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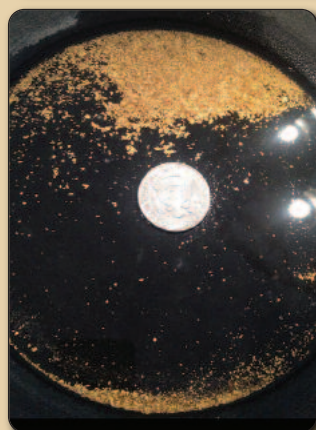
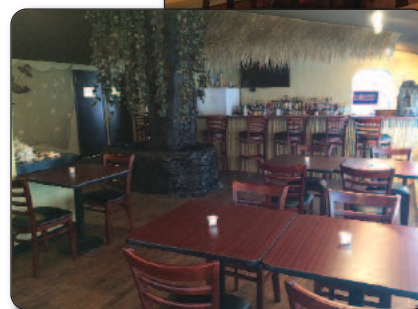


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From the Editor

Every year in this Summer Guide, we tell you stories about the fantastic events and attractions that make the Northeast Kingdom and North Country so special. As we were brainstorming story ideas this year, it occurred to us that there's one aspect of our local attractions that rarely gets any notice: the people who make them possible.

So this year we're focusing on the volunteers and workers who make all of these things possible. We're giving you the behind-the-scenes view into our area and the people who live here.



Perhaps your gear shift gets knocked out of whack while you're biking at Kingdom Trails Association in East Burke. The maintenance crew at East Burke Sports are the guys who will get you back out on the trails.

When you walk in the front door of the Fairbanks Museum, you'll be greeted by a volunteer like Libby Welch who can give you all kinds of insight into the collection and other things to do in the area.

We have many local swimming areas that are kept safe by skilled and caring lifeguards like Lindsey Stahler.

And in the middle of a hot summer's day, who wouldn't want an ice cream cone? We spoke with scooper Austin Albro who shared with us the

strangest frequently asked question that he gets all summer long.

We are blessed in northern New Hampshire and Vermont to have a cornucopia of beautiful and exciting attractions. The amazing people you'll meet in these pages are the unsung heroes who make those attractions such fun to visit.

Next time you're riding on the Tram or grabbing a snack at the fair, take a moment to say hello to the worker or volunteer you meet. They work hard to make your vacation time fun...and they'll have great recommendations for the best things to do and see during your time here!

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Through the eyes of a Tram Operator



The two tram cars on Cannon Mountain in Franconia Notch are yellow and red, lovingly nicknamed “mustard” and “ketchup.”

Tram operator Jack Varin says with a twinkle in his eye, “We *relish* the view.”

It’s only one of the groan-worthy jokes and puns that Varin has in his repertoire for the seven-minute ride up and down the mountain.

While the job requires a certain level of “driving” the tram car, especially in windy conditions, the bulk of Varin’s job is as an interpretive guide who shares information with riders.

The job is a good fit for Varin, who is fascinated by history and calls himself a tram aficionado. “Most of my vacations involve going to ride trams in other parts of the country,” he said.

His love of trams started when he was very young and his family made annual trips to Franconia Notch each summer. “My first ride on the tram I was [he makes gesture to indicate very small]. And then

A family takes in the view and looks out for bears on the slopes below from the Cannon Mountain Tram.

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every successive year. When I was a little kid, it stuck with me. The guys were really nice to me and they would let me 'drive' the tram. For me it was a dream job."

Those operators made a big impression on Varin, and it's part of why he chose to work in Franconia Notch when he returned to the area as an adult.

"When I came here as a kid, the tram operators made it special for me and that stuck with me. And then when I arrived here about a decade ago, the gentleman who trained me was the guy who was the tram operator when I was a kid. So I learned everything that I know here from Peter. He'd been here for 35 years," he said. "It's nice to keep that tradition going. Some of that gets lost from the changing times, so I like to keep the tradition alive for the kids and for the families."

Varin gets excited when there's an opportunity to let a little kid "drive" the car by pressing the button to get it started. But, he said, if there's more than one child on board, he steers clear, because it can lead to tantrums from the other kids. So then he turns to his stock of jokes.

"What do you call a bear with no teeth?" he asks one little girl during the ride. "A gummy bear!" Her face lights up with delight and you can see that Varin has accomplished his goal, at least for this seven minute ride.

"I like for people to have the best experience possible because I love the park so much," he said. "A lot of us here have done the vacation/national park experience and we

like to treat people the way they want to be treated when they're on vacation."

And people remember him. He said that



PHOTOS BY LEAH CAREY

Tram operator Jack Varin takes a quiet moment between punny jokes as the car approaches the Tram House.

there are families who visit for a Tram ride every year. "They come here and they expect to be on this tram with you," he said. "They'll bring you homemade sausages and stuff. It is nice when you get to know the people."

He also gets to hear his fair share of strange questions. "How do we get to the mountain where the presidents' faces are? I said, you must be talking about the Old Man or the Presidential?" No, the person replied, she wanted to see George Washington and Thomas Jefferson's faces. "Well, keep going west 2000 miles," Varin says, shaking his head.

Recently they've had a lot of questions about whether they have problems with bears chewing on the high-flying tram cables. "I can never figure out why that even comes up," he laughed.

But the most frequent question is, "Will you take our picture?" Varin is happy to do it. "I've taken it upon myself to learn that in a bunch of languages."

While he admits that making the same jokes many times a day during the height of tourist season can get a little tedious, Varin says there are lots of perks he couldn't get in any other job. For instance, one of the tram operators walks the rim trail at the top of Cannon Mountain every night to make sure there are no stragglers before the last trip down. "That's a fringe benefit, getting to walk on the rim trail at the end of the night when nobody else is on it. You're up there on the tower by yourself."

"And then on top of that, it's certainly the view," he continued. "That's the payoff. Getting to fly through the sky all day long is really cool. It's a special job."

"Like any other job, it has its ups and downs," he quipped. "I try not to take it for Granite."

Things To Do

Reminder: Things change, so please call, email, or check online for times and locations before heading out! All phone numbers are in area code (802) unless specified otherwise.

Saturday, June 13

Tour de Kingdom, guided bike ride. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.

Double Century Challenge, Gran Fondo timed event. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.

Littleton Celebration Weekend, Littleton downtown. Info: www.littletonareachambernh.com.

10 a.m. - Disc Golf Tournament, Prouty Beach, all ages and skills. Info: www.newportrecreation.org.

7:30 p.m. - Underneath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

Sunday, June 14

Tour de Kingdom, guided bike ride. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.

Littleton Celebration Weekend, Littleton downtown. Info: www.littletonareachambernh.com.

Tuesday, June 16

12 p.m. - Now Playing Newport, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Seniors Music & Lunch. Info: www.nowplayingnewport.com.

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.

Thursday, June 18

3 p.m. - Summer Block Party, Gardner Park. Info: www.newportrecreation.org.

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.

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Breaking Ground

A mile in the shoes of a Trail Builder

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We did, so we reached out to a member

of NorthWoods Conservation Corps, a group of high school and college students who spend their summers breaking new trails and maintaining existing trails around the Northeast Kingdom.

Shane Tulp, 21, is studying outdoor education at Colorado Mountain College with an eye toward helping people connect with and explore the outdoors. It all started for him when he was a student at St. Johnsbury Academy and decided to spend a summer with the Conservation Corps.

"I didn't really know what I was getting into," he said this spring. "I had hiked, but it was the first time I ever did intense hiking. It was my first job. I did 5 days a week of 8 hour days at 14 years old, so it was pretty intimidating."

The first few weeks of his first year were tough, he said. "We were installing bog bridges at Victory Bog," he said. "We were walking through the bog all day ... it was muddy and my shoes were disgusting."

But things got a little easier - and a lot more fun - for Tulp when his crew moved up to maintain hiking trails at Burke Mountain. "On Burke it was clipping back brush," he said, "because it was growing onto the trails."

In the process, he was learning about new tools and techniques that he found interesting.

He decided to try a second year on the Conservation Corps so he could be outside for the summer again and spend time with the friends he'd made his first year. The out-

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- Franconia Notch - Frankenstein Cliffs
- Mt. Madison

door work wasn't his passion yet.

"I was going back because all my friends were going back," he said. "I would say my third or fourth year was when I began to really get into it because of the program."

And it just got better from there.

A few years in he joined one of the back-country crews, which spent five days on the trails at a time. "You go out with the crew each Monday and stay out in the woods," he said. "And then you drive home that Friday and go home for the weekends."

That, he said, is his favorite crew that he's been on. "I'd been on camping trips before that, but you go with your parents to a park and pay for a campsite. But this was the first time I lived in the outdoors for an extended period of time. We hiked in and brought everything with us. Once I was able to do that and enjoy it, I knew that I should be working outside."

This year he is returning as a crew leader, helping other young men and women to follow in his footsteps. Part of his job is to provide them with the same type of educational experiences he had when he started: wildlife and plant identification, conservation management, and more.

