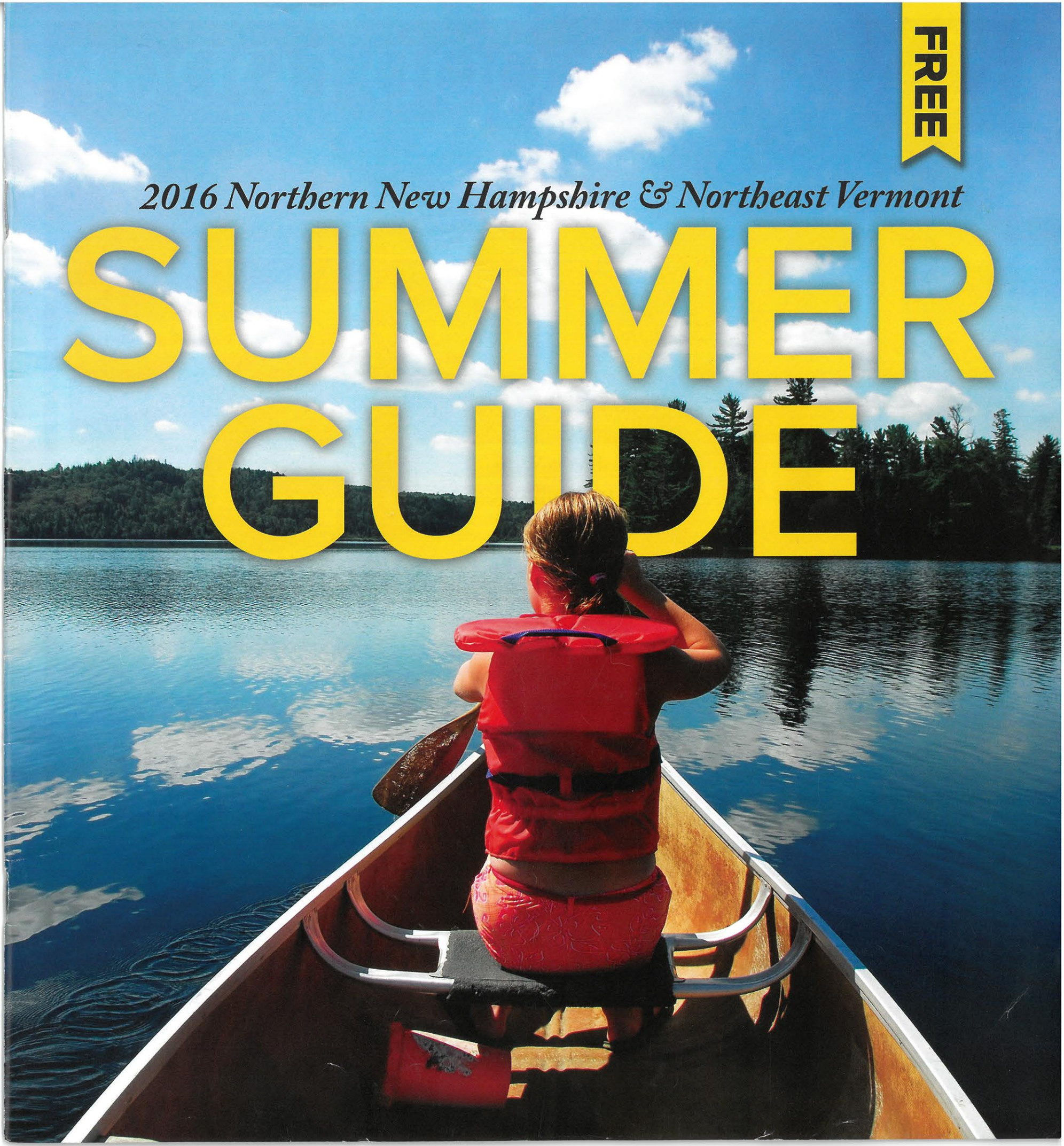


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## From the Editor

Once every four years, we get to celebrate summer in a special way - with the excitement of the Summer Olympics. In the Northeast Kingdom and North Country, this can be especially invigorating because we often have local athletes in the mix.

This year is no exception. In these pages, we'll introduce you to rowers from Craftsbury who you may be seeing on your television this summer (page 4) and a young gymnast who has gaze firmly planted on the 2020 Summer Games (page 12).



There's a special reason why this area is home to elite athletes in both the summer and winter: the natural wonders of our area lend themselves to outdoor adventures of all kinds.

That's why we've dedicated this year's Summer Guide to helping you find ways that you can "Go for the Gold" without making the trip to Rio.

The activities highlighted in these pages are just a portion of what's available in northern New Hampshire and northeastern Vermont, whether you're local or a tourist. We hope you'll get

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*Leah Carey*  
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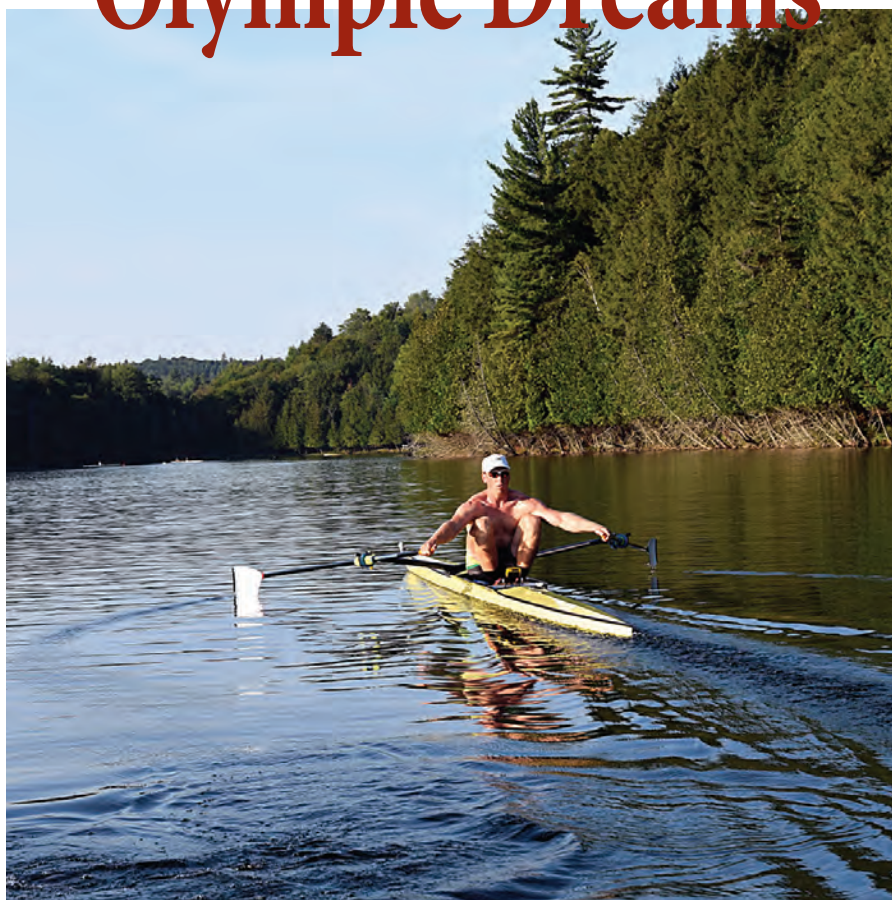





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# Olympic Dreams

## ROWING for the gold



**By Leah Car ey**  
Staff Writer

CRAFTSBURY — In the winter of 2014, the Craftsbury Outdoor Center sent three athletes to the winter Olympics in Sochi. This summer they're poised to send as many, or more, to the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Yes, that's right - a small training facility in northern Vermont has a corner on elite athletes for both the winter AND summer games.

Last fall we spoke with Ben Dann, a member of the 2015 U.S. Rowing Team and 2016 Olympic hopeful, about the sport and what it takes to get to Rio.

With so much riding on his well-built shoulders, Ben Dann is remarkably calm and affable.

### Getting to Craftsbury

Dann is a transplant from Westchester County in New York. He played other team sports in high school, but it was almost as though rowing was his destiny.

First, two Olympic-caliber rowing coaches left Russia and the Ukraine to come to the United States. They settled in New York and coached

Dann's high school sculling team.

Under their tutelage, he was so successful that he was recruited to row for a college team. In 2011, during a summer break from college, he came to Craftsbury to train for the Under-23 National Team. It was a good fit for him from the beginning.

"You get fully supported here. It's a nice place to come and get away from distractions and commit yourself full time to something. It was kind of a no-brainer," he said.

He has rowed as a member of Craftsbury's Green Racing Project since it started in 2012, making the national team every year.

### Thousands of hours

In exchange for 10 hours of work per week, the athletes get housing, food and training. There are only a handful of races on the rowing circuit each year, so each one is high stakes. "Since you don't compete that often, the ratio of training to actual time spent in competition is ridiculous," said Dann. "It's thousands of hours for minutes worth of actual competition."

That ratio makes the joy of competing all the sweeter. "I definitely cherish the times when I get to race," said Dann. "They always feel spe-

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cial because you're not doing it all the time, so each time you do it, you have a great appreciation for it and you want to make it the most."

While Dann refers to his "Olympic dream" in conversation, when asked specifically about it, he remains low-key. "We'll see. If I keep going fast, I'll have a good shot," he said. "But there are a lot of other people. Which is what makes it great - everyone wants it, so you just have to want it more."

And, even with his past successes, nothing is guaranteed. He still has to earn his way onto the U.S. team for this year and then qualify for the Olympic team.

What about rowing appeals so much to Dann? He uses the word "pure" several times in talking about it. "It's very pure competition. It's measured distance, wire-to-wire. There's no excuses. When you go up against some it's a true test of you against them," he said. "Our goal is to stay upright and get across the finish line. And just empty the tanks. You have to leave everything out there, with the hopes that will be enough to get you where you need to be."

