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A photograph of two people in a canoe on a calm lake at sunset. The number 27 is in the top left corner.

On the Cover: Lily Farr, right, and Saffron attend the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain on July 30, 2017. (Photo by Paul Hayes)



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Various games and prizes add to the fun of the Caledonia County Fair in August 2017 in Lyndonville, Vt.

The Fair Necessities

Experience The County Fair

BY PATRICK LOVETT
Staff Writer

A fair is not just one experience. It is hundreds, maybe thousands, of experiences all compiled in a single location. The Ferris wheel, demolition derby, fried dough — they all offer an opportunity to sense something different. The Caledonia County Fair is no exception. With new events every day, rows of food vendors, and an abundance of games and rides, one trip won't quite cover it all.

Located at 1 Fairground Road, Lyndonville, the Caledonia Fair draws visitors from across the Northeast Kingdom and beyond. Its purpose is simple: to provide an educational, family-friendly, and fun experience to all visitors. It spans five days — from mid-week through the weekend — plenty of time to make it there, no matter your schedule.

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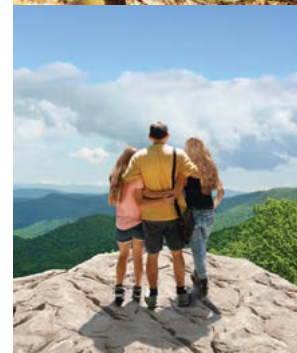
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Fair games and rides are largely provided by Dreamland Amusements, a carnival service based out of Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The company offers many thrills for all ages. Food is provided by a number of independent vendors, each one offering a new taste to try. Entertainment ranges from loud to quiet, active to passive; you can watch a truck pull or join an ice cream eating competition.

Altogether, the experience will seem like a series of snapshots. The best part is you can choose what they look like.

It was about dusk when I got there. The sky was dark, the trees darker, but the fairground was full of color. I entered under a red, white, and blue sign reading, "Dreamland." A giant slide and Ferris wheel stood on either side.

Four-wheelers were screaming around the dirt track at the Main Stage. Different rides rose above the tents, which I planned to avoid (recall my glider experience!)

I passed a man being heckled at the strongman game; he slammed the hammer and came up short. Past him, a long line of games stretched down and in adjacent aisles — ring toss, basketball, duck fishing, etc.

I didn't want to lose quite yet, so I turned left, heading toward the northern part of the fairgrounds where the food was.

As often happens at the fair, I found an old friend. It wasn't too hard; he was in the same spot he's been in since we were kids, serving what seemed like endless series of customers. Lucas Robillard is part of the third generation to work at Robillard's Apple Crisp. We caught up while he shoveled and scooped apple crisp topped with ice cream — fair food with a Vermont twist.

The stand was in an aisle of vendors. Depending on the direction of the wind, a different smell would pass by: sausage, fried dough, french fries, or something else. I went

across the aisle toward the entertainment arena. There was going to be a magic show.

Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe is a one-man, stand-up show performed in the style of the Vaudeville era. Andrew Pinard, the man behind the magic, is a deadpan comedian whose illusions left me asking, "How?"

He started off simple. Pinard asked the audience, tens of fairgoers seated under a small tent, to watch a pinwheel he was holding in his hand. "Look through it, not at it," he said. He spun it and we watched for several minutes. "Now focus on the tip of my nose." He pulled the pinwheel away and looked. His head look like it was growing. He made a face as if his head was actually growing, as if it was causing him pain. "Ouch!" he yelled.

The rest of his tricks followed a similar suit. He joked with the audience as he made objects disappear and reappear. He performed a series of illusions quickly, made jokes on the fly, leaving the audience both in awe and scrambling to follow. I didn't want to, but I had to leave to catch another show. Bears were about to perform just a few hundred feet away.

A large crowd had gathered behind the grandstand. They had formed a semi-circle around a well-lit netted area. At the back of the area was a wall covered in pictures of the wild outdoors.

The crowd was waiting for "Bears of Paradise," an educational and entertaining show sharing the skill, merits, and environmental hardships of bears.

A door opened at the center of the wall. Kenai, a five-year-old grizzly came out followed by two trainers. One, Johnny Welde Jr., paid close attention to Kenai while the other, Monica Welde, spoke to the audience over a microphone. The Weldes are from Bearadise Ranch, a Florida-based bear home committed to raising public awareness for habitat preservation and conservation for all bear species.

During the show, Monica offered a number of bear-related facts. Meanwhile, all eyes

What to bring:

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Danville Fair

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Orleans County Fair

Aug. 15-19

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Caledonia County Fair

Aug. 22-26

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Lancaster Fair

Aug. 30-Sept. 3

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were fixated on the furry animals. To start off the show Kenai performed a feat of coordination. He picked up a ball, stood on his hind legs, and walked toward a hoop several feet away. He dunked. The audience cheered.

A number of stunts followed: Ginger, a European brown bear, balanced on a ball; another bear raised an American flag. I was captivated, and before I knew it, it was over. I left to find something to play.

If Kenai could make a hoop, I thought I should be able to. I wanted to try the basketball carnival game.

The game stand was tall. Two hoops stood high into the air at the back of the structure, about 12 or 15 feet away. I was given three tries to make a shot. If I made one I'd get

a prize. The man working the game gave me some pointers. "You'll want to put a lot of arc on it," he said. I stepped up to the edge of the game to start, but was sent back a few feet. "That's for ten and under," I was told.