Tulp said that his current and future plans are thanks to his time with the Conservation Corps. "I served on a wildlife crew two years ago and that was definitely influenced by the trail work I did with NorthWoods," he said. "Outdoor education

probably isn't something I would have pursued otherwise."

We have questions, he has answers

As someone who has spent years out on the trails, Tulp is highly qualified to answer the questions above about breaking and maintaining trails.

The crew leaders who will be breaking trail go out at the beginning of the season with the head of the program, Luke O'Brien, and scout the area. They know the destination for the trail, but the path isn't always as clear. "Basically you're tromping around the woods with a topographic map or GPS and you're looking for the path of least resistance," Tulp said.

While determining the path, they look carefully at the area to see where water pools (which they don't want) and where it might flow easily off the trail. "It's a balance of ease of hiking, destination, water control and control of the environment," he said.

"I think a lot of people don't realize how much work is put into making the trails that they walk on," he said. "When you go out hiking you expect that it's there, but it takes months to complete a trail. It takes a lot of time to put it in, find the route, get the manpower."

Tulp said Corps members receive a weekly stipend while they're out working the trails, meaning several thousand dollars a week can go into working on a trail. There are some trails that take several seasons of work. "A lot of time and money



Shane Tulp takes a well-earned break.

goes into maintaining those trails," he said. "It's nothing to be taken for granted, but at the same time it's a great thing to be able to go out and explore. And most of those trails are offered for free for the public, which is cool."

Finally, Tulp said, there's a really good reason why you should stay on the marked trails.

"The trails are there in order for people to gain access to the wilderness while not disturbing it," he said. "The trails put a lot of impact on one very small part of the wilderness or natural land in order for the rest of the wilderness to not be disturbed. It's important to stay on the trails and not leave trash. Leave no trace. Respect the wildlife. Those trails are there so you can access them with as little disturbance as possible."

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Anglers' Delight

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

And more than anything else, you are minimizing your impact on the fisheries.”

Over fishing runs its risks.

“You are preventing them from feeding naturally and that means they are taking in less energy and their growth rate is less and there is more mortality,” he said.

While Osprey Fishing Adventures’ clients catch between four and five thousand fish a year, virtually all are returned to the rivers. “If [clients] want a fish, I try to have them take a fish under 12 inches, and if they want a trophy, I prefer they take a male,” said Hastings.

In terms of reproduction, large males, unlike smaller males, don’t contribute much, he said.

Conversely, a female, for every pound, will lay roughly 1,000 eggs, said Hastings.

Fishing with style

The style of fishing, which involves using flies that resemble real insects that drop into the water during their life cycles, is akin to an art.

“You are trying to mimic Mother Nature as much as possible and get as close to the fish as you can without spooking them,” said Hastings.

Clients are provided with a fly that “matches the hatch” of a particular season. Fish are tempted to the surface with alder flies, golden and giant black stoneflies, he said.

He said, “Wading is accessible in certain locations, wherever there is shallow water, but some of the bigger fish will inhabit places tough to wade. Because they are difficult to wade fish, drift boat is my specialty.”

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“[Clients] come from all around,” said Hastings. “Most are in a learning curve, and for those who have never fished before, I will give them a casting lesson for 45 minutes and take them aboard the boat.”

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A fishing rod bends to the fight of a big fish.

Casting about with a long-time Fishing Guide

Ken Hastings cut his teeth as a fishing guide in the West, but returned to his native New England to become a guide in New Hampshire’s Great North Woods, taking anglers to what he says is the best cold water fishing in the East - the Androscoggin River and headwaters of the Connecticut River.

At the core of his expeditions is conservation to keep the two waterways and their fish healthy for future generations.


“There are some spectacular fisheries,” said Hastings, a guide for 32 years in upper Coos County and owner of Osprey Fishing Adventures, which specializes in guided drift boat fly fishing.

Both upper Coos and Androscoggin are home to bounties of rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout and landlocked salmon.

New Hampshire’s record brown trout, at more than 18 pounds, and record rainbow trout, at more than 13 pounds, were taken from the upper Connecticut River, which, in terms of fishing, Hastings calls one of the nation’s best kept secrets.

“I try not to fish any one section more than once a week,” he said. “My philosophy is to keep the fish as ignorant as possible.

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Fishing guide
Ken Hastings
with a catch.

Change is inevitable

For 30 years, Hastings has taught biology and earth science at Colebrook Academy and said his primary role as a fishing guide is also that of a teacher, and a protector.

“You want to make sure clients are safe, and their welfare comes first,” he said. “You always want to pass on information the client doesn’t have. I

try to observe and gather that information.”

Hastings said Osprey Fishing Adventures has about a 70-percent client return rate and he has guided grandfathers, fathers and grandsons.

“I’m now on the third generation and some come year after year,” he said.

One grandfather was 97. “I love every minute of it,” he

said. “I’ve loved nature since I was a small boy. We spent all of our time outside and that love has never disappeared.”

Like life, change is inevitable, and it’s sometimes for the better.

“Unlike lakes or ponds, rivers are always changing,” said Hastings. “If the fishing isn’t good in one location, I’ll drift downstream to the next.”

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Friday, June 19

NEMBAFest, Kingdom Trails, celebrating mountain biking. Info: www.nembafest.com.

5 p.m. - Widespread Panic with special guest Umphrey’s McGee, Jay Peak. Info: www.jaypeakresort.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

6 p.m. - Downtown Lyndonville Street Festival, Depot Street in Lyndon. Info: info@lyndonvermont.com, 626-9696.

7:30 p.m. - Summer Solstice Full Moon Paddle on the Clyde River, NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.

Saturday, June 20

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The Longest Day health and wellness event, Franconia Dow Park. Info: www.franconianh.org/the-longest-day.

Son of a Swim, Lake Memphremagog. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.

8 a.m. - Pets On Parade, Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Info: www.discoverstjohnsbury.com.

10:30 a.m. - NH-VT Covered Bridge Half Marathon, Colebrook. Info: runreg.com/nh-vt-covered-bridge-half-marathon.

11 a.m. - Dreamcatcher and Rattle Making Class, Clan of the Hawk grounds. Info: www.clanofthehawk.org.

12 p.m. - Historic House & Garden Tour & Rhubarb Cafe, Waterford Congregational Church. Info: www.catamountarts.org.

3 p.m. - Relay for Life, Lancaster Fairgrounds. Info: www.RelayFor-

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6 p.m. - Feast with the Beasts, Fairbanks Museum. Info: www.fairbanksmuseum.org.

7 p.m. - Pizza and music night, The Art House. Info: www.vermontart-house.org.

7:30 p.m. - Underneath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Red Molly, Americana vocal trio, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

Sunday, June 21

NEMBAFest, Kingdom Trails, celebrating mountain biking. Info: www.nembafest.com.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

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Show Time



Go behind the scenes with a Theater Family

It may be called the Vermont Children's Theater, but in truth it's an experience for the whole family.

Every summer the VCT puts on three musicals, each featuring a different age group. The first show (this year it's "Jungle Book Kids") is for kids seven through 10. The middle group is ages 10 through entering high school (they'll be performing "Alice in Wonderland Jr."). And then there are the high schoolers, who will be mounting "Fiddler on the Roof" this summer. [See our events calendar for specific listings.]

While the kids are rehearsing for their big moment on stage, the parents pitch in to do everything else. "The parents are the ones who have to do the sets, do the costumes. They're the ones in charge," said VCT board vice president Cynthia Waldner. "And by the grace of God, somebody steps up every time and says,

"I'll be in charge of costumes."

"It's a free program and families come there for a fun summer experience," she continued. "I really think it's important, the family piece at the theater. I say, it's free for your child but it's not free for you. I will take it out in sweat equity, that's what I'm looking for - it's cleaning the bathrooms and selling the cookies and painting the barn and making popcorn out in the shed."

That philosophy has built a strong community for theater-loving families in the area. "The rehearsal barn will be full with kids and then the lobby will be full with moms with sewing machines set up everywhere doing costumes, dragging a kid out to measure them. Or making something outside that they're paper macheing, or all kinds of things," said Waldner. "It's a really great thing for the moms, too. They're there, all busy work-

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ing together. That's a nice thing."

And she sees how much it means to the kids, too. "There's just something in the look in the little kids' face when they come out in the lobby in their costumes and their moms are selling the t-shirts or selling the flowers or their moms have painted the set and they can say, 'My mom painted that house!'"

Waldner knows what she's talking about, having been a VCT mom for 11 years. It means so much to her that she makes significant adjustments in order to stay heavily involved in the shows and the day-to-day operations of the theater. "I work in day surgery and I go to work at 5:30 in the morning and I get out at 11:30," she said. "I change my schedule so that Chelsea and I can come home, get lunch, and then we head to the theater and then we're there for the afternoon." [Read Chelsea's story at the right.]