**The boats**

Looking at rowing results can be dizzying for the uninitiated because there are so many different boat configurations.

First, Dann explains, is the difference between sculling and sweeping - in the former, every member of the boat has two oars; in the latter, every member of the boat has a single oar.

Dann trains exclusively as a sculler and says that he likes all the sculling boats. "They all have their own personality," he said.

The largest sculling boat is a quad, or four-person, boat. "The quads tend to get these big guys who are really big, strong, meat-head guys," said Dann. "It's a stable boat, so you can put

in people with lots of power, and you can hope that the technique will come. It's not necessarily the top on the list for finesse."

What it lacks in finesse it makes up in speed. "If you have a



Photo by Leah Carey

Green Racing Project member Parker Washburn carries his boat down to the lake for a practice run.

good group of guys, it's the fastest boat of the sculling boats," said Dann. "It's a hell of a ride."

The double, or two-man, boat is all about finesse. "You really get to know the person you're rowing with," Dann said. "You have to get inside their head, so it's got that psychological part to it. The whole meat-head theory doesn't really work in that boat. You can't

just throw two super-powerful guys in a boat and expect them to be really good."

Instead, you have to take two rowers who both understand the finer points of finesse and put them together. "It's a really rewarding boat when you do well because you really feel like you have ownership over it," he said.

Finally, the single boat is the pinnacle of the sport, according to Dann. "The single is the most difficult boat to row. If you can do single, it's extremely admirable and you earn the most respect from all other rowers."

Because it is one person pushing his or her own body weight, it's an extremely technical boat and takes a long time to master. Everyone trains in the single scull at Craftsbury because it's such an important building block for all other skills.

**What it takes**

At 3 km end-to-end, the training lake in Craftsbury is a great spot to train rowers because it is sheltered and remains calm most of the time.

Craftsbury also has a women's training program for rowers, however the women's national team has a different training structure that relies more heavily on national training camps, so the female program is viewed as developmental rather than internationally competitive.

For the men, head coach Dan Roock thinks that at just three years old, the Craftsbury program has a good thing going. "We've placed people on the national team for the past three years that we've been active. We're still working to get more and more of our athletes on the national squad. But especially in the heavyweight sculling division, we have a good number of the better athletes in the country," he said. "We like to think we're up in the top level." 🍀

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# Feats of Derring-do

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## FLIPPING for the gold

By Leah Car ey  
Staff Writer

If you like watching running, jumping, and other seemingly-impossible feats of physical daring, you'll love Circus Smirkus!

Smirkus sets up their 750-seat one-ring tent in each town they visit during the summer, including their headquarters in Greensboro and the Green Mountain Mall

in St. Johnsbury. After getting their feet under them with performances close to home, they head out on tour around New England. Then they return home and close their season back in Greensboro, where it all began.

"Because it's an intimate tent, I've always loved that it brings the audience right up to the ring and the troupers get to look the audience right in the eye," said former Creative Director Jesse Dryden. "We don't go back to our dressing rooms afterwards. We make ourselves available."

### The Smirkus work ethic

According to Smirkus Artistic Director Troy Wunderle, "Smirkos" are in demand at all of the big-name circuses. "They come

with a work ethic which is clear. ... They'll be a lead in one moment in the show and they'll be a support in another moment in the show and in another moment they'll be a rigger. In addition to that, they're out there helping us set up and tear down. They're helping us clean the pots, they're helping us clean the bathrooms," he said. "The guys at Ringling Brothers, Cirque du Soleil, the Big Apple Circus say, 'we hire Smirkos because they're the full package.'"

But the experience doesn't just create great circus performers, according to Dryden. It also helps change the troupers on the inside. "I've known kids from Smirkus who have said that this has saved their life," he said. "Diamond-in-the-rough kids said

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This is at the base of Wunderle’s philosophy of circus: it’s about the audience, not the troupers. “I preach all summer long that this



is not about us going into the ring and being complimented for our skill and for our passion and smiles. It’s about being grateful for the opportunity to share our passions with the greater world,” he explained. “We always talk about welcoming the audience into our living room. We’re the host. We’ve got to treat them like special guests in order for them to be appreciative enough to come back again.”

**This year’s local shows will be:**

- June 25 - Greensboro Smirkus Barn, 1 and 6 p.m.
- July 2 - Green Mountain Mall, St. Johnsbury, 1 and 6 p.m.
- July 3 - Green Mountain Mall, St. Johnsbury, noon and 5 p.m.
- Aug. 12 - Greensboro Smirkus Barn, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 13 - Greensboro Smirkus Barn, 1 and 6 p.m.

For more information visit [www.smirkus.org](http://www.smirkus.org). Tickets are available at [tickets.catamountarts.org](http://tickets.catamountarts.org).

## Things To Do

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9 a.m. - Nuno Felting Workshop with Beth Harwood, Alumni Hall, Haverhill. For info: [courtstreetarts.org](http://courtstreetarts.org).

9 a.m. - Yard and bake sale, West Burke Methodist Church. For info: 467-3466.

12 p.m. - Craft Beer Relay, Jay Peak Resort, 5k four-person relay while sampling craft beers. For info: [jayvt.com](http://jayvt.com).

6 p.m. - Lunenburg’s Open Mic, Old Congregational Church, Lunenburg. For info: 892-6654, [questions@topofthecommon.org](mailto:questions@topofthecommon.org).

6:30 p.m. - Social dance, open to all ages, South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. For info: Michelle, 748-9558.

7:30 p.m. - Community theater *Dr. Cook’s Garden*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: [oldchurchtheater.org](http://oldchurchtheater.org).

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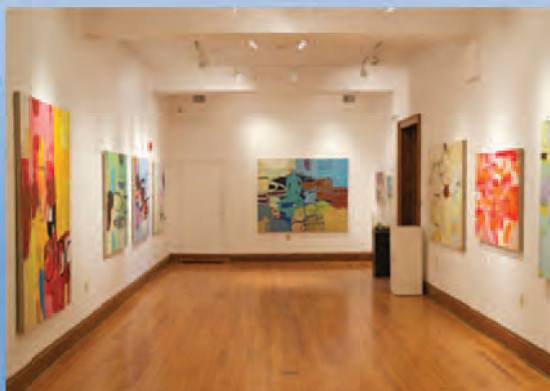
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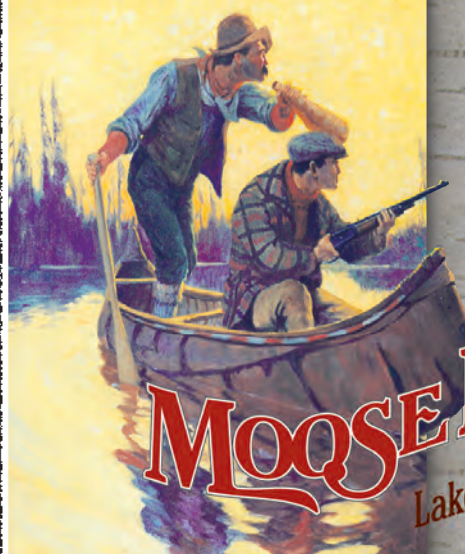


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# Fishing for fun

ing. So you just keep walking down the bank and fishing and staying for 5 minutes and then keep going. It's fun, you're walking down the river, and maybe you'll catch something."

*\* Remember the fish's instinct.* "They're expecting something to attack them from above. So if you walk by and your pole is over them, they're gone because they're used to eagles coming at them from above."

*\* Don't get intimidated by cleaning the fish.* Skye said it's a bit messy but it's easy. "You cut them from tail to sternum and you just pull everything out that you can and then wash it out. You cut off the head and then you have what you would see in the grocery. You want to put them

on ice, you don't want to let them get warm."

*\* Every day is different.* "Fishing doesn't have to be any intensity. You can take it as you like it. You can take it slowly and just sit there and relax and think about your fishing pole, or you can be as intense as you want."

*\* Fishing isn't always about catching fish!* "I love fishing in the Connecticut River. It's just so easy and relaxed, and then you can go swimming. It's sandy all along, so you can just sit on the beach. And then if the fishing is terrible, you can go swimming from the beach."

*\* Don't forget to get your license.* "Nuff said."

*\* Check the Fish and Wildlife website.* "There's good information about good fishing spots and they have charts of every lake and what fish are in there." 🍷

## CASTING for the gold

"I never remember not fishing. I grew up fishing with my dad before I can even remember," Skye Keeshin said. He's a college student who lives in Lunenburg, just a 200-yard walk to the Connecticut River. "So if there's ever an afternoon where I don't have anything, I just head to the river and that's what I've always done."

Here are Skye's tips for people who want to enjoy fishing as much as he does:

*\* Geography is important.* "If you're fishing for trout, you want cold water. So that's going to be somewhere where the water is moving relatively fast." Also look for areas with rocks, boulders, and fallen tree limbs that create preferred areas for trout.

*\* If you're new to fishing, find a companion.* "There are so many people around here who love to fish, and they love to take people fishing and share their knowledge."

*\* Don't get stuck.* "I tell people to just walk up and down the stream, maybe a mile or more. Just keep walking and looking for different spots. ... [Trout] are so finicky, and there's so much to understand about why trout are where they are and what they might be eat-



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**Sunday, June 12**

Littleton Celebration Weekend, downtown Littleton. For info: littletonareachambersnh.com.  
Lupine Festival, Sugar Hill, NH. For info: sugarhillnh.org.  
Tour de Kingdom, Jay, VT, 107 miles of open road. For info: jayvt.com.

3 p.m. - Summer's Peace concert by Anima, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, St. Johnsbury. For info: info@animavermont.org.

4 p.m. - Community theater *Dr. Cook's Garden*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

**Monday, June 13**

6:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. J Health & Rehab Center. For info: stjohnsburyband.org.

**Sunday, June 14**

6:30 p.m. - Concert and ice cream social, Danville Green. For info: 684-2064.