My first shot bricked hard off the backboard. I had misjudged just how far back the rim was. "More arc this time," I was told. My second shot was better, it hit the rim and then the backboard. I was more confident now and shot again, with even more arc than before, pushing my arm almost straight up. I thought it was in. It hit back rim. "More arc."

When it was time to leave, it was not for lack of things to do. I was tired. There were still many booths to be explored and foods to be tried. I figure I'll get a shot at them next year.

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A Ferris wheel stands at the entrance to the Caledonia County fairgrounds in August 2017.

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A view from inside the fire tower at the summit of Bald Mountain in Westmore. Lake Willoughby sits in the distance.

An Uphill Battle

Hike Bald Mountain For The Amazing Views

BY PATRICK LOVETT
Staff Writer

There's an old fire tower at the summit that offers a 360-degree panorama of the surrounding area — towns, valleys, and lakes all tucked between green mountains. The loudest sound is the whistling breeze. Clouds don't seem too far away.

When I arrived there, I was just looking for a place to rest. I was sweaty and out of breath, spending the last 45 minutes scrambling up steep incline. At the top, though, looking out across the vista, it was all worth it.

Located in Westmore, Bald Mountain is one of several hiking destinations in the area — Hedgehog, Haystack Mountain, and Mount Pisgah neighbor it to the south; Goodwin to the west. At approximately 3,315 feet above sea level, it is the third tallest peak in the Northeast Kingdom. Its trails are average lengths,

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two and three miles. In one way, though, Bald Mountain is unparalleled.

“It’s the best view in the Northeast Kingdom,” said Dusty May, North Field Coordinator at Northwoods Stewardship Center. “The 360-degree view from the fire tower cannot be beat.”

As the north region’s field coordinator, May leads conservation groups responsible for maintaining Bald Mountain. They ensure the trails are safe and enjoyable for hikers, building bog bridges, clearing brush, repairing washout, installing steps, and more. In 2016, May and others spent weeks on the Long Pond Trail, constructing drainage systems and a reroute. He’s pretty familiar with the mountain.

The Long Pond Trail, he said, is moderately difficult. After making your way up a gated logging road, you’ll come to an intersection where you bear right. A worn pathway with a slight incline will take you through hardwoods quite a ways. Then he warned about the end. “You should expect the last third to be pretty steep.”

I heard him, but it didn’t resonate.

I have several misconceptions about hiking: I picture it as walking with boots on; I think it shouldn’t take more than a couple hours; I believe I should barely break a sweat. The list goes on. This is not for lack of practice either. I have hiked several mountains in the area, spent over a week hiking in the Rockies, and I still manage to forget every time: hiking is a workout.

This makes for a rude awakening about halfway up each mountain I climb. My heart is pounding, I’m sweating profusely, and there are hundreds of vertical feet between me and the summit. This hike featured more of the same.

My first mistake, however, had nothing to do with the hike. It had to do with getting there. Coming from St. Johnsbury, I took US Route 5 to VT Route 5A, headed toward Lake Willoughby.



PHOTO BY PATRICK LOVETT

A look up from the base of the fire tower at the summit of Bald Mountain in Westmore.

That was all right. I went wrong by entering Long Pond Road from the south.

For three to four miles, I was on a one-way dirt road, going slow to avoid clipping large rocks on the ground. Several parts of the road were suffering from washout. If I had entered the road from the north, I would have traveled two miles along a pleasantly wide and groomed road. I also would have gotten there sooner.

It was early in the afternoon when I began my ascent. The sun was out, it was humid, and the air was still — the first misconception was already foiled. I started sweating on the logging road, not even 10 minutes into the hike.

It took me about 20 minutes to get up the road, until gravel turned to grass and I came to a clearing. Bearing right, I found a worn narrow path. It took me under the forest canopy where I would stay until I reached the summit.

The trail seemed to curve right continuously, as if it would spiral up the mountain. There was only a slight incline and a few roots and rocks for obstacles. Two planks of wood created a

What to bring:

Bug spray • Hiking boots • Lots of water • Food (lunch or snacks) • About 4 hours • Clothes you don’t mind getting dirty • Energy

Other suggested trails:

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- Barton - Wheeler Pond Trail
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- Lake Willoughby - Mt. Pisgah
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- Easton, N.H. - Bald Peak

Difficult / Expert Hikes

- Bretton Woods - Mt. Washington
- Avery’s Gore - Gore Mountain
- Franconia Notch - Frankenstein Cliffs
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bridge over most creeks and bogs. For a quarter of the hike my misconception held — it was simply a quiet walk with boots on. About halfway through, the incline increased. I remembered

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what May had told me about it being steep towards the end, so I figured that's where I was. Turning up switchbacks and breathing heavy, I was expecting the to reach the top any minute.

Then came my rude awakening. It was about an hour in. After turning a corner, I looked up to find tree roots and boulders stretching upwards and around a bend. I had just arrived at the steep part and had no idea how far it went.

I took a number of small breaks during the last hour of the ascent. I would look ahead at a landmark or flat area and stop for a minute when I got there. I needed to. When I started to climb again, I used trees to pull myself up. There were small stretches of open rock that required I brace myself with something sturdy on the edge.

It had gone on like this for about 30 minutes when I met fellow hikers descending. I asked them how much further to the top, fairly desperate to know. They, as all hikers tend to do, said I was close. Unfortunately, they were wrong. I convinced myself several times I saw the light of a clearing just ahead, but it took me about 20 more minutes until I actually did.