A unique aspect to the VCT is that they will take any child who auditions and find a place for them onstage. "And if what you can do is be a tiger, then that's a really big part for you," said Waldner. "Not everybody wants to stand out at the front



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Beauty and the Beast at the Vermont Children's Theater.

of the stage and sing."

They're also willing to do what is needed to help all children be involved. "Whatever it takes," said Waldner. "If we have a child that comes needing special accommodations, we'll do it. Because we want them to be able to be there."

One such child who remains prominent in Waldner's memory is a young boy who is non-verbal autistic. "He got on the stage during 'The Sound of Music' and he danced with a girl that wasn't his mother. He was touching her! He was dressed in a tuxedo with a bow tie and he was dancing with a girl that wasn't his mom. That took a lot of practicing to do that. His mom was just in tears in the back of the theater."

That's not unusual.

"I see mothers sitting in the audience just crying because their child is onstage and they're doing something they've never done before," Waldner said. "So many times I hear, 'She did it! She said her line!'"

"There's nothing better than standing at the back of the barn and watching those 65 teenagers," she smiled. "They're all working and trying to make something together. They're safe and they're not on the street!"

When Chelsea Waldner was a toddler, her mother Cynthia wouldn't have believed that she would ever see her daughter onstage. Born with special needs, Chelsea wasn't expected to be able to see, hear or walk.

Now, almost 18 years old, Chelsea can not only see, hear and walk - she's an 11-year veteran of the Vermont Children's Theatre.

"It's been great. It builds her up so much!" said Cynthia. "This theater is a kind place for special needs kids."

The family's adventure with Vermont Children's Theatre began when Chelsea was seven and a friend suggested she audition. "I said, 'Are you sure she can do VCT?'" recounted Cynthia. "They said, 'Oh yes, she'll be fine.' We've been there every year since."

A few years ago Chelsea had a line to say in the show "Honk!" and the other children's kindness shone through. "She was a turkey and she had to say, 'I made it through Thanksgiving!' And she had to say it like she meant it, and all alone. It took weeks and weeks of the kids saying it with her, and the kids helping her. And then less kids helping her, and less kids helping her, until she actually could do it."

Chelsea has learned a lot about the importance of volunteering through her association with VCT. "She knows that the theatre is volunteering and working for a cause that means something to you, to make it happen. And she's willing to do that. I think that's the great thing she's learned."

When asked what she gets out of Chelsea's participation at VCT, Cynthia eyes well up with emotion. "Watching her succeed."

Chelsea will graduate from high school next year, meaning that 2016 will be her final summer onstage at VCT. "She'll definitely miss the theater," said her mom, who will miss it as well.



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Chelsea Waldner was a Jet girl in last season's production of "West Side Story."



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Opposite page and above: Vermont Children's Theater 2014 production of Beauty and the Beast.

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Get ready to hit the Kingdom's trails with a Bike Mechanic

There are plenty of local biking enthusiasts, but it is tourists who really keep the wheels turning in the mountain biking hub of Burke. And it's the maintenance crew at East Burke who keeps the wheels turning for the riders.

According to shop manager Mike Mansmann, "On any given day, I have between two and four mechanics able to fix problems and keep people who are already recreating...recreating!"

The retail portion of the shop carries bikes in prices ranging from \$300 to \$7,000. While the cost of a bike reflects its quality and workmanship, you can have as much fun on an old beater as on a high-end model, said Mansmann. "The quality of the bike does not change the level of fun people can have."

The key, he said, is choosing the right challenges for your skill level. "With the really smooth, buffed-out single track, a lot of terrain is accessible to all skill sets. A lot of the difficulty on our trails comes from the speed that you can carry," explained Mansmann. "So you can send two people of completely different skill sets down that same trail. The better rider can go a lot faster on the same trail

and the more novice rider is going to go a lot slower but still be able to handle that same terrain. Obviously there are hard trails that are much harder than others. But the majority of trails you can just go really fast on."

Mansmann got interested in biking when he was a kid, but two wheels quickly transitioned to four. "I got my license and stopped biking," he laughed. "Then I started to see people riding trails in my hometown and I started riding, breaking parts, upgrading."

He tried to work on his own bike, but there were plenty of times when he needed more help. "I was bringing my bike a lot to my local shop then, just having them fix the stuff I didn't know how to do, or taking the opportunity to show me."

His advanced training happened on-the-job when he began working at East Burke Sports ten years ago. "I moved up here to go to Lyndon and had the opportunity to work on bikes and trails."

That direct connection to the trails is strengthened because the owner of the shop, John Worth, is one of the founding members of Kingdom Trails Association, and he still scouts new trails each year.

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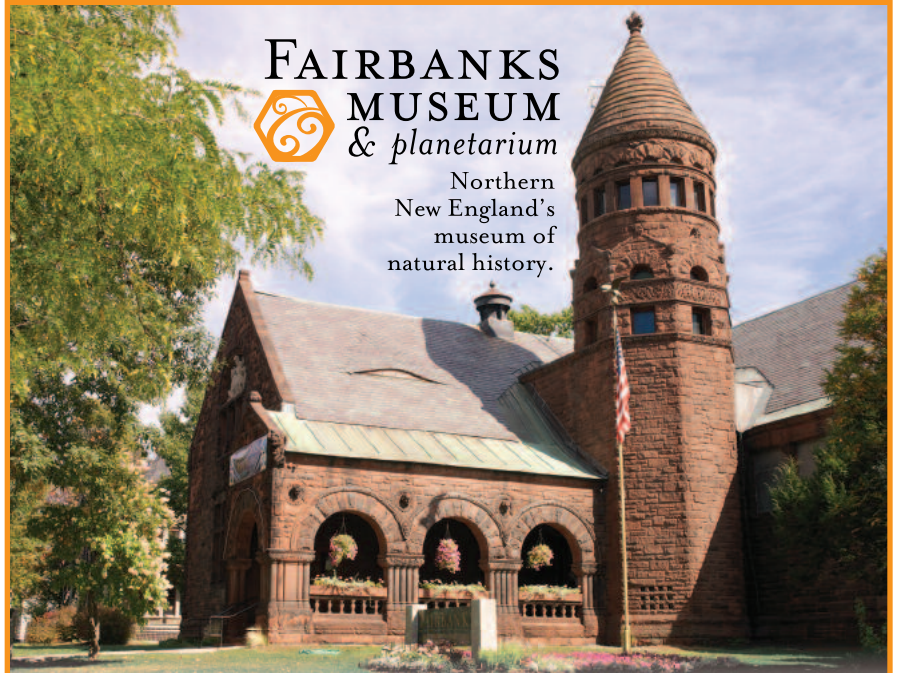
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RIGHT: Mike Mansmann and John Worth of East Burke Sports are responsible for stocking the bikes and parts that keep the Northeast Kingdom riding. **OPPOSITE PAGE:** Jon Unsworth and Ry Wolfel work in the maintenance shop.

"I try to go out in the spring and the fall when there's no leaves on the trees," Worth said. "That's when you can really see, when you're out and about, looking around for possible new trails. That's when we lay them out."

He's also always looking for ways to make the trail system better. "I also lay out re-routes for problem spots, trails that are too steep or too eroded and we fix them."



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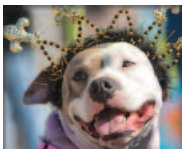
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St. Johnsbury School lawn. Info: www.stjohnsburyband.org.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

Tuesday, June 23

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

Wednesday, June 24

12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

Thursday, June 25

9:30 a.m. - Goldilocks, Children's

Theater, Lancaster Rialto. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.

7 p.m. - Disney's The Jungle Book, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.

7 p.m. - National Theatre Live, Catamount Arts. The Audience. Info: www.catamountarts.org.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

Friday, June 26

Blessing Of The Bikes, Speedway 51, Groveton. Info: NHblessingofthe-

bikes.tripod.com.

10 a.m. - Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

2 p.m. - Disney's The Jungle Book, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.

5 p.m. - Community Talent Show, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.littletonareachambernh.com.

5 p.m. - Strawberry Festival, East Burke Church. Info: Dollinda Lunda, 467-3200.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

Saturday, June 27

Blessing Of The Bikes, Speedway 51, Groveton. Info: NHblessingofthe-

bikes.tripod.com.

Son of a Swim, Lake Memphremagog. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.

9 a.m. - Newport Sprint Triathlon, Prouty Beach. Info: newportsprintri.weebly.com.

2 p.m. - Once Upon A Clothesline, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.

5:30 p.m. - Owl Moon Evening at Burke Mountain. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.

6:30 p.m. - Horse Power Extravaganza, Caledonia County Fair. Info: Hayden, 535-7987 or Alana, 745-7029.

7 p.m. - Kingdom Coffeehouse, NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.

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▲ Families enjoy the cool water at Harvey's Lake during a hot summer day (story, page 30).

► The Vermont Children's Theater offers area children an opportunity to exercise their creative skills in a way that's welcoming for everyone (story, page 12).

◀ Lyndon Institute's Jay Cobb hits a tee shot off the par-5 eighth hole at St. Johnsbury Country Club (story, page 22).