**Wednesday, June 15**

6 p.m. - Community Dinner, free, United Church of Crafts-bury. For info: townofcrafts-bury.com.

6:30 p.m. - Author series, Charles Barry, Littleton Public Library. For info: 603-444-5741.

**Friday, June 17**

Catamount Arts Summer Solstice Raffle, Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.org.

Littleton Town Pool opens for the season, Littleton.

NEMBAfest, Kingdom Trails. For info: nembafest.com.

6 p.m. - Lyndonville Down-town Summer Street Festival and Street Dance, Downtown Lyndonville. For info: lyndon-vermont.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, classic covers with Evansville Transit Authority, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

6:30 p.m. - Sunset Paddle, Northwoods Stewardship Cen-ter. Canoes and gear provided. For info: events@northwoods-center.org.

7:30 p.m. - *The Gods of the Hill* Staged Reading, Cata-mount Arts, Women's Interna-tional League of Peace and Freedom. For info: catamoun-tarts.org.

7:30 p.m. - Bread and Pup-pet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathe-dral. For info: breadandpup-pet.org.

**Saturday, June 18**

Antique Engine Show, Old Stone House. For info: old-stonehousemuseum.org.

NEMBAfest, Kingdom Trails. For info: nembafest.com.

Son of a Swim 2, 4, and 6 mile swims, Lake Memphrem-agog. For info: king-domgames.co.

10 a.m. - Horse and pony pulling, Orleans County Fair-grounds. For info: Harvey Lyons, 917-1371.

2 p.m. - Celtic Sessions, Parker Pie. For info: parker-pie.com.

3 p.m. - Relay For Life, Lancaster Fairgrounds.

6 p.m. - Feast with the Beasts, Fairbanks Museum. For info: fairbanksmuseum.org.

6:30 p.m. - Waterford Music with UnCommon Folk Band, Lower Waterford Congrega-tional Church. For info: 748-3455.

7 p.m. - The Mood Swings Orchestra, live music and swing dancing, Riverside School Barn. For info: www.communityrjc.org.

8 p.m. - Victor Tremblay, The Music Box. For info: the-musicboxvt.org.

**Sunday, June 19**

NEMBAfest, Kingdom Trails. For info: nembafest.com.

Porsche Parade week-long event, Jay Peak Resort. For info: jayvt.com.

9 a.m. - Father's Day Break-fast Scramble, St. Johnsbury Country Club. For info: golf-stjcc.com.

**Monday, June 20**

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohnsburyband.org.

**Tuesday, June 21**

1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. - Cata-mount Community Cinema, Catamount Arts, *Rebecca*. For info: catamountarts.org.

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers, followed by the On-ward Pageant, Bread and Pup-pet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

**Thursday, June 23**

9:30 a.m. - Children's The-ater, Lancaster Rialto, *The Ugly Duckling*. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

6 p.m. - North Country Toastmasters, Beal House Inn. For info: 603-396-5807.

7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park

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## TUMBLING for the gold

By Leah Car ey  
Staff Writer

Northern Vermont and New Hampshire are no strangers to home-grown Olympians. One of our local stars is a youngster who has long had his sights set on the 2020 Olympics.

Nikita Bolotsky is a 15-year-old elite gymnast and junior national champion who hopes to represent the United States in the Summer Games in Tokyo.

He trains at Kingdom Gymnastics in St. Johnsbury.

### A family of champions

Nikita's grandfather is Vladimir Akhlatkin, himself a former elite-level gymnast for the then-Soviet Union. Nikita's mother, Masha Akhlatkin, is a retired performer with the Cirque du Soleil.

Now Nikita is making waves as the third generation in the "family business."

Vladimir, who speaks with a pronounced Russian accent, is Nikita's coach and co-owner of Kingdom Gymnastics. "When I put him first time on the trapeze in the

# Training for 2020



Photos by Paul Hayes

back yard at his house in Las Vegas and start to give him skills a little bit, he tried to get this one and this one. [I'd say] can you do that? And he was determined to make it," he said of his grandson. "He's very good for gymnastics. I think he'll be good gymnast."

Vladimir said that coaching his grandson is "a privilege for me, it's like a gift."

Nikita, who previously trained in Las Vegas with six-time Olympic gold medalist Vitaly Scherbo, also appreciates the family connection. "We talk about gymnastics both in and out of the gym," Nikita said of his coach/grandfather. "In here he's my coach and he's very strict. It's not

like, oh he's my grandfather and he doesn't yell at me. No, he can. He can be very serious. Gymnastics is a very serious sport. You can get injured so fast, so quickly and easy."

The two communicate in a hybrid of Russian and English, which doesn't phase Nikita in the least. "It's funny," he laughed. "He speaks one word of English and then goes to Russian again."

### Normal kid or elite athlete?

If you met Nikita on the street, you would probably notice his bright eyes and happy smile first. When he's not flipping across the floor or doing big releases off the high bar, he looks like a normal teenager.

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But that impression belies the fact that just recently he has his sights firmly set on 2020 in Tokyo. "It's very nerve wracking," he said. "It's so much work. There's really no days off, ever. You really need to focus at these points because it's so important right now, so we can maybe have the next step to bigger competitions."

"I put everything in it, so I do about five and a half hours a day. And I have to really focus on these five and a half hours because they can fly by really fast," he said. "I have very much of a routine - waking up, eat, school, gym, eat, school, gym. It's no free time really."

No, he didn't unnecessarily repeat himself. He is in the gym working twice a day and fits in online homeschooling sessions around that.

Though he says he misses the social aspect of regular school sometimes, he's happy with the trade-off he's made. "I can't have all that with training twice a day," he said. "This [the people at the gym] is enough."

**Staying healthy**

Coming from a family of gymnasts, one might reasonably wonder if Nikita is doing this because he wants to or because he is expected to. His answer is quick and clear. "It's not because they're forcing me, it's because I want to do it myself. I've done at least four different sports before this one, and this one really spoke to me."

"Of course it grows in my family and I have the unique body type for this type of sport," he continued. "And the coaching is really what makes me such a good gymnast."

All athletes deal with injuries, and Nikita is no exception. This year he has had a series

of injuries that kept him from competing at Nationals. But this young man is determined and he'll be back at it as soon as he gets clearance from doctors.

"I've got to keep going," he said.

His grandfather is on the watch. He knows what it takes to be an elite athlete, even if times have changed since his days on the parallel bars.

"Before, when I do gymnastics many years ago, it was not that dan-

gerous," said Vladimir.

No longer. "Every move has to be very careful. I hope that he'll be staying safe and I try to keep him healthy." Vladimir chuckles at himself as he knocks against the wooden bar he's leaning against. "That's my goal. If he has no injuries, he'll have great potential to go."

**Big ambitions**

Nikita goes into his competitions with a combination of humility and excitement. "I don't expect, oh I'm going to win this thing. I expect there are going to be great people out there and there's no time to calm down. This is a serious thing, you've got to focus."

And he is laser focused. "We're trying to get the consistency of every event," he said. "They're getting tough up there, there are some very good gymnasts."

When asked if he considers himself one of those "very good gymnasts," he pauses for a moment before answering. "Yes, I guess," he said. "It's very nice knowing that other gymnasts are working just as hard."

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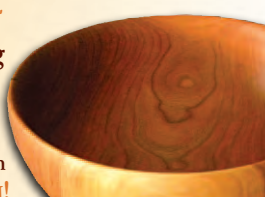
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2 p.m. - Children's Theater, Littleton Opera House, *The Ugly Duckling*. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

4 p.m. - Coyote Scramble Ultra, Kingdom Trails. For info: coyotemoonultras.com.

5 p.m. - Sounds in the Sanctuary, Trio Cleonice, piano string ensemble, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, Mark Shelton, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

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6 a.m. - Coyote Scramble Ultra, Kingdom Trails. For info: coyotemoonultras.com.

9 a.m. - Newport Sprint Triathlon, Prouty Beach. 1/2 mile swim, 13 mile bike, 3.1 mile run. For info: newportsprinttri.weebly.com.

9 a.m. - Cabot Town Lawn Sale and Strawberry Social, various locations in Cabot. For info: cabotvermont.org.

1 p.m. and 6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Greensboro Smirkus Campus. For info: smirkus.org.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Teresa Carson, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org.

**Sunday, June 26**

3 p.m. - Annemieke McLane and Jeremiah McLane in concert with piano and accordion, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. For info:

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6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer



8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Kerrin McCadden and Rich Villar, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org.

**Monday, June 27**

7 a.m. - Coyote Scramble Ultra, Kingdom Trails. For info: coyotemoonultras.com.

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohnsburyband.org.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Dawn Potter, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

**Tuesday, June 28**

Concerts, Los Huevos, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

7 p.m. - Lamplight service and hymn sing, Old North Church, Danville. For info: 748-1456.

12 p.m. - Luncheon and music by Emily Nyman, free, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Reservations required. For info: 334-7365.

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

**Wednesday, June 29**

6 p.m. - Theatre Under The Stars, free, Omni Mt. Washington Resort. For info: bretttonwoods.com.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Afaa M. Weaver, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

**Thursday, June 30**

9:30 a.m. - Children's Theater, Lancaster Rialto, *Hansel and Gretel*. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park Gazebo. For info: Peter Storings, 334-2456.

**Friday, July 1**

2 p.m. - Children's Theater, Littleton Opera House, *Hansel and Gretel*. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, The Atlantic Effect, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

7 p.m. - Artist opening reception for Cynthia Cooper, 42 Maple. For info: 42maple.org.

7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

**Saturday, July 2**

Newport City Centennial Celebration, Newport waterfront. For info: discovernewportvt.com.

10 a.m. - Burklyn Arts Summer Craft Fair, Lyndonville Bandstand Park. For info: burklynarts.org.

10 a.m. - Horse and pony pulling, Orleans County Fairgrounds. For info: Harvey Lyons, 917-1371.