Pines lined the path as I approached the summit. I emerged from under the canopy to a small open area, relieved by the sight of the fire tower and small cabin. Five flights of stairs later I was at the top of the tower, overlooking the Kingdom. I met a number of fellow hikers while I was up there. They claimed the height of the tower gave them vertigo and only stayed briefly. I, with a moderate fear of heights, was content.



PHOTO BY PATRICK LOVETT

Hiking the flat portion of the Long Pond trail up Bald Mountain in Westmore, Vt.

The walls of the view shed were covered with etchings, paint, and pen. Some graffiti marked the date of a hiker's ascent, while others painted stars. Despite all its color and extent, though, the graffiti could only distract me from the view for a moment. I paced around the shed, finding Lake Willoughby and nearby ponds. I ate a light lunch up there, took pictures, and tried to build energy for the descent.

The way back down was precarious. Those steep slopes that I had to stretch and strain to climb required careful steps as I dropped. In the time it took to get back to the parking lot, I was able to appreciate the work I had done to make it up. It was a lot. Worth it — but a lot.

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Farmers market info from agriculture.nh.gov and nofavt.org

Event Listing

Saturday, June 9

8:30 a.m. - The Moose bike race - 108 miles, unsanctioned timed event, Mike's Tiki Bar, East Burke. For info: kingdomgames.co.

9 a.m. - Annual Open Air Market, Littleton Community Center. For info: littletonareachamber.com.

10 a.m. - Pet Parade - theme is cartoons with ice cream and bounce house, starting at the St. Johnsbury House and ending at the Father Lively Park. For info: nekchamber.com.

10 a.m. - Community Give Away & Family Fun Day, Waterford Union Baptist Church. For info: ubcstj.org.

10 a.m. - Family Mountain Bike Ride, hosted by The Rocks, Washburn Family Forest, Clarksville. For info: nigel-nmanley@forestsociety.org.

7:30 p.m. - Iris Dement, Alumni Hall, Grammy nominee. For info: courtstreetarts.org.

7:30 p.m. - *Pride & Prejudice*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - Stephane Wrembel Concert - jazz guitarist, Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. For info: highlandartsvt.org.

Sunday, June 10

12:55 p.m. - Bolshoi Ballet, Catamount Arts, *Coppelia*. For info: catamountarts.org.

4 p.m. - Now Playing Newport - chamber music, United Church of Newport. For info: nowplayingnewport.com.

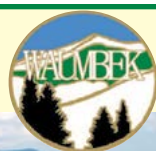
4 p.m. - *Pride & Prejudice*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

Monday, June 11

6:30 p.m. - St. Johnsbury Band Concert, St. Johnsbury Health & Rehab. For

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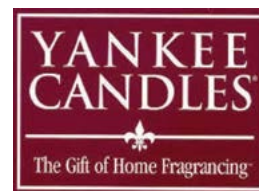


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info: stjohnsburyband.org.

Tuesday, June 12

7 p.m. - The National Theatre, Catamount Arts, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. For info: catamountarts.org.

Wednesday, June 13

7 p.m. - Bolshoi Ballet, Catamount Arts, *Coppelia*. For info: catamountarts.org.

Friday, June 15

1 p.m. - Littleton Chamber Cup Golf Tournament, Maplewood Golf Club. For info: littletonareachamber.com.

6:30 p.m. - Sunset Paddle, Northwoods Center. For info: northwoodscen-ter.org.

Saturday, June 16

9 a.m. - NH-VT Covered Bridge Half Marathon & Relay, Bill Bromage Drive, Colebrook. For info: nhvtcoverdbridgema-rathon.com.

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

8 p.m. - Girls Guns and Glory - country rock, Bethlehem Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

Sunday, June 17

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

Monday, June 18

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

Thursday, June 21

Make Music Day, Bradford, Vermont. For info: facebook.com/MakeMusicVT.

1 p.m. - Learn and Play Mah-Jong, Littleton Community Center. For info: littletonareachamber.com.

5:30 p.m. - ShoeFly Trail Run, Kingdom Trails, East Burke. For info: shoe-flytrailrun.org.

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - Cog Days: A Boy's Life and One Tragic Summer on Mt. Washington, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

Friday, June 22

NEMBAFest - activities throughout the day, Kingdom Trails and Darling Hill Road. For info: nembafest.com.

6:30 p.m. - Rhiannon Giddens - Grammy winner, Fuller Hall. For info: catamountarts.org.

Saturday, June 23

Dog Mountain Founders Celebration - rain or shine, Dog Mountain. For info: dogmt.com.

NEMBAFest - activities throughout the day, Kingdom Trails and Darling Hill Road. For info: nembafest.com.

Yard and bake sale, West Burke Methodist Church.

1 p.m. - Talent show - prizes in children, teen, and adult categories, St. Johnsbury United Community Church.

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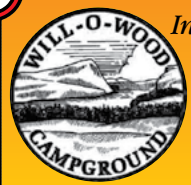
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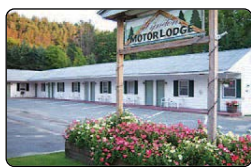
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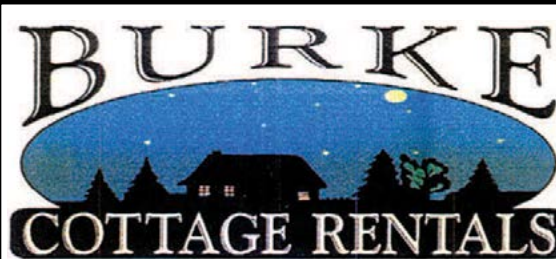
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Sunday, June 24

NEMBAFest - activities throughout the day, Kingdom Trails and Darling Hill Road. For info: nembafest.com.