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▲ Kids take advantage of fair time by hitching a ride on a bull (story, page 28).

► Capt. Chris Johansen welcomes passengers aboard The Northern Star (story, page 25).

◀ The Cannon Tram flies passengers up the mountain in a ride with views of three states and Canada. (story, page 4).



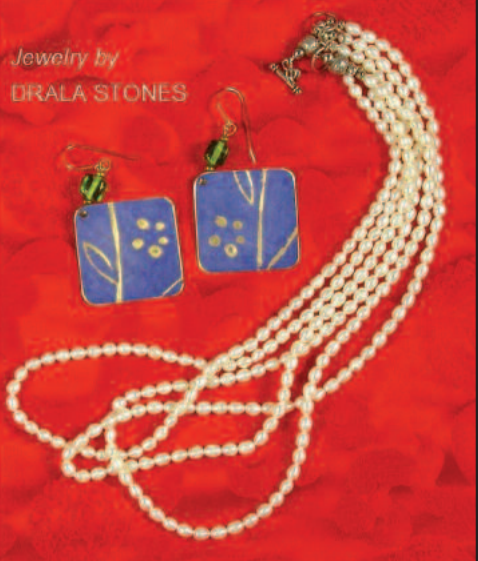
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The Albro family gathers at Slick's for a mid-summer cool down. From left they are: Spencer, Mitch, Stephen, Savannah and Austin Albro.

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There was a common refrain in my childhood home: You can't cry and eat ice cream at the same time.

Ice cream scooper Austin Albro can attest that the two things don't often go together. "People never leave grumpy," he said. "Everybody has those days when they just need an ice cream."

Austin grew up in Woodsville, New Hampshire, and is currently attending college at Daytona State in Florida. During the summers he works at Slick's, a popular ice cream stand in Woodsville, New Hampshire.

"The main reason I keep coming back is because you get to see so much of your community," he said. "Everybody is coming to Slick's. It's a nice way to stay in touch."

Austin usually works a nine-hour shift from noon to 9 p.m. And whether it's the after-school crowd while classes are still in session, campground visitors during high season, or seniors from the local senior center, it's always busy. "There's almost always people waiting for you, even at 11:15!" he said. "The amount of ice cream we go through is just wild."

According to Austin, the most popular flavors are "probably maple walnut and White Mountain raspberry." But, sitting in his Florida dorm room

a month before heading back to New Hampshire for the summer, Austin has another flavor on his mind. "The one I'm looking forward to getting back and having the most is Starry Night - dark chocolate ice cream with white chocolate chips. You can't get that anywhere else."

And man's best friend can get in on the action too. "We give free dog dishes so puppies eat free too," Austin said. "It's just a quarter scoop of vanilla ice cream. They love it! We always have people who say they only stop by for the dog and they can't drive by without the dog going crazy."

Slick's has 32 flavors and "They're all for the most part unique, they've got something special to them," Austin said. "We get tons and tons of questions about the flavors. People are very concerned about where our ingredients come from. We're always happy to tell them that we work with King Arthur Flour and other local places."

Being as generous as they are with the scoops, there's another question they hear a lot. "People ask us how we survive with the portions the way they are," Austin said. "We say that it keeps them coming back!"

What's the funniest question that Austin hears? "People ask a lot of times if there's dairy in the ice cream," he said while chuckling. "I under-

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stand that there are people that can't have dairy, but yes. There's dairy in ice cream. There's really no politically correct way to answer that one."

Austin said that his favorite part of the job is getting to know the regular customers and "really being able to establish a relationship. You're only with these people two or three minutes a few times a week, but being able to get know essentially strangers through the ice cream."

As for those people who come by looking for suggestions on things to do in the area, Austin has the perfect response: "They're in the best place if they come to Slick's, so I don't know what else there is to see!"

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7:30 p.m. - Underneath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Josh Brooks, The Music Box. Info: www.themusicboxvt.org.

Sunday, June 28

Blessing Of The Bikes, Speedway 51, Groveton. Info: NHblessingofthebikes.tripod.com.

1 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Greensboro Big Tent. Info: www.smirkus.org.

1 p.m. - John Royer Benefit Concert, Gardner Park. Info: www.newportrecreation.org.

4 p.m. - Now Playing Newport, Michael Amowitz, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Info: www.nowplayingnewport.com.

6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Greensboro Big Tent. Info: www.smirkus.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.

6 p.m. - Miss Littleton Area Pageant, Omni Mt. Washington.

7 p.m. - An Evening of Song With Mark Shelton, Lyndon Institute. Info: 748-2600.

Monday, June 29

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band on St. Johnsbury School lawn. Info: www.stjohnsburyband.org.

Tuesday, June 30

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.

Wednesday, July 1

11 a.m. - Treasure Island, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.

Thursday, July 2

9:30 a.m. - The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Lancaster Rialto. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbames@nchsi.org.

7 p.m. - National Theatre Live, The Audience, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.

Friday, July 3

10 a.m. - The Pied Piper Of Hamelin, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

6 p.m. - Night Ride Series, Norco Demo Center. Info: www.skiburke.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

7 p.m. - First Friday Family Movie, Derby Line Village Hall. Info: myersbethany@hotmail.com.

8 p.m. - Novalima, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

9:30 p.m. - Fireworks and entertainment, Omni Mt. Washington. Info: www.brettonwoods.com/freedom.

Saturday, July 4

8:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast, Westmore Fellowship Hall. Info: Millie, 525-8862.

9 a.m. - Harry Corrow Freedom Run, Prouty Beach. Info: www.newportrecreation.org.

10 a.m. - Burklyn Arts Summer Craft Fair, Bandstand Park, Lyn-

donville. Info: www.burklynarts.org.
10 a.m. - July 4 in Danville. Info: 748-1456.

11 a.m. - Cabot Parade
2 p.m. - Barton Parade
3 p.m. - Independence Celebration, Gardner Park. Info: www.newportrecreation.org.

6 p.m. - 4th of July Celebration, Burke Mountain. Info: www.skiburke.com/events.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

7 p.m. - Salute To Freedom, Omni Mt. Washington. Info: www.brettonwoods.com/freedom.

7:30 p.m. - Underneath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Bubble & Squeak, Weather-vanetheatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Sunday, July 5

3 p.m. - Spirits of Vermont 2015, Joe's Pond Pavilion. Info: www.pope-donville.com.

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Have you ever thought about what it takes to keep your ball rolling smoothly down the fairway? That's exactly what we asked Todd Rainville, the course superintendent at St. Johnsbury Country Club. If you never, ever have to think about the answer to that question, Todd is the man to thank. He is in charge of keeping the course in pristine shape.

It's a year-round job and it's seven days a week during the summer.

"There's a lot of mowing," he said. "We mow the greens six to seven times a week."

But that's just the beginning.

"We change the hole locations several times a week because it would wear out from golfers being in one spot," he said. Todd has a tool that digs out a plug of dirt for a new hole. "We take that plug and put it in the old hole, and then put the cup in the new one," he explained.

And getting the perfect grass takes a lot more work than just mowing. First, there's the many fertilizer applications to get the grass to grow in thick and even. But not too much!

"Once you have a good healthy green, you put a growth regulator on it," Todd said. "It kind of stunts it from growing out of control." That helps keep balls rolling across it faster, which golfers prefer.

There's also bunker maintenance (also known as sand traps). "We have to rake out the bunkers several times a week," Todd said. "To keep them smooth and a lot of times when it rains hard they'll wash out, so we have to repair them. And there's lots of edging to do."

While Todd has a crew of high school and college workers out doing weed whacking, he works on the watering system. "Irrigation is huge," he said. "The sprinklers are buried out in the ground on the course. A lot of the individual sprinklers are wearing out."

He spends a lot of time improvising to keep the sprinkler heads working, salvaging parts from old ones to rebuild others. But after 24 years on this system, it's getting to a point where the parts need to be replaced.

And then there are the holes to be filled. "Golfers make a lot of divots," Todd said. "So we're on a divot program where we mix our own repairs, divot and sand mixture with peat moss, fertilizer and seed. We have to fill them in several times a week."

When the end of the golfing season comes, it's time to put the golf course to bed in a way that will help it come back to life next year. "We're prone to get a lot of ice damage, so we put turf covers on to help prevent it," Todd explained. "It's not a cure-all, but a lot of times it helps."

He starts plowing the greens in March to uncover the ice. "I'll put a dark compound on the ice to help," he said. "The sun attracts that and helps melt the ice quicker."

When the ice and snow melts, the covers come off and it's time to start growing and controlling

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Billy Brink makes his way out of a sandtrap at St. Johnsbury Country Club.

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And those morning hours are his favorite. "It's so peaceful in the morning," he said. "That's the best part of the day."

It's a good job for Todd, who says that he wouldn't be well-suited to a job that kept him inside all the time. "I like being outside. It's definitely taken its toll on me - the wear and tear," he said. "It seems like the sun is a lot more powerful than it used to be. My face is weathered

from it. But being outside working at the golf course I get so much exercise. I don't have to worry about my diet - I work and eat!"