11 a.m. - Independence Day festivities - parade, BBQ, duck race, scavenger hunt, locations around Island Pond. For info: visitislandpond.com.

12 p.m. - Chicken BBQ, American Legion Brighton

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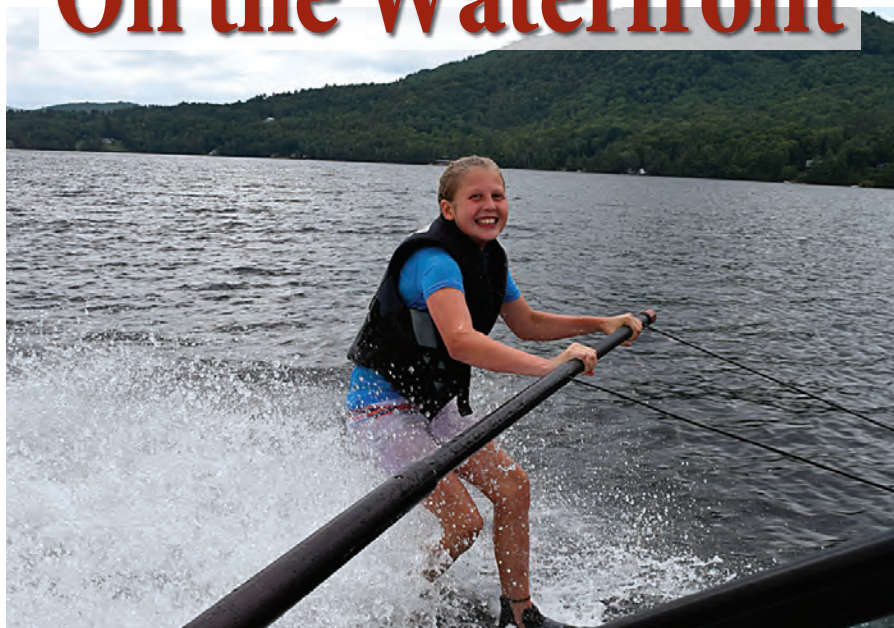
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# On the Waterfront



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Zoë Heinrich-McMullen is all smiles as she successfully moves from two skis to one ski last summer.

**By Leah Car ey**  
staff Writer

WEST BARNET — “Falling is fun! Remember that!”

Thus begins a safety briefing by Steve Dolgin for a group of waterskiers aged 4 to 17. The kids spend three days with Dolgin learning how to get up - and stay up - on waterskis during his annual summer camp. He’s run this camp one week a year for over 35 years.

“The problem is, I’m not joking, I can’t quit,” he said dryly. “The parents won’t let me!”

The camp takes place at Dolgin’s camp on Harvey’s Lake in Barnet beginning the Monday after the 4th of July each year.

“Families plan their vacations around this camp,” said Amy Stetson, the director of development at Catamount Arts. Each year Dolgin donates the camp’s proceeds to something that will benefit children. For the past three years, Catamount has been the recipient. “The kids are having so much fun,” said Stetson.

**Hit it!**

Each class begins with dry land training where kids practice their form on a rope tied to the railing off Dolgin’s camp. “I have every one of the kids show us and we’ll critique them - bend your knees more, back straight, arms in, things like that.”

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Then they get them in the water. Stetson said Dolgin guarantees kids will get up on their skis by the end of the camp and he has a 100 percent record of success. Dolgin is, himself, a former competitive waterskiier.

The kids stand with an instructor, Lucas Robillard, who makes sure their skis are on right and they’re holding the rope tightly. When the child is ready to go, he or she chirps “Hit it!” and Dolgin hits the gas.

Inside the boat, instructor Natalie Kitchel coaches kids while they’re waterskiing. “Head up! Relax your arms!” are her common refrains.

The smiles these kids show while they’re up on their skis could power a small building through the winter. There are cheers and claps when a kid comes back into the cove after successfully doing something new.

Dolgin and his team figure out ways to help each child succeed, regardless of their natural talent. Robillard straddled a child who was having trouble getting on his feet and then, once they were up and skiing, let go of the rope so the child could do it himself. He never quite got to a standing position, but when he made it back to the dock without falling he was greeted with huge applause.

“It’s all psychological,” said Dolgin. “We have to work with the kid’s thought process. Sometimes they’ll come in and say, I don’t want to do it. And we just have to soft sell them and work around it. We always get our man!”

**I was their age once**

All of the assistants at last year’s camp, including Robillard and Kitchel, were Dolgin’s former students. Kitchel went on to get a waterskiing scholarship at Florida Southern University, although she eventually decided that she didn’t like that part of the country and moved back to the northeast.

Robillard still lives in St. Johnsbury. He started skiing with Dolgin 14 years ago when he was 8 years old.



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Natalie Kitchel demonstrates proper form for a young waterskiing student.

Seven years ago he became an instructor and he loves every minute of it. "I love the fact that I was their age once and I was getting taught by Steve and other people, and now I get to come back and help them," he said. "It's fun to watch and fun to help them. It's fun to be that big person that they see skiing and think is bigger and cooler."

Zoë Heinrich-McMullen, 12, of Danville loves every minute of it. Last year was her sixth year at the camp. Her family has a boat and skis, and this is the week that gets the summer jump started.

"It's been really cool for her to have this goal, first to be able to get up, then complete that goal," said Zoë's mom, Chrissie Heinrich. "They're little goals, and to see that she can set these little goals and reach them is really cool."

It's also nice to turn the reins over to Dolgin and his crew. "They're so calm," she said. "Teaching your own children things is never as wonderful as having other people teach them. They listen, they're engaged."

**Contributing to the kids**

"It's all about the kids. They're the future," Dolgin said. And he puts his money where his mouth is.

"To me it has to go to the kids," he said. "I want to donate this, but I want it to go to something for the kids."

Dolgin doesn't take anything away from this camp - he donates 100 percent of the proceeds and he even pays for his own gas to drive the boat. In years past he has donated to the local skate park, Catamount Arts, Arnold Park, The Father Joseph Lively Center and the Fairbanks Museum. 🍀

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Post 80. For info: visitislandpond.com.

1 p.m. - Duck Race, Island Pond Welcome Center. For info: Jeanne, 723-6138.

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

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, country with Dark Horse, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

**Sunday, July 3**

Newport City Centennial Celebration, Newport waterfront. For info: discovernewportvt.com.

Fourth of July Celebration, Burke Mountain. For info: skiburke.com.

12 p.m. and 5 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Green Mountain Mall. For info: smirkus.org.

1 p.m. - Old Fashioned Sunday with cardboard boat race, games, food and music, Lakeside Park, Island Pond. For info: visitislandpond.com.

3 p.m. - Whatforward Circus followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Mark Shelton, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

**Monday, July 4**

Harry Corrow Freedom Run, various lengths, Prouty Beach. For info: kingdomgames.co.

Newport City Centennial Celebration, Newport waterfront. For info: discovernewportvt.com.

Star-Spangled Spectacular, Omni Mt. Washington Resort.

For info: brettonwoods.com.

9 a.m. - 4th of July Celebration at locations around Cabot. For info: 563-9907.

9 a.m. - July 4th Celebration at locations around North Danville. For info: 748-1456.

9 a.m. - Independence Day Celebration, professional lumberjack competition and more, Orleans County Fairgrounds. For info: www.orleanscounty-fair.net.

5 p.m. - Fourth of July Celebration, Burke Mountain Resort. For info: skiburke.com.

**Tuesday, July 5**

Newport City Centennial Celebration, Newport waterfront. For info: discovernewportvt.com.

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers, Bread and Puppet. followed by the Onward Pageant. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

**Wednesday, July 6**

Newport City Centennial Celebration, Newport waterfront. For info: discovernewportvt.com.

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Babes In Toyland*, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

4 p.m. - Books of Jewish Interest, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

6 p.m. - Theatre Under The Star, free, Omni Mt. Washington Resort. For info: brettonwoods.com.

6:30 p.m. - Author series, Richard Adams Carey, Littleton Public Library. For info: 603-444-5741.

**Thursday, July 7**

Newport City Centennial

Celebration, Newport waterfront. For info: discovernewportvt.com.

9:30 a.m. - Children's Theater, Lancaster Rialto, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

6 p.m. - North Country Toastmasters, Beal House Inn. For info: 603-396-5807.

7 p.m. - *Matinicus Through The Storm*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 751-5299.

7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park Gazebo. For info: Peter Storings, 334-2456.

**Friday, July 8**

Newport Jazz Festival at times and venues around Newport. For info: newportvtmusic.com.

Newport City Centennial Celebration, Newport waterfront. For info: discovernewportvt.com.

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Babes In Toyland*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

2 p.m. - Children's Theater, Littleton Opera House, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.


4 p.m. - Sounds in the Sanctuary with North Country Chamber Players, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, Beatles tribute band Studio Two, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

6:30 p.m. - *The Jungle Book*, Vermont Family Theatre, Irasburg Town Hall. For info: Pam Sirois, 751-5299.