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

Monday, June 25

6 p.m. - Craftsbury Saplings Community Dinner - family friendly food and activities, East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church. For info: townofcraftsbury.com.

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

Tuesday, June 26

7 p.m. - The National Theatre, Catamount Arts, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. For info: catamountarts.org.

7 p.m. - Reeve Lindbergh Book Launch, Galaxy Bookshop, Hardwick. For info: nekchamber.com.

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

Wednesday, June 27

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

Thursday, June 28

7 p.m. - *Seussical! Kids*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - The Civilian Conservation Corps in the White Mountains, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

Friday, June 29

Newport Centennial Celebration - Music, activities, vendors and more, Newport, Vermont. For info: newportrecreation.org.

1 p.m. & 6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Circus Barn in Greensboro. For info: smirkus.org.

7 p.m. - *Seussical! Kids*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

Saturday, June 30

Newport Centennial Celebration - Music, activities, vendors and more, Newport, Vermont. For info: newportrecreation.org.

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9 a.m. - Household hazardous waste disposal day, Bethlehem Transfer Station.

10 a.m. - Ryegate Summer Festival - kids activities, rubber ducky race, food, vendors, music, hay rides and more, South Ryegate Ball Field. For info: 802-584-3296.

11 a.m. - Newport Centennial Parade, Newport, Vermont.

4 p.m. - Strawberry Festival, East Burke Village, Music and activities around town. For info: burkevermont.com.

7 p.m. - *Seussical! Kids*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

8 p.m. - Asleep at the Wheel - Grammy winners, Bethlehem Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

Sunday, July 1

Newport Centennial Celebration - Music, activities, vendors and more, Newport, Vermont. For info: newportrecreation.org.

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3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

Monday, July 2

July 4th celebration - activities throughout the day and fireworks at dusk, Burke Mountain. For info: skiburke.com.

Newport Centennial Celebration - Music, activities, vendors and more, Newport, Vermont. For info: newportrecreation.org.

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

Tuesday, July 3

Newport Centennial Celebration - Music, activities, vendors and more, Newport, Vermont. For info: newportrecreation.org.

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

Wednesday, July 4

Harry Corrow Freedom Run - multiple distances, North Country Hospital, Newport. For info: kingdomegames.co.

Newport Centennial Celebration - Music, activities, vendors and more, Newport, Vermont. For info: newportrecreation.org.

8 a.m. - Woodsville 4th of July - parade and fireworks, Woodsville, New Hampshire. For info: cohase.org.

10 a.m. - Derby Parade, Derby, Vermont. For info: newportrecreation.org.

4 p.m. - Newport 4th of July - activities all afternoon plus fireworks at dusk,

Gardner Memorial Park. For info: newportrecreation.org.

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

Thursday, July 5

1 p.m. - Learn and Play Mah-Jong, Littleton Community Center. For info: littletonareachamber.com.

5:30 p.m. - ShoeFly Trail Run, PRKR Mountain Trails, Littleton. For info: shoefflytrailrun.org.

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - Black Suitcase Mystery: a local WWII airman and his family, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

Friday, July 6

3 p.m. - Forestry Tour, Northwoods Center. For info: northwoodscen.org.

6:30 p.m. - Sunset Paddle, Northwoods Center. For info: northwoodscen.org.

7:30 p.m. - *Stepmothers*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - Grasshopper Rebellion, Bread and Puppet Dirt Floor Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Devon Gilfillian - R&B musician, Bethlehem Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

Saturday, July 7

7 a.m. - Equine Extravaganza, Caledonia County Fairgrounds. For info: 802-535-7987.

8:30 a.m. - Franconia Old Home Day

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Crossing The Line

This Northeast Kingdom Cultural Institution Is One Of A Kind

BY PATRICK LOVETT
Staff Writer

A line of electrical tape runs diagonally across the floor of the Haskell Free Library and Opera House. It is thin and faded, barely provoking a second look from visitors as they pass through. Just outside, this line is strictly maintained and defended: Officers patrol beside it, agents check passports beyond it, and a steady stream of cars wait to pass through it to Canada.

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The Haskell Free Library and Opera House from the American side.

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The importance of the line, marking the U.S.-Canadian border, is muted inside the library. Visitors wander freely through aisles of books, travelling unchecked from the U.S. to Canada and back again in search of a place to read.

French and English are used interchangeably by staff, directing guests and suggesting reading material in both languages.

Upstairs, audience members gather for international shows; the performer may be from either country, and spectators watch the Canadian stage from American seats.

It is easy to lose track of the country you are standing in at any moment. That's the point though.

According to Library Director Nancy Rumery, the building was constructed to obscure the border, unifying and accommodating the communities on both sides of it.

For about 70 years, there was no tape on the floor. The division was barely defined. Members of Derby Line, Vermont and Stanstead, Quebec considered themselves one body.

"Recreation, leisure, and culture were all intertwined between these communities," said Rumery. "This is the last institution that maintains that connection."

The building is dual-purposed in multiple senses. It serves two languages, two nations, and two tastes: literature and performance art.