A golf enthusiast, Todd rarely finds himself golfing at St. Johnsbury Country Club. "You don't want to play your own golf course," he said. "You can't relax out there. I see too many things that need to be done!"

The long list of things that need to be done follows Todd throughout the season. "I find myself very stressed out all summer long," he said. "But deer season puts it in perspective. I go west for archery hunting. I usually have a countdown

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FILE PHOTO

Nelson Eaton celebrates after a good shot.

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6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.

Monday, July 6

6:30 p.m. - First Monday Movie Series, Colatina Exit, Bradford. Info: www.colatinaexit.com.

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band on St. Johnsbury School lawn. Info: www.stjohnsburyband.org.

Tuesday, July 7

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.

7:30 p.m. - Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sings, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

7:30 p.m. - Frost Day, Frost Place.

Info: www.frostplace.org.
 8 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Wednesday, July 8

12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.

1 and 6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Green Mountain Mall. Info: www.smirkus.org.

7 p.m. - Arts & Culture Series, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. Info: www.stjathenaeum.org.

7 p.m. - The MET Live, La Traviata, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.

8 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Thursday, July 9

9:30 a.m. - Puss In Boots, Lancaster Rialto. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

1 and 6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Green Mountain Mall. Info: www.smirkus.org.

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.

7 p.m. - Disney's Alice In Wonderland, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.

7:30 p.m. - White Mountain Jewish Film Festival, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.bethlehemsynagogue.org

8 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info:

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of how many more days until Nov. 1st. People will ask me out there, 'How many more days?' And I'll say, '74!' I always know that number. That's the light at the end of the tunnel that keeps me going."

"I get kind of drained during the summer, and then I get that break during the winter," he said. "And then I'm rejuvenated and I'm excited to be out there again."



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Thirty seconds of glory. That's what Chris Johansen, the owner and operator of Northern Star Lake Cruises in Newport, calls the moments of leaving and returning to the dock in a 70-foot boat.

"This is really what you pay your captains for," he said. "The in-between stuff is easy."

Perhaps it is now that the boat is entering its third year on Lake Memphremagog, but that wasn't always the way.

Johansen previously captained this same boat on Lake Champlain for Green Mountain Boat Lines. The boat was called "Moonlight Lady" and ran high-end overnight cruises. When the boat came up for sale, Johansen decided to bring it back to Newport, rename it "The Northern Star," and run it as a sightseeing boat on the United States end of Lake Memphremagog.

Champlain and Memphremagog are unconnected, so the boat had to travel overland in 2012. "There's a size limit and we peaked at that," said Johansen. "Any bigger and we wouldn't have been able to do it."

The boat had to be disassembled for the journey, removing the top decks so the hull could go under bridges on the highway. Once all the pieces landed in Newport, the job of reconstruction and refurbishing took place.

COURTESY PHOTO
 Captain Chris Johansen guides the Northern Star into dock.

"It took six weeks to take it apart and seven months to put it back together," said Johansen.

During that seven month reconstruction, they stripped out the overnight state rooms and private bathrooms to make space for 49-passenger cruises.

Now that the boat is up and running, Johansen takes care of as much maintenance as he can. "You have to be able to fix stuff on the fly," he said. "I can't imagine being a tour boat operator and not being able to diagnose, or even if you can't fix it, at least come up with a plan so that you can get back to the dock safely or you can run the cruise and the passengers aren't in any kind of danger."

In the early weeks of the 2015 cruise season, Johansen is excited because his gauges are finally working the way he wants them to. "I've been working on them for three years!" he said. "This has been driving me crazy. I've traced every wire and I may have got it."

He knows this boat intimately. "With taking it all apart and putting it all back together again, every wire, every plumbing connection, everything," he said. "I'm not exaggerating - you could throw a bucket of screws on the floor and I could tell you where they all go."

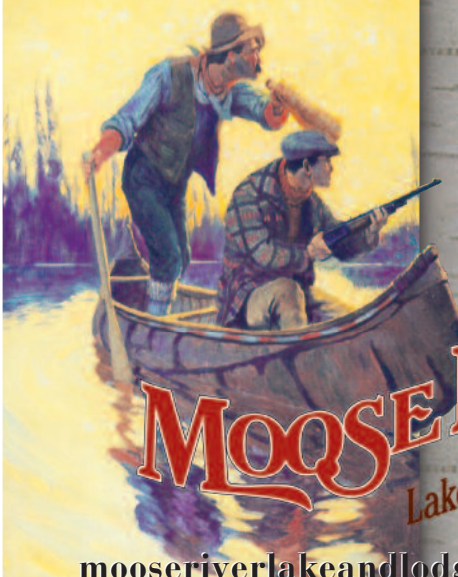
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Volunteer Libby Welch looks over the wildflower table, studying the names of various local plants.

A day in the life of a Museum Volunteer

The Fairbanks family left a wealth of resources as their legacy to St. Johnsbury, including the Fairbanks Museum on Main Street.

Today St. Johnsbury has another resource that keeps the museum going strong: local volunteers.

Of the approximately 100 people who spend time serving their community at the Fairbanks Museum, Libby Welch is one of the most involved and active volunteers according to Director of External Relations Anna Rubin. “The museum could not function without the amazing work of volunteers who help at every level,” said Rubin. “They work at the front desk, collect wildflowers for our Wild Flower exhibit, organize collections, clean exhibits, staff the Nature Store, research archives and support public programs, bake cookies for our Victorian Holiday Open House and much more!”

Libby has been a museum volunteer for about eight years. Formerly the owner of a popular downtown retail store, she missed having constant interaction with people once she retired. “I enjoy chatting with people, find-

ing out where they’re from,” she said.

But that’s not the only reason she decided to become a volunteer. “It’s my way of giving back to the town,” she said. “This place, this town, was where we had our business and it supported us and our four children. And so I feel this is my way of saying thank you.”

During a regular shift, Libby welcomes people to the museum, offering directions and suggestions. She’s happy to answer questions about Franklin Fairbanks, the planetarium, the birds on display, and anything else on people’s minds. “The first question I often get when people walk in the door, they’ll say, ‘Was this a church?’ I’ve had that question a lot.”

For the record, no. The building was built specifically as a museum by Franklin Fairbanks, who was a collector and wanted a place to share his collections with the public. “[The main] level is natural history,” Libby said. “Birds from all over the world, both local and extinct. There’s a whole section in back for extinct animals. And then in the balcony there are collections from all over the world. Downstairs is where the Eye on the Sky Weather is broadcast.”

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After spending a lot of time learning about birds by wandering through the collection during quiet times, Libby is now especially excited about learning about wildflowers through the new wildflower table. "They asked me last year if I could help collecting. I didn't really know my wildflowers," she said. "They don't stick around the way birds do, they come and go."

This summer, Libby will get another learning opportunity: dinosaurs! "Discovering Dinosaurs : Ancient Fossils, New Ideas" from the American Museum of Natural History will open on July 11.

The museum will also debut a new collection of butterflies from around the world.



Other museums, galleries and cultural institutions in the area include:

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The Art House Gallery and School – Craftsbury Common, Vt. – 802-586-2200, www.vermontart-house.org

Ben's Mill – Barnet, Vt. – 802-748-8180, www.bensmill.com

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802-754-2022, www.oldstonehousemuseum.org

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Frost Place – Franconia, N.H. – 603-823-5510, www.frostplace.org

Littleton League of New Hampshire Craftsmen – Littleton, N.H. – 603-444-1099, www.nhcrafts.org

New England Ski Museum – Franconia, N.H. – 603-823-7177, www.newenglandskimuseum.org

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www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Friday, July 10

10 a.m. - Puss In Boots, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.jeans-play-house.com.

11 a.m. - Treasure Island, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

6 p.m. - Night Ride Series, Norco Demo Center. Info: www.skiburke.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

6 p.m. - Lake Memphremagog Dinner Theater, Newport Gateway Center. Info: www.vermontlake-cruises.com.

7 p.m. - Disney's Alice In Wonderland, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.

7:30 p.m. - Agnes of God, St. Johnsbury Players. Info: www.cata-mountarts.org.

8 p.m. - The Wood Brothers, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

8 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Saturday, July 11

Taste, Tunes & Craft Beer Festival, Mill Street, Littleton. Info: [\[letonareachamberh.com\]\(http://letonareachamberh.com\).](http://www.lit-</p>
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2 and 7 p.m. - Disney's Alice In Wonderland, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.

6 p.m. - Lunenburg Open Mic, Lunenburg Town Common. Info: www.topofthecommon.org.

7:30 p.m. - Undereath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

7:30 p.m. - Agnes of God, St. Johnsbury Players. Info: www.cata-mountarts.org.