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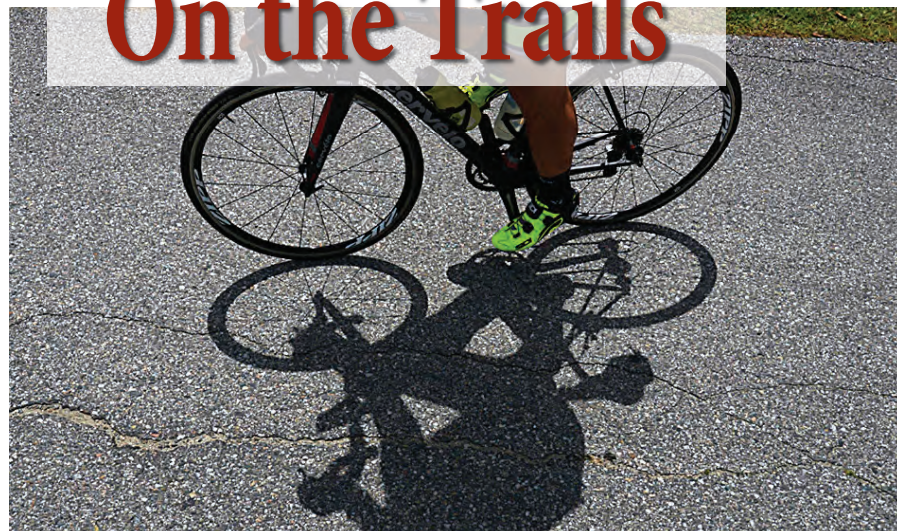
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If you want a challenge in New Hampshire, try the single-track trails around the Franconia Inn in Franconia, N.H. For a map of these trails, visit the Littleton Bike Shop.

The White Mountains National Forest and Franconia Notch offer both paved and forest trails. The Franconia Notch Bike Path is a nine-mile paved path that runs the length of the park and accesses most of the major attractions. Most of the trails in the National Forest are open for biking. A White Mountain National Forest Bike Map is available at the Visitors Center in Lincoln.

There are also trails maintained by various local bike clubs around Moore Dam and Remich Park in Littleton. Those trails are detailed in the White Mountain Ride Guide by Marty Basch.

You can find some suggestions for both

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paved and unpaved routes at [travelthekingdom.com/biking.php](http://www.nvdanet.com/biking.php). There is also a 30-page cycling guide available for download at [http://www.nvdanet.com/Transp/documents/cycling\\_new.pdf](http://www.nvdanet.com/Transp/documents/cycling_new.pdf).

### NEMBAFest

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"It's a festival, there's no competition," said Operations Manager Liliias Ide. "It's mountain bike culture – you go on big group rides, you try out bikes, you see the companies and what they've got. There's bike shops and bike companies. There's people who make bike art and people who do yoga. It's anything bike related."

This year's New England Mountain Bike Association festivities will gear up the weekend of June 17 to 19. Information is available at [www.nembafest.com](http://www.nembafest.com).

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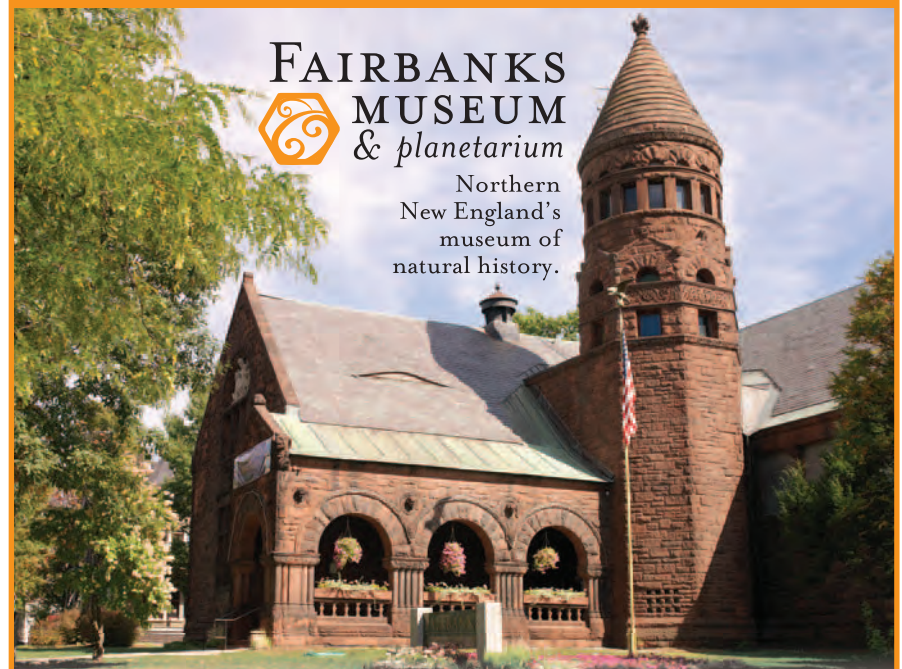
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7:30 p.m. - Community theater *Dead To The Last Drop*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

**Saturday, July 9**

Newport Jazz Festival at times and venues around Newport. For info: newportvtmusic.com.

Equine Extravaganza, Caledonia County Fairgrounds. For info: Alana, 745-7029.

9 a.m. - Open house and yard sale, Charleston Historical Society, West Charleston, VT. For info: Audrey Frizzell, 723-6038.

10 a.m. - Summer tree ID walk, Northwoods Stewardship Center. For info: northwoodscenter.org.

2 p.m. - *Matinicus Through The Storm*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 751-5299.

6 p.m. - Lunenburg's Open Mic, Old Congregational Church, Lunenburg. For info: 892-6654, questions@topofthecommon.org.

6:30 p.m. - Social dance, open to all ages, South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. For info: Michelle, 748-9558.

6:30 p.m. - UBC Centennial Celebration live radio variety show for the whole family, Union Baptist Church, Waterford. For info: centennialubc.com.

7:30 p.m. - Community theater *Dead To The Last Drop*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

8 p.m. - *Bubble & Squeak*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Sunday, July 10**

Back Roads Reading, Old Stone House. For info: oldstone-

housemuseum.org.

Newport Jazz Festival at times and venues around Newport. For info: newportvtmusic.com.

10 a.m. - Craftsbury Antiques & Uniques, Craftsbury Common. For info: townofcraftsbury.com.

3 p.m. - Whatforward Circus followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - Community theater *Dead To The Last Drop*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Studio Two, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Sydney Lea and Rose McClarney, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

**Monday, July 11**

Heritage Craft Week, Old Stone House. For info: oldstone-housemuseum.org.

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohsburyband.org.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Matthew Olzmann and Gabrielle Calvocoressi, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

**Tuesday, July 12**

Heritage Craft Week, Old Stone House. For info: oldstone-housemuseum.org.

4 p.m. - Books of Jewish Interest, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Mamma Mia* opening night, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Michael Klein and Maudelle Driskell, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

**Wednesday, July 13**

Heritage Craft Week, Old Stone House. For info: oldstone-housemuseum.org.

6 p.m. - Theatre Under The Stars, free, Omni Mt. Washington Resort. For info: brettonwoods.com.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Collier Nogues and Martha Rhodes, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

8 p.m. - *Driving Miss Daisy* opening night, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Thursday, July 14**

Heritage Craft Week, Old Stone House. For info: oldstone-housemuseum.org.

Old Stone House Gala, Old Stone House. For info: oldstone-housemuseum.org.

Prospect Hill Rug Camp, Old Stone House. For info: oldstone-housemuseum.org.

9:30 a.m. - Children's Theater, *Rapunzel*, Lancaster Rialto. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

7 p.m. - *Shrek Jr.*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 751-5299.

7:30 p.m. - Jewish Film Festival, Colonial Theatre, Dough. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park Gazebo. For info: Peter Storrings, 334-2456.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Rachel Eliza Griffiths, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

8 p.m. - *Mamma Mia*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Friday, July 15**

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 11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Babes In Toyland*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.  
 2 p.m. - Children's Theater, *Rapunzel*, Littleton Opera House. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.  
 6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, Rock On, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitisland-pond.com.  
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For info: 751-5299.  
 7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.  
 7:30 p.m. - Community theater *Dead To The Last Drop*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.  
 8 p.m. - Poetry reading with poetry conference participants, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org  
 8 p.m. - *Driving Miss Daisy*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Saturday, July 16**

Heritage Craft Week, Old Stone House. For info: oldstonehousemuseum.org.  
 Prospect Hill Rug Camp, Old Stone House. For info: oldstonehousemuseum.org.  
 10 a.m. - UBC Centennial Family Fun Day, Union Baptist Church, Waterford. For info: centennialubc.com.  
 10 a.m. - Stars & Stripes Parade, Lyndonville. For info: 626-9696 or info@lyndonvermont.com. Yard sale at St. Peters Church after the parade.  
 10 a.m. - Irasburg United Church Fair, Irasburg Common. For info: irasburgchurchfair.com.  
 2 p.m. - Celtic Sessions, Parker Pie. For info: parkerpie.com.  
 2 and 7 p.m. - *Shrek Jr.*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 751-5299.  
 7:30 p.m. - Community theater *Dead To The Last Drop*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.  
 8 p.m. - *Meet The Beatles* opening night, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Sunday, July 17**

Heritage Craft Week, Old Stone House. For info: oldstonehousemuseum.org.  
 3 p.m. - Whatforward Circus, Bread and Puppet, followed by the Onward Pageant. For info: breadandpuppet.org.  
 4 p.m. - Community theater *Dead To The Last Drop*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.  
 6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Annie

& The Orphans, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

**Monday, July 18**

Heritage Craft Week, Old Stone House. For info: oldstonehousemuseum.org.  
 7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohsburyband.org.  
 8 p.m. - *Meet The Beatles*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Tuesday, July 19**

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers, Bread and Puppet, followed by the Onward Pageant. For info: breadandpuppet.org.  
 8 p.m. - *Driving Miss Daisy*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Wednesday, July 20**

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Pirates of the Silly Seas*, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.  
 6 p.m. - Community dinner, free, United Church of Craftsbury. For info: townofcraftsbury.com.

6 p.m. - Theatre Under The Stars, free, Omni Mt. Washington Resort. For info: brettonwoods.com.

6:30 p.m. - Author series, David Govatski, Littleton Public Library. For info: 603-444-5741.

