport for a Musical Reception on Thursday, December 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Holiday Music by Cody Michaels. Serving wine and other beverages, gourmet cheeses, and hors d'oeuvres. \$15 per ticket on sale now at the library. Silent auction and raffle winners will be announced. For more information, call 334-7902. Victorian Christmas festivities at the Goodrich Memorial Library are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM SEEKS NEW VOLUNTEERS**

Would you like to help your neighbors with their federal and state income tax returns? All it takes is a commitment and a little training. Each year from early February through mid April, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal and state tax returns for low to middle income taxpayers through the AARP foundation. Volunteers of all backgrounds are welcome, and you don't need to be an AARP member or retiree. No prior experience in tax preparation is necessary and volunteers of all ages are welcome. An information and training session is scheduled for December 16 and 18 at North Country Career Center in Newport, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register or for more information, please e-mail Armand Lemieux at [arlemieux@msn.com](mailto:arlemieux@msn.com) or call 334-5443. For more information on how to join the AARP Tax-Aide Program, visit [www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/).

**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](http://www.jayvt.com) or at Jay Town Hall during regular business hours. E-mail [jayfocusgp@gmail.com](mailto:jayfocusgp@gmail.com) or call Kathy 988-1115 for more information.

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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](http://www.aavt.org) and click on "District 3." Also visit [www.aavt.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:bartonseniorcenter@gmail.com)

**BODIES IN MOTION**

A unique combo of aerobic routines, exercise sequences and some weight lifting set to upbeat, contemporary music with dancer/instructor-turned-trainer Mo Profera. Group meets at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Community Church on Routes 5/105 in Derby. The weekly program is one of a series of alternative fitness programs occasionally sponsored by the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging. The classes are free, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, contact Jenny Patoine, the NEK Council's fitness coordinator, at (802) 748-5182.

**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

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**"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. Topics for 2015 include: leftovers and efficiency in using food; container gardening; wild edibles; barbecue block party; home composting; making pickles and jam; holiday treats and holiday planning; medicinal kitchen; and bulk foods and shopping healthier to save money. For more information and to reserve a spot, contact Ms. Dale-Brown at 472-5940 or e-mail [ruby.dalebrown@gmail.com](mailto:ruby.dalebrown@gmail.com), or Bethany Dunbar at 472-5362, extension 214, or [Bethany@hardwickagriculture.org](mailto: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.

**HOLLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH MEMORY TREE**

The Holland Community Church Memory Tree will again be in front of the church to benefit the church building fund. A donation will represent the lighting of a bulb in memory of a loved one or friend. A reading of names will take place at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. at the church. Donation cards will be placed at the Holland Town Clerk's office, at the church, or mail to the home of Anna Whitelaw, 242 Holland Pond, Holland, VT 05830, or call 895-5319

**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 Year at 635-2596.

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## 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 Prouty Drive in Newport. Enter through the main hospital doors before 7 p.m., afterwards go through the emergency room, go downstairs to the library/conference room. 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.

## 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/](http://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.

## 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](http://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 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 Tai 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](http://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 [tombulsa@hotmail.com](mailto:tombulsa@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.

## WALKING TRAIL AT THE NORTH COUNTRY CAREER CENTER FALL SESSION

In December, walk on Monday and Thursday evenings through December 17. The North Country Career Center Adult Education invites walkers to come and walk on two trails through the Career Center. The long loop includes stairs on either end of the building. Eight laps equals one mile. The shorter loop is on the second floor and can be accessed by elevator. No stairs on the shorter loop. Ten laps equals one mile. Maps of these two trails are available at the Center. New walkers please come with dry walking shoes and a photo I.D. for a one-time registration process. Call 334-5469, ext. 3305, if you have questions.

## "WEDNESDAY POETS" WEEKLY WRITING WORKSHOP

"Wednesday Poets," a weekly writing workshop for beginners and veteran writers, will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Barton Public Library. Refreshments provided. For more information, call Adrien Helm at 525-3740.