It offers a responsive book collection, meaning the library is up to date with popular material and connected to the inter-library loan system. Rumery said the library can order books from both Canada and the U.S.

In the opera house performances range from instrumental music, to drama, to actual opera. Musicians like the bluegrass group Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys can be heard playing any given summer night. Borderline Players, the residential theatre troupe, performs through-

out the year.

Haskell History

The library and opera house were gifted by Mrs. Martha Stewart Haskell in 1901 and constructed by 1904. Rumery said Haskell wanted to provide a cultural center for the international community she had grown up in.

"For those who lived here at that point in history, this really functioned as a single community," said Rumery. "It just happened to have this imaginary line drawn through it."

Haskell purposely positioned the building over the border to physically bridge Derby Line and Stanstead together. Four years after construction, building on the border was made illegal.

Not much has changed over time in the library and opera house. Besides tape and technology, few renovations have been made to the space.

The library is still furnished and ornamented with the original wood. According



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The borderline crosses though the library children's room. To the left of the line is Canada, with the United States on the right.

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An orchestra plays in the opera house.

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to Rumery, each room features a different type of wood because the Haskell were involved in the lumber industry. They decorated the building with a variety of species — some foreign — including cherry, birch, oak, and maple.

Rumery said the only renovations made to the opera house were for safety and accessibil-

ity. The seats, stage, and embellishments are all original.

The Haskell Free Library maintains its original mission, as well: To serve and enrich a single community, despite the border. The line is still imaginary inside. Staff and guests fix their attention elsewhere, on art and each other.

Those who want to visit the Haskell building or find more information about it may visit their website at www.haskellopera.com.

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Other museums, galleries & cultural institutions:

There are lots of museums, galleries and other cultural institutions in the area that are so great, they're not just for rainy days!

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Sounds Of Summer

Community Bands Provide Musical Link To Our History

BY PATRICK LOVETT
Staff Writer

St. Johnsbury's Main Street bears a bulk of the town's traffic during the day, as cars and people constantly travel the roadway, to jobs and on errands. Noise accompanies the traffic, a general buzz of activity. Come Monday evening, Main Street slows down. Traffic grows scarce and the buzz gives way to a different sound— brass horns and snare drums, winds and cymbals.

In a park next to the courthouse, a crowd gathers listening to the St. Johnsbury Town Band, just as they have for the last 188 years. The central location is fitting. The band is a community staple; it is a part of St. Johnsbury that connects citizens to their past and one another. It's a timeless resource for family-friend-

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The St. Johnsbury Band performs in an August 2016 concert at Courthouse Park.

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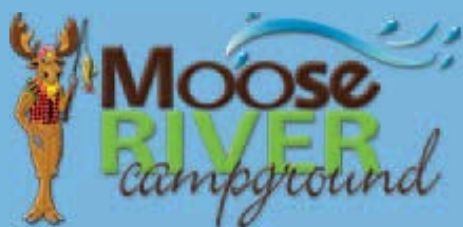
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Courthouse Park is on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Main Street. It is small, with flowers, several benches, and large trees scattered throughout. When I arrived, the audience had gathered on lawn chairs and grass, facing the band.

The musicians were assembled in the bandstand — a large gazebo, outfitted with chairs, music stands, and speakers. In the front, a green banner was hanging between an American and Vermont flag. It read, “St. Johnsbury Band 1830.”

The band was warming up, tuning their instruments, while members of the audience settled in. Nearby, a line was forming at the ice cream station where volunteers were setting up. Different local businesses sponsor the ice cream social every week. There are two flavors that vary from week to week; I overheard that one was rocky road so I jumped in line.

While I was enjoying the delicious concoction of chocolate, nuts, and marshmallows, the music started. They played a series of marches — songs with rolling drums and cyclical melodies. Less traditional music was also mixed in. Henry Mancini’s “Pink Panther Theme,” was a familiar tune for many, while several audience members sang along to Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline.” Each piece was preceded with description and followed by enthusiastic applause.

Members of the audience visited with one another during the concert. It appeared to be as much a social function as a performance. Mur-

mured conversation filled the space between songs and kids played tag behind the main seating area.

Underlying the performance — and every St. J Band performance — is a connection to the town’s heritage. The band prides itself on being the third oldest continually-performing band in the country. It has played in a number of venues across the northeast, for two presidents, and countless local residents.

Some of the most prominent attributes of Courthouse Park are Civil War-era fixtures; two cannons and a large memorial. They stand adjacent to the bandstand. Kids often sit and play on the cannons while listening to the performance.

In the 1860s, the band held performances to enlist men in the Union Army. Now they play next to a monument recognizing 80 citizen-soldiers lost. A seven-foot Italian marble statue sits on top of it, sculpted by Vermonter Larkin G. Mead. An inscription the monument reads, “In Honor of the St. Johnsbury Volunteers Who Sacrificed Their Lives in Defence of the Union.”

The band is made up of about 40 members, all volunteers, ranging from youth to 90 years old. They rehearse weekly, building a balanced set list of new music and historic pieces. Percussionist and Band Manager Dave Hare said they are lucky to have so many talented musicians.

Hare appreciates the connection that music creates between audience and performer. He said he enjoys when kids start to march around the bandstand to the music. He also said he appreciates the audience’s participation during the “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

“The last piece we play every concert is our National Anthem,” said Hare. “I find it person-

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The Lyndonville Military band plays at Bandstand Park in Lyndonville.