8 p.m. - *Mamma Mia*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Thursday, July 21**

Gala Benefit Auction, Eastside Restaurant. For info: oldstonehousemuseum.org.  
 9:30 a.m. - Children's Theater, The Velveteen

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 6 p.m. - North Country Toastmasters, Beal House Inn. For info: 603-396-5807.  
 7 p.m. - *Wonka*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 751-5299.  
 7:30 p.m. - *Seussical*, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.  
 7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park Gazebo. For info: Peter Storrings, 334-2456.  
 8 p.m. - *Meet The Beatles*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Friday, July 22**

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Pirates of the Silly Seas*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.  
 2 p.m. - Children's Theater, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Littleton Opera House. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.  
 4 p.m. - Jeezum Crow Festival, Jay Peak. For info: jaypeakresort.com.  
 5 p.m. - Sounds in the Sanctuary, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, The Mind And Music Of Beethoven. For info: bethlehem-synagogue.org.  
 6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, The Hitmen, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.  
 7 p.m. - *The Ugly Duckling*, Vermont Family Theatre, Cornstone E-Free Church in Newport. For info: Pam Sirois, 751-5299.  
 7 p.m. - *Wonka*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 751-5299.



7:30 p.m. - *Seussical*, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.  
 7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.  
 8 p.m. - *Mamma Mia*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.  
 8 p.m. - Liz Vice, Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

**Saturday, July 23**

Willoughby Tri, Westmore, VT. Bike, swim, run; also the Willy Youth Tri. For info: kingdomgames.co.  
 11 a.m. - Jeezum Crow Festival, Jay Peak. For info: jaypeakresort.com.  
 7:30 p.m. - *Seussical*, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.  
 8 p.m. - *Driving Miss Daisy*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Sunday, July 24**

2 p.m. - Community theater auditions for *37 Postcards*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.  
 2 p.m. - *Seussical*, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.  
 3 p.m. - Expect the Eclectic Concert, Willey Memorial Building in Cabot. For info: rdeno@fairpoint.net.  
 3 p.m. - Social band, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. For info: nowplayingnewport.com.  
 3 p.m. - Whatforward Circus followed by the Onward Pageant,

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**Bradford Fair** – July 14 to 17 – This fair was previously known as the Connecticut Valley Fair. For information: [bradfordfair.org](http://bradfordfair.org).

Events include horse pulls, tractor pulls, ox pulls, dairy fitting and showmanship, cattle and oxen shows, 4x4 truck pulls, log loader, horse shows and demo derby.

Concerts will be presented by The Red Shack Band and the Crazy Kountry Band.

**North Haverhill Fair** – July 27 to 31 – For information: [nohaverhillfair.com](http://nohaverhillfair.com)

Events include Haverhill's Got Talent, Little Miss Fair, classic car show, demolition derby, hand mowing competition, baking contest, tractor pull, lumberjack contest, kiddie events, ox pulling, pony pulling, cattle and sheep shows, dog and goat shows, and concerts.

**Danville Fair** – Aug. 12 to 13 – For information: [danvillev-ermont.org](http://danvillev-ermont.org)

Six-year-old Kayleigh Hallahan competes in the kiddie tractor pull at the Lancaster Fair in Lancaster, N.H., last year. Hallahan placed first in the 4 to 6 year old division.



File photos by paul hayes

Sarah Hall of Whitefield on a swing ride at last summer's Lancaster Fair.

**Orleans County Fair** – Aug. 17 to 21 – For information: [orleanscountyfair.net](http://orleanscountyfair.net)

Events include harness racing, burn out competition, Black Cat Hell Drivers show, ATV and lawn mower pulls, tractor pulls, truck pulls, demo derby, dairy shows, oxen pulls, pony and horse pulls, Gymkhana, chainsaw carving, petting zoo, children's activities, and more.

**Caledonia County Fair** – Aug. 24 to 28 – For informa-

tion: [caledoniacountyfair.com](http://caledoniacountyfair.com)

Events include motocross, tractor pulls, tractor rodeo, pig scramble, beef judging, cattle costume contest, redneck competition, hands on animals, ice cream eating contest, yoked cattle show, and more.

Concert headliner is Cassadee Pope, winner of "The Voice."

**Lancaster Fair** – Sept. 1 to 5 – For information: [lancasterfair.com](http://lancasterfair.com)

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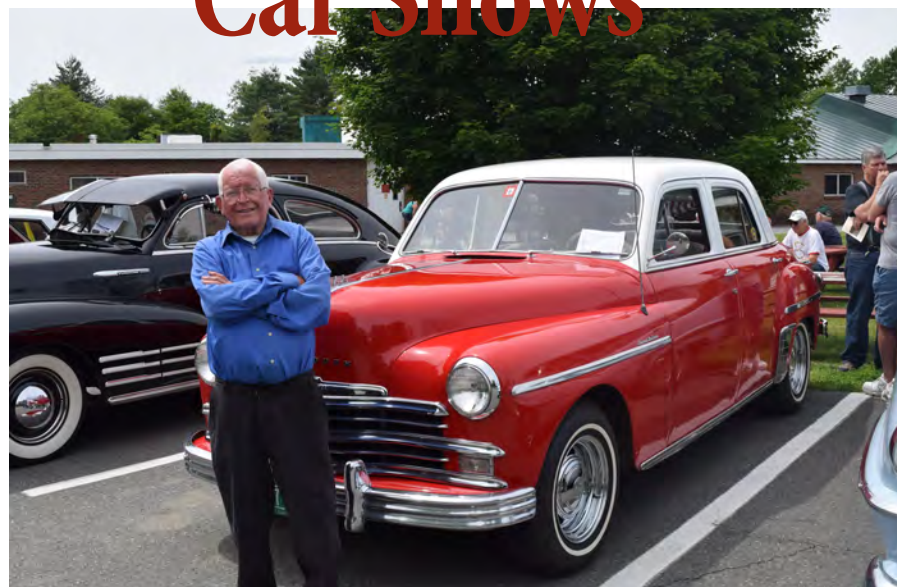


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Fred Gombas admires a Plymouth from the 1950s at a car show last summer at the St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab Center.

**By Cal eigh Cr oss**  
staff Writer

For some, summer smells like sunscreen and salt water; for others, it smells like creemees and a cookout. For a small subset of the population, however, summer smells exactly like gasoline, motor oil and old, cracked leather.

These are the ones who crowd, amped-up and ready, into a field at 6 a.m. craving the sound of an old engine churning, working overtime to start. These are the faithful who know the difference between Vagabond Green and Brewster Green on a 1920s Model A Ford.

In some parts of the world, people like this are a dying breed, but here in Vermont, they're alive and well, according to Vermont Auto Enthusiasts (VAE) president Dan Noyes. He says that the organization has begun several outreach programs to youth to ensure the future of antique car culture in Vermont.

Noyes himself owns two time-machine cars: an unrestored 1928 Chrysler and a 1923 Model T mail truck that he restored with his dad. His great-grandfather was the truck's original owner.

"My dad had [antique cars]," Noyes said. "He used to work on them in the basement. When I got older, I'd work on the mail truck with him. It's a family thing."

"These cars were art back then," he continued. "There's a lot that went into their design."

Noyes said that fact is something people are starting to appreciate once again.

"Car clubs are changing," he said. "They're trying to see a bigger purpose. People think it's about getting together and talking about cars, but it's so much more."

As president of VAE, Noyes is in a prime position to help the organization advance. He says there's been some discussion about a transportation museum, which would be the state's first. The club's biggest focus, though, is attracting young members.

"We're thinking about getting younger folks involved," Noyes said. "We're trying to be more diverse. VAE is all-inclusive. What happens is that people who collect pass away and then the cars get bought. People who have early cars tend to have more than one, but they end up bringing only one to the show." This trend means that fewer cars get the chance to be out in public, drawing the eye.

Ultimately, Noyes wants to see VAE and other antique car associations getting more involved with the general public. "We need to engage more with the community," Noyes said. Noyes said that the organization has reached out to several schools, including Lyndon Institute, which every year awards a student the Golden Wrench Award. "We give a set of tools to a junior," said Noyes. "It's to inspire them to do a good job." The organization also offers scholarships to Vermont Technical College, according to Noyes.

Antique car culture is good for the state as well as for the enthusiasts themselves. "It's huge for the economy," Noyes said. "It's a mob scene at the Stowe show every year."

For Noyes, however, his interest remains mostly personal, his responsibilities to VAE aside. "The best thing is meeting new friends and checking out cars," Noyes said. "A lot of car clubs are really small and they have a common and specific vehicle interest. VAE encompasses all cars. Cars inspire so much nostalgia." 🍷

## CRUISING for the gold

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Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Berlin Jazz, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

**Monday, July 25**

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohsburyband.org.

8 p.m. - *The King & I* opening night, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Tuesday, July 26**

12 p.m. - Luncheon and music by Mary Damiani, free, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Reservations required. For info: 334-7365.

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The King & I*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Wednesday, July 27**

6 p.m. - Theatre Under The Stars, free, Omni Mt. Washington Resort. For info: brettton-

woods.com.

7:30 p.m. - Shakespeare Under The Stars, *King Lear*, St. Johnsbury Academy amphitheater. For info: Jwarnerashley@stjacademy.org.

8 p.m. - *Meet The Beatles*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Thursday, July 28**

9:30 a.m. - Children's Theatre, *The Snow Queen*, Lancaster Rialto. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

7:30 p.m. - *Seussical*, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.

7:30 p.m. - Jewish Film Festival, Colonial Theatre, Crimes and Misdemeanors. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park Gazebo. For info: Peter Storings, 334-2456.

8 p.m. - *Mamma Mia*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Friday, July 29**

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Pirates of the Silly Seas*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

1 p.m. - Kingdom Kayak, 10-mile expedition, Prouty Beach. For info: kingdomgames.co.

2 p.m. - Children's Theater, *The Snow Queen*, Littleton Opera House. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, Classic Rewind, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

7 p.m. - *Pirates of Penzance*, Vermont Family Theatre, Irasburg Town Hall. For info: Pam Sirois, 751-5299.

7:30 p.m. - Shakespeare Under The Stars, *King Lear*, St. Johnsbury Academy amphitheater. For info: Jwarnerashley@stjacademy.org.