## 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, call the library at 626-5475. [www.cobleighlibrary.org](http://www.cobleighlibrary.org)

## CRAFTSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Church Lane, Craftsbury Common. 586-9683. [craftsburylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:craftsburylibrary@gmail.com). [www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org](http://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](http://www.daileymemoriallibrary.org) or check Facebook page.

## GLOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

51 Bean Hill Road, Glover. 525-6524 or 525-4365. [www.gloverlibrary.org](http://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.

## GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

202 Main Street, Newport. 334-7902. [www.goodrichlibrary.org](http://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. [www.greensborofreeibrary.org](http://www.greensborofreeibrary.org) Librarian Mary Metcalf. Hours: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Monday and Wednesday. **Story Hours: Homeschool Story Time** for ages 6-12 on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.; and **Story Time** for ages 0-6, Thursdays 10-11 a.m. **Book Discussion and Young People's Programs:** please call or find us on the web for info. **"To Joe"** is a selection of paintings from **The Fall Series** by Carole Rosalind Drury in the art gallery.

## HASKELL FREE LIBRARY

93 Caswell Avenue, Derby Line. 873-3022, extension 201. [www.haskellopera.com](http://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 Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. 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.

## JEUDEVINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

93 North Main Street; P.O. Box 536, Hardwick. 472-5948. [www.jeudevinememoriallibrary.org](http://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 now on Tuesdays** from 10-11 a.m. for children birth through age six.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/William-H-Lucy-F-Rand-Memorial-Library).

## ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENAEUM

1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-8291. [www.stjathenaeum.org](http://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](http://www.westburkepubliclibrary.wordpress.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/westburkelibrary](http://www.facebook.com/westburkelibrary).

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## ART GALLERIES, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & MUSEUMS

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### ARTFUL EYE

A unique St. Johnsbury Gallery. 443 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury. 424-1414. [www.theartfuleye.com](http://www.theartfuleye.com). Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Open Sunday by chance. Come explore 4,500 sq. ft. of locally crafted fine art and artisan craft.

### BREAD AND PUPPET MUSEUM

One of the largest collections of some of the biggest puppets in the world. 753 Heights Rd. (Route 122), Glover (off Route 16 and I-91 S, exits 24/25). For more information, please visit [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org).

### BROWN LIBRARY GALLERY

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](http://www.VermontArtHouse.org/openings) or call 586-2200.

### CATAMOUNT ARTS CENTER

115 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury. Masonic Temple building. 748-2600. [www.catamountarts.org](http://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.

### CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

For information, call 723-4833. Located on Museum Drive in West Charleston.

### CHUCK GUEST GALLERY

Featuring over 130 paintings of abstract imagery. Located at 205 Vermont Route 114 in East Burke. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 626-9011 or visit [www.chuckguest.com](http://www.chuckguest.com).

### COLBY CURTIS MUSEUM & STANSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

535 Dufferin Street, Stanstead, Quebec. 1-819-876-7322. Two exhibitions: *Remembering our Soldiers of the Great War* and *Rural Medicine in Stanstead County*.

### CRAFTSBURY COMMUNITY CARE CENTER GALLERY

1784 East Craftsbury Road, East Craftsbury. 586-2414. [www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org](http://www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org).

### CRAFTSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Babcock House Museum, Craftsbury Common. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.–noon.

### FAIRBANKS MUSEUM GALLERY

1302 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-2372. [www.fairbanksmuseum.org](http://www.fairbanksmuseum.org). Open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.; and Monday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

### GLOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Bean Hill Road in Glover, second floor in Municipal Building. [www.gloverhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.gloverhistoricalsociety.org). Open by appointment only: Call Joan at 525-6212 or Randy or Betsy at 525-4051.

### GRACE GALLERY

Old Firehouse, 59 Mill Street, downtown Hardwick. 472-6857. [www.graceart.org](http://www.graceart.org). Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. **Community Workshops** are held weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and are open to all community members.

### GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

29 Breezy Avenue, Greensboro. 533-2457. [www.greensborohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.greensborohistoricalsociety.org). Call for hours. **Permanent Exhibit:** *Hill Homestead: the Story of Greensboro: Faces of Our Town* has been updated and displays tools and ledgers, kitchen gadgets, and farm implements, and parlor furniture from the 19th century.

### LOOKING GLASS MUSEUM AT CLAN OF THE HAWK

The Looking Glass Museum is located on the grounds of the Clan of the Hawk off Route 58 in Evansville. Free admittance. This is a museum dedicated to the local Native American groups. For more information, call 754-2817 or e-mail [etpvt@aol.com](mailto:etpvt@aol.com).

### MAC CENTER FOR THE ARTS

158 Main Street, Newport. 334-1966. Hours: Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 45 Vermont visual artists and handcrafters offer their work in the 2,000+ square foot gallery. MAC Center for the Arts also offers special events, exhibits, musical performances, and classes/workshops for adults and children. [www.memphremagogartscollaborative.com](http://www.memphremagogartscollaborative.com)

### MEMPHREMAGOG HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEWPORT

Second floor of Emory Hebard State Office Building, Main Street, Newport. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Showcasing Newport's forever changing history and landmarks. Fall exhibits featuring the before and after of the demolition on Main Street in Newport.

### MORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Morgan Historical Society welcomes visitors this summer on Mondays from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m., or by appointment. There are displays of uniforms, farm equipment, pictures, maps, and family treasures. The Church Mouse is the MHS gift shop including many handmade items sold on a consignment basis. Contact Beverly May at 723-5907. The MHS headquarters is in the former Morgan Center Church located on the corner of Route 111 and Toad Pond Road.

### MILLER'S THUMB GALLERY

14 Breezy Ave., Greensboro. 533-2045 or [eve@millersthumbgallery.com](mailto:eve@millersthumbgallery.com).

### NATIVE AMERICAN MUSEUM (NATIVE CULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.)

56 Church Street in Newport Center. 334-6770. Open from 11 a.m.–6:30 p.m., closed Mondays. No admission fee.

### NEWPORT NATURAL CAFÉ GALLERY

194 Main Street, Newport. 334-2626. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### NORTHEAST KINGDOM ARTISANS GUILD (BACKROOM GALLERY)

430 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-0158. [www.nekartisansguild.com](http://www.nekartisansguild.com). Open Monday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

### OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM (ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

109 Old Stone House Road, Brownington. 754-2022. [info@oldstonehousemuseum.org](mailto:info@oldstonehousemuseum.org). [www.oldstonehousemuseum.org](http://www.oldstonehousemuseum.org). Museum is closed for the winter, but the Alexander Twilight Visitors' Center and gift shop are open year-round, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

### PARKER PIE GALLERY

Parker Pie Co., West Glover Village. 525-3366. [www.parkerpie.com](http://www.parkerpie.com). Gerry Trevits: New paintings of the Northeast Kingdom, on display until December 7.

### PARSON'S CORNER

Parson's Corner Restaurant in Barton exhibits artwork by local artists. Changes monthly. Open every day until 2:30 except Tuesdays.

### ROWE DESIGNS CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING & GALLERY

287 East Main Street, Newport. Open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.–noon. Featuring wood carvings by Al Diem, scenic and nature photography by Robert Lyons and Gustav Verderber, Bella Doni Pottery, Edgewater Jewelry, original art by John Rowe, Elry Maze, Deb Cowan, Pat Lipinsky.

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1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-8291. [www.stjathenaeum.org](http://www.stjathenaeum.org). Open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The **Art Gallery** at the Athenaeum contains one of America's unique collections of 19th century American paintings. Admission fees: \$8 for adults; free for age 12 and under, St. Johnsbury residents, and nonresident patrons. Second floor gallery features exhibits by local artists.