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ally very moving to look out into the audience and see so many people with their hands over their hearts and see their lips moving as we play it.”

According to Hare, his role in the band has gifted him with several rewarding experiences. He expects the same is true for those on the other side of the park.

“I think our summer concert series adds to the quality of life in St. Johnsbury,” said Hare. “It is a great way to spend a casual summer evening.”

Concerts typically run from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays from mid-June to mid-August. Similar town band experiences in the Northeast Kingdom may be found in Lyndonville’s Bandstand Park, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Newport’s Gardner Park, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

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The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series returns to Dog Mountain this summer with a line-up of 10 nationally-known artists at family and dog friendly concerts.

The Hills Are Alive

Free Summer Concert Series Returns To Dog Mountain

For the second year in a row, St. Johnsbury will play host to a series of free concerts featuring nationally-recognized artists, the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain.

“This year the genres are much more diverse and we have bands that are coming from different parts of the world,” said series producer, Molly Stone. “Last year we had such a good response to the diversity that this year it was easier to go outside the comfort zone.”

The ten-week series will bring an all-female mariachi band, a Scottish/Gaelic group, circus punk and more.

“We have bands that are fronted by women, fronted by women of color, fronted by different ethnicities,” said Stone. “We have two bands that have to get [U.S.] visas to be there.”

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“That’s part of the grant – you choose a space that you want to help revitalize,” explained Stone. “If you bring music to a center or a public space that’s being underused, things start to grow around it. That’s Levitt’s mission in a nutshell – to plant a seed. Music is that seed.”

Dog Mountain proved to be a perfect fit for that mission, and the series brought approximately 900 people per concert to the venue each week last summer.

The line-up for this year’s concerts is:

July 1: The 2018 Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series opens with soulful singer/songwriter Myra Flynn, compared by New England Deli Magazine to Ani DiFranco, Shawn Colvin, Rihanna, and Jill Scott. Known for downtempo grooves, her latest studio album marks a skillful foray into indie pop, with echoes of early Alabama Shakes and Janet Jackson.

July 8: Bella’s Bartok combines vaudevilian theatrics, street festival performance style, and Eastern European immigrant music for

a rowdy blend of electric rock, brass-infused funk, and pop music. Bella’s Bartok is a circus punk powerhouse featuring klezmer accordion riffs, urgent dance beats, and spectacular energy guaranteed to get you on your feet.

July 15: Austin-based indie darlings Ume (pronounced OOO-may) blend explosive rock and raw passion with a layer of cool sophistication. Breathlessly compared to Black Sabbath, PJ Harvey, and Sonic Youth, guitar-slaying frontwoman Lauren Larson and bandmates have been called “Austin’s best indie-rock trio” by The Independent.

July 22: Genuine Highlanders Albannach have taken the United States by storm. Their primal drumming, precision piping, and charismatic live performances stir souls and make Scotland proud. Founded in 2005, the band has released five CDs and a documentary (Scotumentary) and tours worldwide.

July 29: International fusionists Adaawe, named for the West African tradition of women gathering to sing in the moonlight, hail from five countries and are influenced by many more. Crafters of a musical kaleidoscope including gospel, Latin, jazz-funk, R&B, and reggae, Adaawe’s euphoric harmonies and exultant drumming enrapture audiences around the

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A large crowd fills the hillside at Dog Mountain for one of last year’s Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury concerts.

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August 5: Latin Grammy®-winning mariachi ensemble Flor de Toloache captivates mainstream and traditional ranchera music fans alike with their soaring vocal arrangements, keening trumpet, and intricate classical guitar work. A quartet of four women from diverse ethnic and musical backgrounds, Flor de Toloache is forging new paths for traditional Mexican music with virtuoso talent and irresistible crossover appeal.

August 12: Whiskey Shivers, known for tearing into their stringed instruments at breakneck speed, plays what the Washington Post calls, “apocalyptic Americana.” It’s “frenetic bluegrass,” reports NPR, “with a punk spirit.” Fiddle master and frontman Bobby Fitzgerald, always grinning, often barefoot, considers every audience part of the band. Whiskey Shivers isn’t just a performance; it’s a party.

August 26: Legend has it that a blistering Jackie Venson guitar solo knocked Pluto straight out of planetary existence. The Austin American Statesman credits her with an “astounding mix of raw soul, superb musicianship, and laidback grace,” earning comparisons to

Joss Stone, Amy Winehouse, and fellow Austin native Gary Clark, Jr. Originally a classical pianist, Jackie picked up a guitar shortly after graduating from Berklee College of Music and honed a gritty fervent sound that demands attention and deserves admiration.

September 2: Gaelic supergroup Dàimh (pronounced “dive”) are a five-piece, Scotland-based folk festival favorite known as much for achingly poignant ballads as thrilling pyrotechnic jigs. Infusing authentic Gaelic music with a modern edge and a magnificent range of expression, Dàimh is blazing a new trail and bringing traditional compositions to wider, more mainstream audiences.

September 9: Italy’s fascinating dichotomy of tradition and modernity come together in the music of Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino. The seven-piece band and dancer are leading a new wave of young performers re-inventing Southern Italy’s Pizzica musical and dance traditions for today’s global audience. Known also as “taranta,” referring to the fevered excitement endured by victims of spider bite, Pizzica music is passionate, mysterious, and conducive to trance. Froots magazine calls CGS “one of the best bands in the world at this moment, without a shred of doubt.”