8 p.m. - Oleanna, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Sunday, July 12

2 p.m. - Circus and Pageant, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Studio Two, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

Monday, July 13

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band on St. Johnsbury School lawn. Info: www.stjohnsburyband.org.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

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Terry Straight is the concessions manager for the Bradford Fair, which runs July 16 to 19 this year, and he's also a concessionaire himself. Straight runs TJ's BBQ, a chicken, ribs and pulled pork stand.

"Doing it for 20-plus years, you meet people and you build up a rapport, a friendship with them, and year after year they come back and see you," he said. "You see people that you don't see all year long, but you go to see them at the Bradford Fair, the Caledonia Fair, you go see them at the Lancaster Fair. You see these people once a year and you remember their names and they remember you. You remember them from when they first came and they didn't have gray hair! It's like a big family."

And the concessionaires develop their own sense of family, too. "Some of it is going to each other's food booths and helping them sell. Someone will come over and say, 'Hey TJ, I need a can of ketchup.' And I say, 'Go ahead, I don't have time to turn around.' If

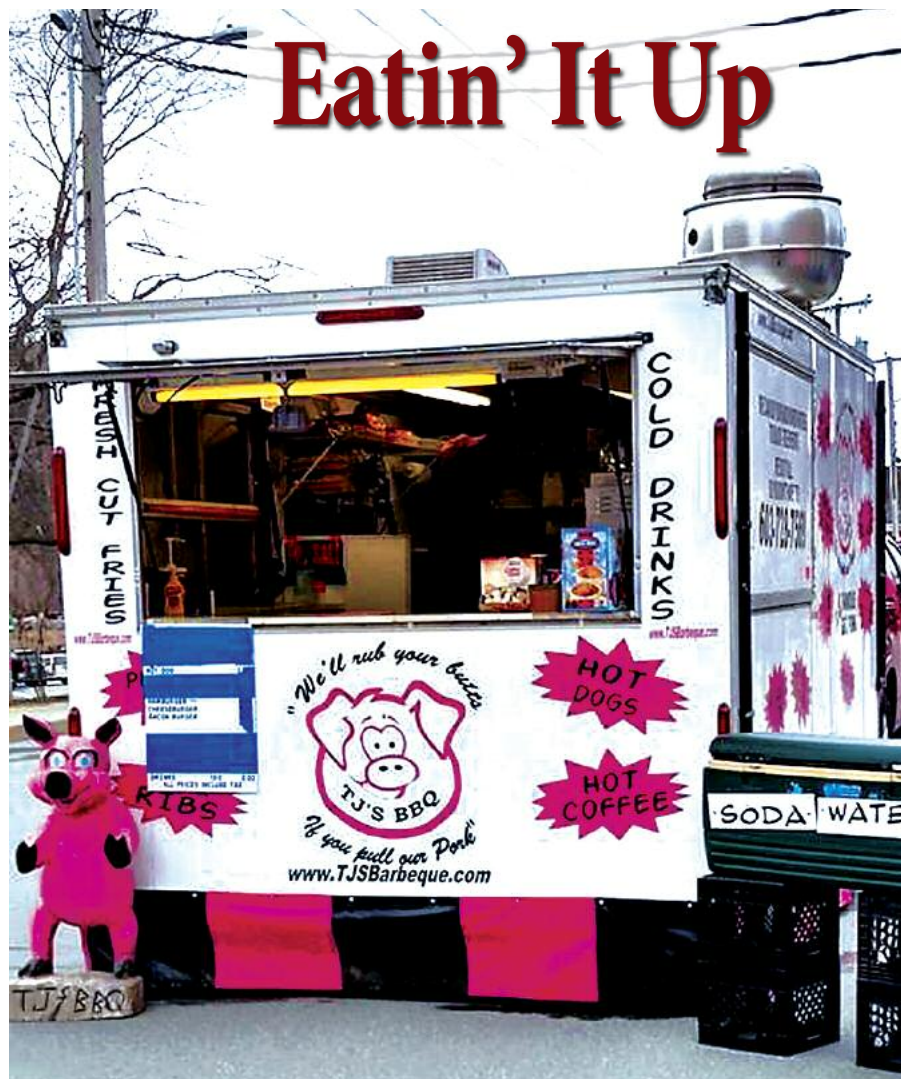
they need help they come to me, if I need help I go to them."

A few years ago, Straight said, some close friends had a death in the family and were going to skip one of the fairs. "I said, 'I've got extra help, I'll come in and open up your stand for a couple days, don't worry about it,'" he said. "If you're by yourself and you say, 'Hey, I've got to make a potty break,' yep. Go ahead."

Straight said he gets a lot of questions lately about whether his meat is fresh or frozen and whether it's grown locally. He buys as much of his meat locally as possible, although he concedes that it can be hard to locally source 4,000 pounds of pork per summer.

"We smoke for 12 or 15 hours over apple wood. People come back and say, 'We tried other BBQ but we come back to you.' They ask if I have a restaurant somewhere? Nope, I do this for four months a year and that's it."

And then there are the people who ask for the pulled pork sandwich without bread because they're on a diet. "We say it's a naked sandwich," Straight chuckled. "We joke with them. I say, you're at a fair! When you walk through that gate, all diets are off. That's how



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TJ's BBQ is a favorite food booth at many of the local fairs.

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North Haverhill Fair – July 22 to 26 – For information: nohaverhillfair.com
Danville Fair – Aug. 8 to 9 – For information: danvillevtchamber.org
Orleans County Fair – Aug. 19 to 23 – For information: orleanscountyfair.net
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we look at it. A lot of people go to the fairs to eat. The fried dough, the sausage sandwiches, the pork. If you're on a diet, a fair is not the place to be." Straight gets to his stand around 5:30 in the morning and the first thing he does is get the coffee pot going. "Then we go out and fire up our smoker and get our firing going. And we normally load anywhere from 100 to 400 pounds of meat on it," he said. "That morning we get the stuff we cooked the day before

chopped up and ready to serve. We get our wagon tidied up. Then we open our windows and start." And while he loves the smell of his meat smoker, there are other smells at the fair that remind him he's in the right place. "At a fair there's all kind of smells. You smell the manure, that's all part of the fair, it's all part of New England. When the farmers are out spreading manure on the fields, you smell it through the whole valley in the spring. It's home. It's New England."

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 8 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Tuesday, July 14
 5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.
 6:30 p.m. - Concert and ice cream social, Danville Green. Info: 684-2064.
 7:30 p.m. - Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sings, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.
 8 p.m. - Oleanna, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Wednesday, July 15
 10 a.m. - 55th Annual Attic Auction, Westmore Fellowship Hall. Info: Millie, 525-8862.
 11 a.m. - Cinderella & The Lone Prince, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
 12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.
 6 p.m. - Craftsbury Community Dinner, United Church of Craftsbury. Info: 586-8028.
 7 p.m. - The MET Live, La Fille

du Regiment, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.
 7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.
 8 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Thursday, July 16
 9:30 a.m. - Arabian Nights, Lancaster Rialto. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.
 5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.
 7 p.m. - National Theatre Live, Everyman, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.
 7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.
 7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.
 8 p.m. - Oleanna, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Friday, July 17
 10 a.m. - Arabian Nights, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.
 11 a.m. - Cinderella & The Lone Prince, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
 6 p.m. - Night Ride Series,

Norco Demo Center. Info: www.skiburke.com.
 6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpond-chamber.org.
 7:30 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.
 7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.
 7:30 p.m. - Agnes of God, St. Johnsbury Players. Info: www.cata-mountarts.org.
 8 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Saturday, July 18
 Willoughby Triathlon, Westmore, Vt. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.
 9 a.m. - Black River Paddle, North Woods Stewardship Center. Register: lynchgail25@gmail.com, 334-5819.
 10 a.m. - Stars & Stripes Parade, Lyndonville. Dance in the evening. Info: 626-9696.
 1 p.m. - Lake Harvey Association weekend, Harvey's Lake, Barret. Info: www.lakeharvey.com.
 5:30 p.m. - Animals Tracks and Habitat Hikes at Burke Mountain. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.
 7 p.m. - Pizza and Music Night, The Art House. Info: [\[tarhouse.org\]\(http://tarhouse.org\).
 7:30 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: \[www.haskellopera.com\]\(http://www.haskellopera.com\).
 7:30 p.m. - Underneath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: \[www.breadandpuppet.org\]\(http://www.breadandpuppet.org\).
 7:30 p.m. - Agnes of God, St. Johnsbury Players. Info: \[www.cata-mountarts.org\]\(http://www.cata-mountarts.org\).
 8 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info: \[www.weathervanetheatre.org\]\(http://www.weathervanetheatre.org\).
Sunday, July 19
 2 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: \[www.haskellopera.com\]\(http://www.haskellopera.com\).
 2 p.m. - Circus and Pageant, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: \[www.breadandpuppet.org\]\(http://www.breadandpuppet.org\).
 2 p.m. - Agnes of God, St. Johnsbury Players. Info: \[www.cata-mountarts.org\]\(http://www.cata-mountarts.org\).
 4 p.m. - Christmas in July with Kingdom Dixie Jazz Band, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Info: \[www.nowplayingnewport.com\]\(http://www.nowplayingnewport.com\).
 6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Annie & The Orphans, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: \[bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com\]\(mailto:bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com\).
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Willoughby Lake has a spectacular view of Willoughby Gap. Lake Memphremagog is an international lake, extending over the border into Canada. Echo Lake in Franconia Notch is a glacial lake with excellent crawdad-seeking opportunities.