### THE 99 GALLERY AND CENTER

The 99 Gallery and Center on School Street behind 316 Main Street in downtown Newport. Work by Seattle surrealist Donald Peel and Northeast Kingdom artists, free classes, movies and community events. Open most afternoons till 5 p.m. 323-7759

### THE ART HOUSE GALLERY

67 South Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon. 586-2200. [www.vermontarthouse.org](http://www.vermontarthouse.org).

### THE THIRD FLOOR GALLERY

Hardwick Inn, 4 South Main Street, Hardwick. Call 472-9933 for information.

### THE MUSEUM OF EVERYDAY LIFE

3482 Dry Pond Road (Route 16) in Glover (short distance south of Shadow Lake Road). Clare Dolan: 626-4409. [www.museumofeverydaylife.org](http://www.museumofeverydaylife.org). New Exhibit: "Dust" on display now. Admission by donation. Self-service museum, open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### THE VIEUX FORGERON ART GALLERY

240a Dufferin St., Stanstead, Quebec. All are welcome! Hours: Thurs.–Sun. 11 a.m.–6 p.m. [www.levieuxforgeron.com](http://www.levieuxforgeron.com)

### WHITE WATER GALLERY

5 River Street by the bridge, East Hardwick Village. Open Sundays from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. or by appointment. Call Watergate at 563-2037. <http://whitewatergallery.blogspot.com>.

### WOODEN HORSE ARTS GUILD (WHAG)

P.O. Box 502, North Troy 05859. 988-4300. [www.woodenhorsearts.com](http://www.woodenhorsearts.com). Wooden Horse Arts Guild is a 501c3 charitable organization composed of artists, crafters, writers, photographers, and musicians who live and work throughout Vermont and beyond. They support and encourage artistic excellence in the literary, visual, and performing arts. Their virtual gallery gives members an individual web page on [www.woodenhorsearts.com](http://www.woodenhorsearts.com). To read the news of members and arts around the area, visit <http://blog.woodenhorsearts.com> and Like them on Facebook.

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Ruminations

# What not to do when visiting your ex

by Tena Starr

All of my Louisiana stories are a little odd, the nature of the place being a contributing factor. But this is among the oddest. The story involves an ex-husband, a car wreck, and a misunderstanding that worked in my favor.

I've been thinking about Louisiana lately. Probably because winter is coming on, though it's been blessedly slow about it this year.

Also, because Howard Mosher suggested I read James Lee Burke, who writes murder mysteries that take place in and around New Orleans, my favorite city.

Both have led me to a yearning for New Orleans food, Cajun food, Creole food — strong coffee with hot milk, gumbo, dirty rice, beignets, crusty bread — and New Orleans itself.

Michael and I had long been divorced, and it had not been an amicable 20 years. But both of us were about to get divorced again, from second marriages, and somehow that led to peace and an invite from Michael to visit him in Louisiana. He was in the Army.

I flew to New Orleans, and he picked me up and we drove four hours north to Fort Polk, where he was stationed, doing things that were entirely interesting but which, he informed me, I did not officially know anything about.

So I remain mum, though I will say that my estimation of the U.S. military went up sharply.

I have no idea what the soldiers thought about having their master sergeant tour a journalist, who also happened to be an ex-wife, through the base's most intimate operations.

They were a cheerful lot, though — intense, but extremely polite, as military people tend to be. Over the next few days, Michael showed me around the base, we watched the Olympics, and I cooked. Judging from Fort Polk, I don't know why everyone in the U.S. military doesn't weigh 500 pounds. There were lots of bars and restaurants around the base, which is actually a beautiful place with historic buildings and a preserved forest, but the

restaurants served food in ways that contained as many calories as could be stuffed into a meal.

My cell phone had conked out on the way to Louisiana, so I was out of contact with people at home. It turned out that, in order to get a replacement, I had to drive to Alexandria, so Michael said I could borrow his car while he was at work and drive to the AT&T store that would provide me with a new, functioning phone.