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7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Meet The Beatles*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

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## MAIZE-ING for the gold

By Leah Car ey  
Staff Writer

Get ready for more corn-fusing fun!

The Great Vermont Corn Maze in Danville will open mid-summer for another season of frustration and success.

While most people would think of going to the maze when the corn is 12-feet high in the fall, owner Mike Boudreau said that earlier in the season is a different kind of challenge. "And in some ways it's harder," he said.

The maze may be the main attraction, but there are lots of activities to keep the entire family entertained for a full day.

To start with, there are actually two mazes out in the field, one is easier and one is quite complex, and you can choose to do either or both during your visit.

"The corn maze is like a ski area," explained Boudreau. "You've got your big complex, black diamond, Vail Resort kind of area and then you've got your backyard rope tow. Both can be friendly, both can be fun. You've got the big complex maze - it could take one to five hours. And then we've got the small maze and it can be about a 40-minute walk."

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said. "But people spend six hours here."

He recognizes returning customers because they have backpacks filled with snacks, water and lunch. Plus, they wear comfy shoes. He cringes when he sees people climb out of their cars in high heels.

### Making the maze

Each year the maze has a theme - previous years included dinosaurs and aliens - and they have pieces built to fit the theme. Those pieces show up on the grounds in various places, and they keep everything so kids can play with the pieces every year. This summer visitors will get to

In addition there's a petting zoo with barnyard animals, more than 100 feet of underground tunnels for kids to crawl around in, a "kids village" with kid-size buildings, and a hide-and-seek forest area. "It's not Disneyland, but we have kids that come back five or six times a year because we've got this here."

For adults there are shaded picnic areas, barnyard golf and more.

Boudreau said the most common mistake amongst first-time visitors is to not plan enough time. "People think of it as being like Maple Grove or a monument or something where they can just drive by, look, run through quick," he

see some of the dinosaurs and a space ship that graced the maze in the past two years.

The Boudreaus both work as physical therapy assistants during the winter as they prepare for the following summer's maze. They start ordering supplies in November and planning the theme and layout for the next year.

As he lays out the paths and puzzles for the maze on paper, Boudreau is careful to keep his faithful "mazers" in mind.

"Our mazers come back and they have paper and pencil," he said. In fact, they are such die hards that they don't want to know what the theme is in advance because they try to fig-

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Mike Boudreau rings the Bell of Frustration in the middle of last summer's maze.

ure it out by drawing the paths while they're in the maze. "They draw the whole thing out as they do it."

And those mazers pay attention to everything. "Two years ago it did this loopy thing down there, then go to the east, then up over and the bell was this way, not that way. And they just kind of know those things," Boudreau said. "The flow of the maze I have to change every year. And the guys who come every year will be going, Hey, you got seven trails under the bridge this year. Last year you only had three.

joked Boudreau.

"We plant the whole field out, over 10 acres, and then we go out with a 100-foot tape measure and a five-foot stick and we hand-pick everything. Then we go back and hand-rake everything and roto-till it," Boudreau said.

If you think that Boudreau got into this line of work because he's a puzzle fanatic, you'd be wrong. "I hate puzzles!"

What's up with that?"

When spring hits, it's time to start planting the corn and creating a maze. "It would be nice if we had an attraction that we didn't have to rebuild every year,"

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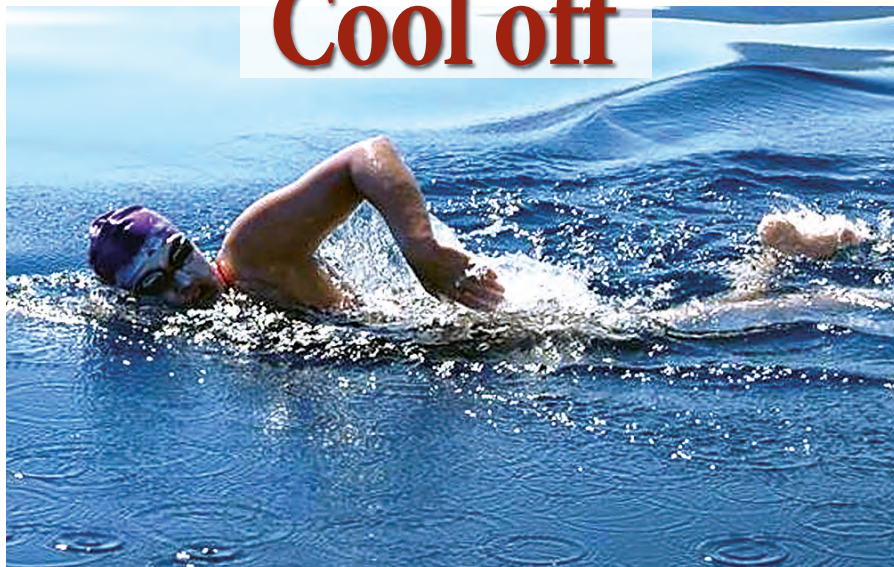
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**Adam's Hole**, South on Rt. 5 and turn west (right) on Joe's Brook Road about 2 miles before East Barnet.

**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

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**Basin/Cascades**, Franconia Notch State Park, Basin exit

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

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## Corn-fusing

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I hate math," he said. "For me, bottom line it's a creative outlet. ... I knew when I was studying for a [physical therapy] exam and I was up all night making a skull mask on my face out of a t-shirt with a magic marker, drawing it on my face, maybe I hadn't let go of that creative thing yet!"

### Finding a direction

As the keeper of the maze, Boudreau has to know every twist and turn of the maze each year.

"It used to be easy because I was out here with a headlight on, hand picking, hand roto-tilling, hand raking everything. So I really had every corner memorized," he said. But now, with three teenage kids who work at the maze, he shares those jobs and doesn't know every stalk of corn quite so intimately. "I know where I'm going, but my speed at picking stuff up is a little harder ... but you can put me anywhere out there and within three or four minutes I'll know exactly what I have to do to get where I'm going."

One of his favorite things, he said, is hearing families with young kids in the maze. "What you really want is a family saying, Which is your right hand? Okay, follow the right. Is that a right? And the kids get all excited because - they're not solving it, but for them, they're figuring out right from left."

For hours and directions (which you'll need!) visit [www.vermontcornmaze.com](http://www.vermontcornmaze.com).

### Other area corn mazes

River of Life - 1145 Route 14, Irasburg - 754-9600 or [riveroflifecamp.com](http://riveroflifecamp.com)

Piermont Plant Pantry - 144 Route 25, Piermont, N.H. - 603-272-4372 or [piermontplantpantry.com](http://piermontplantpantry.com)



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2 and 7 p.m. - *Wonka*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 751-5299.

6:30 p.m. - North Country Gospel Music Festival, Whitefield Community Baptist Church. For info: www.cbc1816.church, 603-837-2469.

7:30 p.m. - Shakespeare Under The Stars, *King Lear*, St. Johnsbury Academy amphitheater.

For info: Jwarner-ashley@stjacademy.org.

7:30 p.m. - *Seussical*, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.

8 p.m. - *The King & I*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Sunday, July 31**

2 p.m. - *Seussical*, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.

2 p.m. - Shakespeare Under The Stars, *King Lear*, St. Johnsbury Academy black box theater. For info: Jwarner-ashley@stjacademy.org.

3 p.m. - Whatforward Circus followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Back Shed String Band, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

6:30 p.m. - Lamplight service and hymn sing, Old North Church, Danville. For info: 748-1456.

**Monday, Aug. 1**

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohsburyband.org.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Cleopatra Mathis, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

8 p.m. - *Mamma Mia*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Tuesday, Aug. 2**

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The Wiz* opening night, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Ilya Kaminsky and Katie Farris, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

**Wednesday, Aug. 3**

Preserving the Harvest, Old Stone House. For info: oldstone-housemuseum.org.

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Robin Hood*, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

4 p.m. - Books of Jewish Interest, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

6 p.m. - Theatre Under The Stars, free, Omni Mt. Washington Resort. For info: brettonwoods.com.

6:30 p.m. - Author series, Michelle Arnosky Sherburne, Littleton Public Library. For info: 603-444-5741.

7 p.m. - Magic and Nature, Bretzfelder Park, with Sally Sherrard. For info: therocks.org.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Tiana Clark and Rose McClamey, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

8 p.m. - *The Wiz*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Thursday, Aug. 4**

9:30 a.m. - Children's Theater, *Aladdin*, Lancaster Ri-alto. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

6 p.m. - North Country Toastmasters, Beal House

Inn. For info: 603-396-5807.

7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park Gazebo. For info: Peter Storrings, 334-2456.

8 p.m. - Poetry reading with Patrick Donnelly and Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org

8 p.m. - *Driving Miss Daisy*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Friday, Aug. 5**

Seymour Swim, 1.75 mile and 3.5 mile options, Lake Seymour. For info: kingdomgames.co.

9 a.m. - Conservation Corps Celebration, Northwoods Stewardship Center. For info: northwoodcenter.org.

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Robin Hood*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

2 p.m. - Children's Theater, *Aladdin*, Littleton Opera House. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, The Party Crashers, Pavilion



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in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

7 p.m. - Artist opening reception for Weaving Traditions of the Darien Jungle, 42 Maple. For info: 42maple.org.

7 p.m. - *The Lion King Jr.*, Vermont Family Theatre, Orleans Municipal Building Theater. For info: Pam Sirois, 751-5299.

7:30 p.m. - Banjo Dan's Bluegrass Revue, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.

7:30 p.m. - Jewish Film Festival, *Son of Saul*, Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

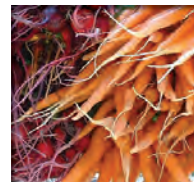
7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet

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Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.  
 8 p.m. - Poetry reading with poetry seminar participants, The Frost Place. For info: frostplace.org  
 8 p.m. - *The King & I*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Saturday, Aug. 6**  
 Aquaman Even-Up, run, bike, swim, Derby and Morgan, VT. For info: kingdomgames.co.  
 8 a.m. - Top Notch Triathlon - individual, relay teams, starts at Lafayette Regional School. For info: franconianh.org/top-notch-triathlon.html.