And Harvey's Lake in Barnet is a great place to hear loons early in the morning.

So says Harvey's Lake lifeguard Lindsey Stahler. "It's very quiet and casual in the morning," she said. "It's just a very serene, calm place to visit."

Lindsey is a teacher at Barnet School during the school year and a long-time lifeguard. "I've always been a swimmer and active ... I've always been in the water in

some capacity," she said. "I figured [life guarding at Harvey's Lake] would be a great way to meet community members and some of the students that I would have at school. Also, growing up in the area, Harvey's Lake was always a place we would go and swim. It was just a nice, friendly beach to visit."

Lindsey's favorite part about life guarding is teaching swimming lessons to kids who range in age from about 4 to 13. "I really enjoy seeing the growth the kids have from when they first start to learn to swim, just becoming comfortable in the water, to being able to learn all the different types of strokes," she said.

Having taught swimming in both a pool and a lake, she said that while the basics are the same, there are some important differences. One of the biggest is that there's no side

to hold on to. "So being able to know when to stop and when you're ready to go into the deeper water, rather than staying back [is key]," she said. "But that's another great thing about Harvey's Lake, is that the area where the swimmers are allowed to go, it stays shallow for a very long time so that really all the way out, adults can touch all the way out to the buoys."

That allows new and veteran swimmers alike to feel safe. "Being comfortable in the water is a great life skill," said Lindsey. "You can just dip your toes in or just walk around and look for frogs or see little fish in the water. ... I think living in Vermont, that's important to have that connection with nature. We're so lucky to live in such a beautiful place."

There are many places to cool down in the area. Here is a list of some of our favorites. Some of these have admission fees and/or a short hike.

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Adam's Hole, South on Rt. 5 and turn west (right) on Joe's Brook Road about 2 miles before East Barnet.

Brighton State Park, 102 State Park Road, Island Pond

Boulder Beach, 2278 Boulder Beach Road, Groton

Crystal Lake, 96 Bellwater Ave., Barton

Emerson Falls, 374 Emerson Falls Road, St. Johnsbury

Harvey's Lake, 190 Campers Lane West, West Barnet

Joe's Pond, Intersection of Route 2 and Route 15, Danville

Kettle Pond, 4239 VT Rt. 232, Marshfield

Lake Elmore, 856 Vt. Route 12

Lake Willoughby, State Route 5A, Westmore

Maidstone Lake, Maidstone Lake Road, Guildhall

Prouty Beach, 386 Prouty Beach Road, Newport

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Basin/Cascades, Franconia Notch State Park, Basin exit

Echo Lake, I-93 exit 34C, Franconia Notch, N.H.

Franconia Falls, NH Route 112 in Lincoln

Swiftwater Bridge, Bath covered bridge, Swiftwater, N.H.

Upper and Lower Falls, Old Cherry Mountain Road, Twin Mountain

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Swim instructor Sullivan (Sully) Kiley celebrates Hallie Walls' swimming achievement last summer.

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 on St. Johnsbury School lawn. Info: www.stjohnsburyband.org.
 8 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Tuesday, July 21

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.
 7:30 p.m. - Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sings, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 8 p.m. - Into The Woods, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Wednesday, July 22

12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.
 7 p.m. - The MET Live: Summer Encores, The Merry Widow, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.
 8 p.m. - Into The Woods, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Thursday, July 23

9:30 a.m. - The Three Little Pigs, Lancaster Rialto. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.
 5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.
 7 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.
 7 p.m. - National Theatre Live, Everyman, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.
 7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parker-pie.com.
 8 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Friday, July 24

Kingdom Kayak, Lake Memphremagog. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.
 9 a.m. - 100 Years of Sweet Success Celebration, Maple Grove Farms. Info: www.maplegrove.com.
 10 a.m. - The Three Little Pigs, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.
 11 a.m. - Cinderella & The Lone Prince, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
 4 p.m. - Jeezum Crow Festival, Jay Peak. Info: www.jaypeakresort.com.
 6 p.m. - F-Ride-Ay Night Ride Series, Norco Demo Center. Info: www.skiburke.com/events.
 6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.
 7 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.
 7:30 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.
 7:30 p.m. - Catamount Coffeehouse, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.
 8 p.m. - Oleanna, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Saturday, July 25

Kingdom Swim, Lake Memphremagog. Multiple race lengths. Info: www.kingdomswim.org.
 10 a.m. - Crafts Of The Lake Region, Barton Academy. Info: 525-6524.
 11 a.m. - Jeezum Crow Festival, Jay Peak. Info: www.jaypeakresort.com.
 4 p.m. - Pond Party & BBQ, NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.

7 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.
 7:30 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.
 7:30 p.m. - Underneath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 8 p.m. - Into The Woods, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Sunday, July 26

12:30 p.m. - Vermont Herpetology Survey, NorthWoods Stewardship Center. To register: joanna@northwoodscenter.org.
 2 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.
 2 p.m. - Circus and Pageant, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.
 Monday, July 27
 8 p.m. - Oleanna, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Tuesday, July 28

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.
 7:30 p.m. - Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sings, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 8 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Wednesday, July 29

11 a.m. - My Dragon & Me, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
 12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.

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12 p.m. - Now Playing Newport, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Info: www.nowplayingnewport.com.

6:15 p.m. - Shoreland Protection Act Information Center, North Woods Stewardship Center. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.

7 p.m. - The MET Live, Aida, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.

8 p.m. - Lend Me A Tenor, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Thursday, July 30

9:30 a.m. - The Emperor's New Clothes, Lancaster Rialto. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.

7:30 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parker-pie.com.

8 p.m. - Lend Me A Tenor, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Friday, July 31

10 a.m. - The Emperor's New Clothes, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

11 a.m. - My Dragon & Me, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

5 p.m. - Chanterelles Adventure, Lancaster Fish & Game building. Info: www.wrenworks.org.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

7 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.

7 p.m. - Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing CD Release Party, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.

7:30 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.

8 p.m. - Into The Woods, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Saturday, Aug. 1

Aquaman, Ollie, and Sprint, Derby and Morgan. Swim/bike/run at various distances. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.

Seymour Swim, Lake Seymour. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.

Lunenburg Old Home Day. Info: www.topofthecommon.org.

Clan of the Hawk 25th Gathering of Nations, Clan of the Hawk grounds. Info: www.clanofthehawk.org.

11 a.m. - AquaFest, Newport Gateway Center. Waterfront Festival, ChowderFest and more. Info: www.vtnorthcountry.org.

2 and 7 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Vermont Children's Theater. Info: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com.

2 and 8 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

7 p.m. - Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing CD Release Party, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.

7:30 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.

7:30 p.m. - Underneath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Fiddler On The Roof, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Sunday, Aug. 2

Gathering of Nations, Clan of the Hawk grounds. Info: www.clanofthehawk.org.

2 p.m. - The Sound Of Music, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.

2 p.m. - Circus and Pageant, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.

Monday, Aug. 3

6:30 p.m. - First Monday Movie Series, Colatina Exit, Bradford. Info: www.colatinaexit.com.

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band on St. Johnsbury School lawn. Info: www.stjohnsburyband.org.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

8 p.m. - Lend Me A Tenor, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.

7:30 p.m. - Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sings, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

8 p.m. - Into The Woods, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

9:30 a.m. - Rummage and bake sale, Westmore Fellowship Hall. Info: Millie, 525-8862.

12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.

7 p.m. - Strawberry Farm Band, Bretzfelder Memorial Park. Info: www.therocks.org.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

8 p.m. - Lend Me A Tenor, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Thursday, Aug. 6

9:30 a.m. - Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Lancaster Rialto. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.

5:30 p.m. - White Mountain Jewish Film Festival, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.bethlehemsynagogue.org.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parker-pie.com.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

8 p.m. - Into The Woods, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Friday, Aug. 7

10 a.m. - Snow White & The Seven Dwarves, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.

11 a.m. - My Dragon & Me, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

6 p.m. - Lipizzans Stallions, Omni Mt. Washington. Info: www.bretton-woods.com.


6 p.m. - Night Ride Series, Norco Demo Center. Info: www.skiburke.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

7 p.m. - First Friday Free Family Movie, Derby Line Village Hall. Info: myersbethany@hotmail.com.

7:30 p.m. - Poetry reading, Frost Place. Info: www.frostplace.org.

8 p.m. - The Full Monty, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.