His car was a small, nondescript sedan, the drive was an hour or so. I managed, after some argument, to get a new phone and headed back to the base.

But between Alexandria and Fort Polk, I ran into a traffic circle. I've never been good with traffic circles, which I believe are designed to create accidents, and this day I had one. Two black men in a souped up red car, drove into the side of Michael's little sedan.

When police arrived, the driver of the other car was shouting at me, and I was thinking, yikes, I'm a northerner in Louisiana. The cops asked for my license, registration, etc., and I handed over my license and Michael's registration.

It quickly became apparent that there wasn't much question about how this was going down. Two loud fellows in a hot car and hot clothing, versus Mrs. U.S. Army white woman from Fort Polk in a beige sedan that had been rammed.

I knew I wasn't an Army woman, but the police didn't, and they didn't have a lot of reason to think otherwise, since my license and Michael's registration shared a last name.

I did not offer the information that I was, actually, visiting an ex-husband and was not really Mrs. Master Sergeant who was being treated with the utmost respect. And the police, who were completely solicitous, did not ask why my license said I lived in Vermont while my supposed husband lived in Louisiana.

Eventually, I went on my way and limped back to Fort Polk in Michael's wrecked car, thinking it wasn't likely he was going to be as nice about all this as the police had been.

You know, you really don't want to tell your ex-husband, who you've so recently come to some sort of reconciliation with, that you've just wrecked his car. But on the other hand, it's a hard thing to hide.

He later told me the car was totaled. Let's just say he wasn't happy.

The next day I was due to fly home, probably a good thing. The plan was for me to rent a car and drive myself to New Orleans to the airport. Except that when I showed up at the rental car place, I didn't have a license, thus couldn't rent a car.

Apparently, in the mishmash of the accident, the police had forgotten to hand back my license, and I hadn't noticed.

Michael sighed. This meant he had to either keep me forever, or drive me back to New Orleans himself. Not much of a choice there.

"You're as much of a pain in the ass as you always were," he said.

We picked up his girlfriend, who'd apparently been getting, understandably, a little crosswise, or at least puzzled, by this week with the ex. The three of us drove the four hours to New Orleans, me in the back seat.

Michael wasn't in the best mood, but his girlfriend and I got along fine. She hadn't likely ever planned on spending much time with her boyfriend's long ago ex-wife from Vermont, but perplexed as she probably was, she rose to the occasion.

This is a long way of getting around to food, which is obviously a sidebar in this story. But it's true that I've been thinking about the region's food.

Recently, I invited friends over to watch one of the presidential debates, and I made red beans and rice.

Talk about digressions, huh?

Here is the recipe I made.

- 1 pound dried red beans
- 3 Tbsp. bacon grease
- 1/4 cup chopped ham
- 1-1/2 cups chopped onion
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 Tsp. salt
- 1/2 Tsp. pepper
- Pinch cayenne
- Three bay leaves
- 2 Tbsp. chopped parsley
- 2 Tsp. thyme

1/2 pound smoked sausage, split in half lengthwise and cut into one-inch pieces

- A ham bone or a pound of smoked ham hocks
- 3 Tbsp. chopped garlic
- 10 cups chicken stock
- 4 cups cooked white rice
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions

Put the beans in a bowl and cover with water. Let soak for eight hours. Drain and set aside. In a big pot, heat the bacon grease over medium heat. Add the ham and cook, stirring, for one minute. Add the onions, celery and peppers. Season with the salt, pepper and cayenne and cook, stirring until the vegetables are soft. Add the bay leaves, parsley, thyme, sausage and ham hocks and cook, stirring, to brown the sausage. Add the garlic, beans, and stock. Stir well and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the beans are tender, about two hours. Remove from heat and with the back of a spoon, mash about 1/4 of the beans against the side of the pot. Then cook for another 15 minutes or so. Serve over rice and garnish with green onions.

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