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - *Mamma Mia*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.  
 Chicken pie supper with seatings at 5, 5:45, 6:30, Barton United Church. For info: 525-7048.  
 7 p.m. - *The Lion King Jr.*, Vermont Family Theatre, Orleans Municipal Building Theater. For info: Pam Sirois,

751-5299.  
 8 p.m. - Tom Rush, Bethlehem Colonial Theater. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

**Sunday, Aug. 7**  
 Back Roads Reading, Old Stone House. For info: oldstonehousemuseum.org.  
 3 p.m. - Whatforward Circus followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.  
 6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Maple Leaf Seven, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

**Monday, Aug. 8**  
 7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohsburyband.org.  
 8 p.m. - *The Wiz*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Tuesday, Aug. 9**  
 7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.  
 8 p.m. - *The King & I*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Wednesday, Aug. 10**  
 6 p.m. - Theatre Under The Stars, free, Omni Mt. Washington Resort. For info: brettonwoods.com.  
 6:30 p.m. - Mark 209 Concert, gospel/country quartet, Whitefield Community Baptist Church. For info: www.cbc1816.church, 603-837-2469.

7 p.m. - Animals with Bad Reputations, Bretzfelder Park, presented by Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. For info: therocks.org.

8 p.m. - *Meet The Beatles*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Thursday, Aug. 11**  
 9:30 a.m. - Children's Theater, Lancaster Rialto, *The Little Mermaid*. For info: jeans-playhouse.com.

7 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Greensboro Smirkus Campus. For info: smirkus.org.

7:30 p.m. - Community theater, *The Secret Garden*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - Jewish Film Festival, *Above and Beyond*, Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park Gazebo. For info: Peter Storings, 334-2456.

8 p.m. - *To Kill A Mockingbird* opening night, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Friday, Aug. 12**  
 Strangefolk Garden of Eden Festival, Jay Peak. For info: jaypeakresort.com.

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Robin Hood*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, Without Ray, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

7 p.m. - *Wolf Tales: A comedy*, Vermont Family Theatre, Orleans Municipal Building. For info: Pam Sirois, 751-5299.

**Saturday, Aug. 13**

Bike'n Brew, Burke Mountain. For info: skiburke.com.  
 Crystal Swim, Crystal State Beach. For info: kingdomgames.co.

Hike Bike Paddle Event, Prouty Beach. For info: newportrecreation.org.

Strangefolk Garden of Eden Festival, Jay Peak. For info: jaypeakresort.com.

All day - Whitefield Community Day and Library Book Sale, Whitefield, NH. For info: whitefieldpl@myfairpoint.net.

8 a.m. - Giant yard sale, Centennial Park, Lancaster. For info: Barbara at 603-788-3352.

10 a.m. - Jay Summer Fest, downtown Jay. For info: jayvt.com.

12 p.m. - August West Fest, on the green in Jay. For info: jaypeakresort.com.

1 p.m. and 6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Greensboro Smirkus Campus. For info: smirkus.org.

1 p.m. - Cookout and games, Whitefield Baptist Church. For info: www.cbc1816.church, 603-837-2469.

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - *The Wiz*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

6 p.m. - Lunenburg's Open Mic, Old Congregational Church, Lunenburg. For info: 892-6654, questions@topofthecommon.org.

6:30 p.m. - Social dance, open to all ages, South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. For info: Michelle, 748-9558.

7 p.m. - *Urinetown*, Vermont Family Theatre, Orleans Municipal Building Theater. For info: Pam Sirois, 751-5299.

7:30 p.m. - The Rescignos with Adam Podd, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.

7:30 p.m. - Community theater, *The Secret Garden*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheatre.org.

**Sunday, Aug. 14**

Island Pond Swim, Island Pond. For info: kingdomgames.co.

11 a.m. - Old Stone House Day, Old Stone House. For info: oldstonehousemuseum.org.

3 p.m. - Whatforward Circus followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet.

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4 p.m. - Community theater, *The Secret Garden*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Parker Hill Rd, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

7 p.m. - *Urinetown*, Vermont Family Theatre, Orleans Municipal Building Theater. For info: Pam Sirois, 751-5299.

**Monday, Aug. 15**

Echo Lake Swim, Echo Lake, Charleston, VT. For info: kingdomgames.co.

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohnsburyband.org.

8 p.m. - *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16**

Lake Seymour Swim, Lake Seymour. For info: kingdomgames.co.

6:30 p.m. - Concert and ice cream social, Danville Green. For info: 684-2064.

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Meet The Beatles*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Wednesday, Aug. 17**

Lake Massawippi Swim, Lake Massawippi. For info: kingdomgames.co.

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Cracked Up Fairy Tales*, Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

4 p.m. - Books of Jewish Interest, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

7 p.m. - Guided Walk on the Wildlife Habitat Trail with Priscilla Didio, Bretzfelder Park. For info: therocks.org.

6 p.m. - Community Dinner, free, United Church of Craftsbury. For info: townofcraftsbury.com.

6:30 p.m. - Author series, Mike Dickerman, Littleton Public Library. For info: 603-444-5741.

8 p.m. - *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Thursday, Aug. 18**

Lake Memphremagog Swim, Lake Memphremagog. For info:

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6 p.m. - North Country Toastmasters, Beal House Inn. For info: 603-396-5807.

7:30 p.m. - Newport Area Concert Band, Gardner Park Gazebo. For info: Peter Storrings, 334-2456.

8 p.m. - *The King & I*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Friday, Aug. 19**

8 a.m. - Kingdom Farm and Food Days, three days of events, East Burke, VT. For info: kingdomfarmandfood.org.

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Cracked Up Fairy Tales*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

5 p.m. - Sounds in the Sanctuary, Alon Goldstein on piano, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, The Adams Band, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

7:30 p.m. - Community theater, *The Secret Garden*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The Wiz*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

Tennis Tournament, Newport waterfront. For info: new-

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Willoughby Swim, Willoughby Lake. For info: king-domgames.co.

8 a.m. - Kingdom Farm and Food Days, three days of events, East Burke, VT. For info: kingdomfarmandfood.org.

9 a.m. - Pies in the Park, until the pies are gone, West Burke Park. For info: 467-3466.

2 p.m. - Celtic sessions, Parker Pie. For info: parkerpie.com.

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - *Meet The Beatles*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

7:30 p.m. - Community theater, *The Secret Garden*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

**Sunday, Aug. 21**

Caspian Swim, Caspian Lake. For info: kingdomgames.co.

8 a.m. - Kingdom Farm and Food Days, three days of events, East Burke, VT. For info: kingdomfarmandfood.org.

2 p.m. - Four Shillings Short, free concert for all ages, Weeks Memorial Library, Lancaster. For info: weekslib@ncia.net.

3 p.m. - Whatforward Circus followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - Community theater, *The Secret Garden*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Crunchy Western Boys, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

**Monday, Aug. 22**

7:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury. For info: stjohnsburyband.org.

8 p.m. - *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Tuesday, Aug. 23**

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.



**Wednesday, Aug. 24**

7 p.m. - Sand Painting with Kristen Pobatschnig, for all ages, Bretzfelder Park. For info: therocks.org.

8 p.m. - *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Thursday, Aug. 25**

7:30 p.m. - Jewish Film Festival, Colonial Theatre, *Deli Man*. For info: bethlehemsynagogue.org.

8 p.m. - *The Wiz*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Friday, Aug. 26**

11 a.m. - Patchwork Players children's theater, *Cracked Up Fairy Tales*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

12 p.m. - Luncheon and music by Susan Lynn Johns and Janice Luce, free, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Reservations required. For info: 334-7365.

6 p.m. - Friday Night Live Series, classic covers with Evansville Transit Authority, Pavilion in Lakeside Park. For info: visitislandpond.com.

7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Saturday, Aug. 27**

Echo Lake Road Race & Swim, run, bike, swim in various lengths, Echo Lake, Charleston, VT. For info: kingdomgames.co.

1 p.m. - Northwoods Pond Party & BBQ, Northwoods Stewardship Center. For info: northwoodscenter.org.

2 p.m. - Community Theater Auditions, *Ghost In The Meadow*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - *The King & I*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Sunday, Aug. 28**

2 p.m. - Community Theater Auditions, *Ghost In The Meadow*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

6 p.m. - Bethlehem Summer Concerts, Van Burens, Bethlehem Gazebo. For info: bethlehemwhitemtns.com.

7 p.m. - Lamplight service and hymn sing, Old North Church, Danville. For info: 748-1456.

**Monday, Aug. 29**

7:30 p.m. - *Seussical*, Haskell Opera House. For info: haskellopera.com.

8 p.m. - *The Wiz*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

8 p.m. - Ani DiFranco, Bethlehem Colonial Theater. For info:



bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

**Tuesday, Aug. 30**

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp singers followed by the Onward Pageant, Bread and Puppet. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Wednesday, Aug. 31**

8 p.m. - *The King & I*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Thursday, Sept. 1**

4 p.m. - Showcase Cabaret, The Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

6 p.m. - North Country Toastmasters, Beal House Inn. For info: 603-396-5807.

8 p.m. - *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Friday, Sept. 2**

7:30 p.m. - Bread and Puppet performance, Bread and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The Wiz*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

**Saturday, Sept. 3**

Jay Peak Trail Running Family Festival, for all ages and abilities, Jay Peak. For info: jaypeakresort.com.

9 a.m. - Market Day with vendors and more, Lakeside Park, Island Pond. For info: visitislandpond.com.

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - *Best of 2016*, Weathervane Theatre. For info: weathervanetheatre.org.

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