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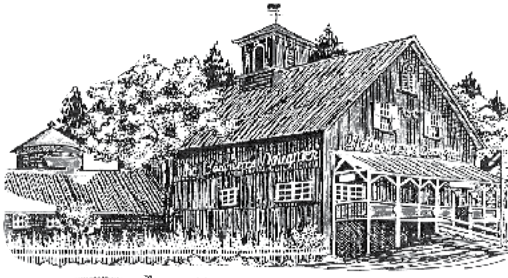
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BY PATRICK LOVETT
Staff Writer

The Clyde River is approximately 35 miles long, flowing northwest from Island Pond to Lake Memphremagog. It features swamps, farmland, rapids, and more, powering hydro-electric dams with its strong current.

In East Charleston, the river slows. If there is a current, it crawls along deep below the surface. Water lilies grow and wild-life gathers in the calm water— perched, floating, and standing throughout the wetland.

A dock sits there, bordered by a thick patch of pickerel weed and sedges, belonging to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center. The Center uses the dock to launch canoes for their Sunset Paddle. On an evening in mid-July, I joined in for the two-hour adventure.

Canoers look at an osprey during the NorthWoods Stewardship Center's Sunset Paddle in East Charleston.

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I gathered with other canoers at the Stewardship Center headquarters before heading to the water. Our tour guide, Conservation Science Specialist Meghann Carter, outfitted everyone with a life jacket and paddle according to size. After the group doused itself in bug spray, she led us down the Center's Gardner Path, speaking on various historical artifacts as we passed them. The trail primarily featured the stone foundations of old buildings, winding through forest to the water.

When we arrived at the dock, I took a step out to its edge and surveyed my surroundings. It was a landscape of long-stemmed flora — still, quiet, with the intermittent call of birds. Paddlers began to carry canoes to the dock, boarding them one by one.

Stepping into a canoe is precarious business. One foot off center, a little misplaced weight, and you could be in the water. I believe my last time in a canoe was the last time I tipped one. Luckily, Meghann knew how to keep me from taking an unwanted swim. She held the vessels steady while everyone cautiously lowered themselves in feet first.

After pushing off from the dock, paddlers had to negotiate their way through a winding path, bordered by pickerel. On the dock, Meghann had given pointers on steering and they were immediately put to the test. I only got stuck in the weed for a moment.

When we made it to a clearing, we headed eastward against the supposed current. It was easy paddling; the canoe glided



PHOTO BY PATRICK LOVETT

The sun sets on the Clyde River during a paddling trip.

through the water. After a few minutes, I spotted a canoe that had stopped ahead. They were looking at something close by in the water.

Slowing as I approached, I spotted a loon dive under. I came to a full stop and waited for it to reappear. It popped up about 15 feet away, seeming to hardly care it had visitors. When others caught up, we watched the loon dive again. Someone excitedly said they had seen a turtle. We proceeded up the river.

Water lilies grew in scattered plots in the wetlands. The specific genus, Nuphar, is defined by floating pads and solitary yellow flowers stemming from the river bed. Some were in full bloom, while others looked like they would open in a matter of days. The inside of the flower looks otherworldly, overloaded with tubular anthers.

Around a bend, canoes were waiting once again. It meant more wildlife. When I closed in, the paddlers pointed off into the distance toward a group of dead-looking trees. It took me

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A loon swims on the Clyde River during the North Woods Stewardship Center's Sunset Paddle.

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a while, but then I saw it: A large bowl of sticks on top of one of the trees; a nest. On a short branch just to the left, an osprey was perched. Several canoers said it appeared to be staring right back.

A prepared couple passed around the binoculars they'd packed. Those who hadn't initially seen the large bird of prey exclaimed upon finally spotting it. Its white breast and head made it stand out from the rest of its environment.

A paddler directed everyone's attention away from the osprey as another bird arrived. A great blue heron was floating by, its long skinny legs hanging below. The heron landed on the branch of a nearby tree. Fellow canoers spoke about how unusual it looked for the heron to be perched up so high. It almost looked like a vulture.

Meghann, wanting to ensure we would see the sunset, told us we ought to turn back. After rounding a bend into an opening, I faced the sun head on. It was drifting above the horizon, blackening the hills under its bright light. The sun ducked behind the hills while I neared the dock. I boarded without falling in, even in the dark.

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What to bring:

Bug spray (very important) • Warm clothes • Money (for registration) • Headlamp or flashlight (optional) • Binoculars (optional) • Sunglasses (optional) • Plastic bags to keep items dry

Area swimming holes:

There are lots of rivers, ponds, and swimming holes to cool off in this summer. Here's a list of some of our favorites.

Some of these have admission fees and/or a short hike.

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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 Route 232, Marshfield

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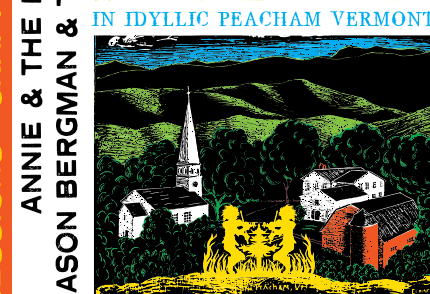
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10 a.m. - Burklyn Arts Summer Craft Fair - vendors, raffle, food, activities; rain or shine, Bandstand Park, Lyndonville. For info: 802-626-9631.