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Saturday, Aug. 8

Bike n' Brew, Burke Mountain. Info: www.skiburke.com/events.
 Crystal Swim, Crystal Lake, Barton. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.
 Old Home Day Tag Sale, Bethlehem Heritage Society. Info: 603-869-3330.
 10 a.m. - Craftsbury Parade
 10 a.m. - Westmore Day, Memorial Park. Info: Gail, 525-4179.
 10 a.m. - Celebration and open house at NorthWoods Conservation. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.
 12 p.m. - August West Fest, Jay Peak. Info: www.jaypeakresort.com.
 2 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
 2:30 p.m. - Lipizzans Stallions, Omni Mt. Washington. Info: www.brettonwoods.com.
 6 p.m. - Lunenburg Open Mic, Lunenburg Town Common. Info: www.topofthecommon.org.
 7:30 p.m. - Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue, Haskell Opera House. Info: www.haskellopera.com.
 7:30 p.m. - Undemeath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 8 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Sunday, Aug. 9
 Island Pond Swim, Island Pond. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.
 2 p.m. - Circus and Pageant, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 2:30 p.m. - Lipizzans Stallions, Omni Mt. Washington. Info: www.brettonwoods.com.
 6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Parker Hill

Rd. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.
Monday, Aug. 10
 Echo Lake Swim, Echo Lake, Charleston. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.
 7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band on St. Johnsbury School lawn. Info: www.stjohnsburyband.org.
 8 p.m. - The Full Monty, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Tuesday, Aug. 11
 Seymour Swim, Lake Seymour. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.
 5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.
 7:30 p.m. - Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sings, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 8 p.m. - Lend Me A Tenor, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Wednesday, Aug. 12
 Lake Massawippi Swim, Ayers Cliff, QC. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.
 11 a.m. - Wicked Witch of the West, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
 12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.
 7 p.m. - Nature Presentation, Bretzfelder Memorial Park. Info: www.therocks.org.
 8 p.m. - The Full Monty, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Thursday, Aug. 13
 Lake Memphremagog Swim, Lake Memphremagog. Info: www.kingdomgames.co.
 9:30 a.m. - Pinocchio, Lancaster

Rialto. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.
 5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.
 7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.
 8 p.m. - Smokey Joe's Café, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Friday, Aug. 14
 PAMFest, acoustic music festival, Peacham. Info: www.pamfest.com.
 10 a.m. - Pinocchio, Littleton Opera House. Info: www.jeans-playhouse.com.
 11 a.m. - Wicked Witch of the West, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
 6 p.m. - Night Ride Series, Norco Demo Center. Info: www.skiburke.com.
 6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: [\[www.jeans-playhouse.com\]\(http://www.jeans-playhouse.com\).
 6 p.m. - Lobsterfest, Newport Gateway Center. Info: \[www.newportcreation.org\]\(http://www.newportcreation.org\).
 7 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Green Mountain Mall. Info: \[www.smirkus.org\]\(http://www.smirkus.org\).
 8 p.m. - Lend Me A Tenor, Weathervane Theatre. Info: \[www.weathervanetheatre.org\]\(http://www.weathervanetheatre.org\).
 Saturday, Aug. 15
 PAMFest, acoustic music festival, Peacham. Info: \[www.pamfest.com\]\(http://www.pamfest.com\).
 Lake Willoughby Swim, Lake Willoughby. Info: \[www.kingdomgames.co\]\(http://www.kingdomgames.co\).
 Pittsburg Old Home Day, Pittsburg town park. Info: \[www.pittsburg-nh.com\]\(http://www.pittsburg-nh.com\).
 1 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Green Mountain Mall. Info: \[www.smirkus.org\]\(http://www.smirkus.org\).
 2 p.m. - The Full Monty, Weathervane Theatre. Info: \[www.weathervanetheatre.org\]\(http://www.weathervanetheatre.org\).](http://www.islandpondcham-</p>
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6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Green Mountain Mall. Info: www.smirkus.org.
 7 p.m. - Pizza and Music Night, The Art House. Info: www.vermontart-house.org.
 7:30 p.m. - Undemeath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.
 8 p.m. - Ljova & the Kontraband, with the North Country Chamber Players, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.
 8 p.m. - The Full Monty, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.
Sunday, Aug. 16
 Caspian Swim, Caspian Lake, Greensboro. Info: [\[www.kingdomgames.co\]\(http://www.kingdomgames.co\).
 2 p.m. - Circus and Pageant, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: \[www.breadandpuppet.org\]\(http://www.breadandpuppet.org\).
 6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: \[bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com\]\(mailto:bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com\).
 6:30 p.m. - Concert and ice cream social, Danville Green. Info: 684-2064.
Monday, Aug. 17
 7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band on St. Johnsbury School lawn. Info: \[www.stjohnsburyband.org\]\(http://www.stjohnsburyband.org\).
 8 p.m. - Lend Me A Tenor, Weathervane Theatre. Info: \[www.weathervanetheatre.org\]\(http://www.weathervanetheatre.org\).
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Tuesday, Aug. 18

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.

7:30 p.m. - Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sings, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Floyd Collins, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

11:30 a.m. - Nature presentation, Bretzfelder Memorial Park. Info: www.therocks.org.

12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.

6 p.m. - Craftsbury Community Dinner, United Church of Craftsbury. Info: 586-8028.

8 p.m. - Floyd Collins, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.

7:30 p.m. - White Mountain Jewish Film Festival, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.bethlehemsynagogue.org

8 p.m. - The Full Monty, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Thursday, Aug. 20

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.

Friday, Aug. 21

11 a.m. - Wicked Witch of the West, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

6 p.m. - Night Ride Series, Norco Demo. Info: www.skiburke.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

8 p.m. - Into The Woods, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Saturday, Aug. 22

8:30 a.m. - Echo Lake Road Race & Swim, Orleans County. Info: www.kingdomgames.com.

2 p.m. - Floyd Collins, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

5:30 p.m. - Owl Moon Evening at Burke Mountain. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.

7:30 p.m. - Undereath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Weathervane Gala Alumni Show, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Sunday, Aug. 23

2 p.m. - Circus and Pageant, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

3 p.m. - Festival of Earthly Delights, Alumni Hall, Heatherhill. Info: www.alumnihall.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.

Monday, Aug. 24

8 p.m. - Floyd Collins, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

5:30 p.m. - Women's Rides on Kingdom Trails, Darling Hill, Wildflower Inn. Info: 626-8448.

7:30 p.m. - Shape Note/Sacred Harp Sings, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - The Full Monty, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.

7 p.m. - Nature Presentation, Bretzfelder Memorial Park. Info: www.therocks.org.

8 p.m. - Into The Woods, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-

vanetheatre.org.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.

8 p.m. - Floyd Collins, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Thursday, Aug. 27

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.

Friday, Aug. 28

Moose Festival, Colebrook Street Fair. Info: www.chamberofthenorth-country.com.

6 p.m. - Night Ride Series, Norco Demo. Info: www.skiburke.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live, Island Pond. Info: www.islandpondchamber.org.

6 p.m. - Lake Memphremagog Dinner Theater, Newport Gateway Center. Info: www.vermontlake-cruises.com.

7:30 p.m. - Catamount Coffee-house, Catamount Arts. Info: www.catamountarts.org.

8 p.m. - The Full Monty, Weather-vane Theatre. Info: www.weather-vanetheatre.org.

Saturday, Aug. 29

Moose Festival, Canaan, Vt and Pittsburg, N.H. Info: www.cham-

berofthenorthcountry.com.

9:30 a.m. - Ecological Timber Harvesting Demo, NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Info: www.northwoodscenter.org.

2 p.m. - Weathervane Closing Gala, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

7 p.m. - Now Playing Newport, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Info: www.nowplayingnewport.com.

7:30 p.m. - Undereath the Above Shows, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Weathervane Closing Gala, Weathervane Theatre. Info: www.weathervanetheatre.org.

Sunday, Aug. 30

2 p.m. - Circus and Pageant, Bread and Puppet Theater. Info: www.breadandpuppet.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

12 p.m. - Walking Wednesdays, North Country Hospital. Info: 334-5566.

Thursday, Sept. 3

5:30 p.m. - Fun bike ride, North

Country Hospital. Info: bbarnes@nchsi.org.

7:30 p.m. - Parker Pie Music Night, Parker Pie. Info: www.parkerpie.com.

Friday, Sept. 4

6 p.m. - Night Ride Series, Norco Demo. Info: www.skiburke.com.

6 p.m. - Lake Memphremagog Dinner Theater, Newport Gateway Center. Info: www.vermontlake-cruises.com.

7 p.m. - First Friday Free Family Movie, Derby Line Village Hall. Info: myersbethany@hotmail.com.

8 p.m. - Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars, Colonial Theatre. Info: www.bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Jay Peak Trail Run, Jay Peak. Info: www.jaypeaktrailrun.com.

In Search of Memphre V, expeditionary swim, Lake Memphremagog. Info: www.kingdomgames.com.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Jay Peak Trail Run, Jay Peak. Info: www.jaypeaktrailrun.com.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Concert Series, Bethlehem gazebo. Info: bethlehemconcerts@gmail.com.

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