7:30 p.m. - *Stepmothers*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

8 p.m. - *Bubble & Squeak*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Sunday, July 8

7:30 a.m. - Clif Enduro Lite - four tracks at all levels, Kingdom Trails, East Burke. For info: kingdomtrails.org.

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - *Stepmothers*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

Monday, July 9

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

Tuesday, July 10

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

8 p.m. - *The Little Mermaid*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Wednesday, July 11

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The Foreigner*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Thursday, July 12

12 p.m. - Plein Air Painting Plus, Hardwick Street Café. For info: highlandartsvt.org.

7 p.m. - *Xanadu, Junior*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - Bobcats, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

8 p.m. - *The Foreigner*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Friday, July 13

7 p.m. - *Xanadu, Junior*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

7:30 p.m. - *Stepmothers*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - Grasshopper Rebellion, Bread and Puppet Dirt Floor Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The Little Mermaid*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Saturday, July 14

Georgeville or Bust 15-mile international swim, Newport. For info: kingdomgames.co.

4 a.m. - Vermont's Toughest Triathlon - 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run, Lake Willoughby. For info: ironcowboyracing.com.

8:45 a.m. - Ninja Mountain Biking Skills Clinic - fundamentals of off-roading, Kingdom Trails, East Burke. For info: kingdomtrails.org.

9 a.m. - Open house and yard sale, Charleston Historical Society, West Charleston, Vermont. For info: 802-723-

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10 a.m. - Antiques and Uniques Festival - rain or shine, Craftsbury Common. For info: AntiquesAndUniquesVT@gmail.com.

7 p.m. - *Xanadu, Junior*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

7:30 p.m. - *Stepmothers*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

8 p.m. - *Always...Patsy Cline*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Sunday, July 15

11 a.m. - Cohase Chamber Garden Tour. For info: cohase.org.

2 p.m. - *Xanadu, Junior*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - *Stepmothers*, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

4 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - 40th anniversary concert featuring Ben & Jerry, Maplewood Casino, Bethlehem. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

Monday, July 16

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

8 p.m. - *Always...Patsy Cline*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Tuesday, July 17

In Search of Memphre - 25-mile international swim, Lake Memphremagog. For info: kingdomgames.co.

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp Sing, Bread

and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The Foreigner*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Wednesday, July 18

In Search of Memphre, Lake Memphremagog, 25-mile international swim. For info: kingdomgames.co.

1 p.m. & 6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Circus Barn in Greensboro. For info: smirkus.org.

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The Little Mermaid*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Thursday, July 19

ShoeFly Trail Run, Kingdom Trails, East Burke. For info: shoe-fly-trail-run.org.

In Search of Memphre - 25-mile international swim, Lake Memphremagog. For info: kingdomgames.co.

1 p.m. - Learn and Play Mah-Jong, Littleton Community Center. For info: littletonareachamber.com.

1 p.m. & 6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus, Circus Barn in Greensboro. For info: smirkus.org.

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - The Connected Farm Buildings of New England, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

8 p.m. - *Always...Patsy Cline*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Friday, July 20

7:30 p.m. - Grasshopper Rebellion, Bread and Puppet Dirt Floor Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *The Foreigner*, Weather-

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vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Saturday, July 21

7:30 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - *Reverie & Exultation*, with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Sugar Hill Meeting House. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

8 p.m. - *The Little Mermaid*, Weatheravane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Sunday, July 22

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - *Reverie & Exultation*, with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Mountain View Grand Resort. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

Monday, July 23

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

8 p.m. - *Chicago*, Weatheravane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Tuesday, July 24

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

8 p.m. - *Chicago*, Weatheravane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Wednesday, July 25

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

7 p.m. - *Antony and Cleopatra*, St. Johnsbury Academy amphitheater, rain location in Morse Black Box. For info: jwarner-ashley@stjacademy.org.

8 p.m. - *The Foreigner*, Weatheravane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Thursday, July 26

7 p.m. - *In The Heights*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - New Hampshire Cemeteries and Grave-stones, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

8 p.m. - *The Little Mermaid*, Weatheravane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Friday, July 27

7 p.m. - *In The Heights*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

7 p.m. - *Antony and Cleopatra*, St. Johnsbury Academy amphitheater, rain location in Morse Black Box. For info: jwarner-ashley@stjacademy.org.

7:30 p.m. - Grasshopper Rebellion, Bread and Puppet Dirt Floor Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Always...Patsy Cline*, Weatheravane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Saturday, July 28

Kingdom Swim - multiple distances, Lake Memphremagog. For info: kingdomgames.co.

7 p.m. - *In The Heights*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

7 p.m. - *Antony and Cleopatra*, St. Johnsbury Academy amphitheater, rain location in Morse Black Box. For info: jwarner-ashley@stjacademy.org.

7:30 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - *West Side Story: Leonard Bernstein at 100* with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Sugar Hill Meeting House. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

8 p.m. - Dustbowl Revival - Bluegrass and soul, Bethlehem Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

8 p.m. - *Chicago*, Weatheravane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Sunday, July 29

2 p.m. - *In The Heights*, Vermont Children's Theater. For info: 802-626-5358.

7 p.m. - *Antony and Cleopatra*, St. Johnsbury Academy Morse Black Box. For info: jwarner-ashley@stjacademy.org.

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breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - *West Side Story: Leonard Bernstein at 100* with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Mountain View Grand Resort. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

Monday, July 30

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

8 p.m. - *The Foreigner*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Tuesday, July 31

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

8 p.m. - *Our Town*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

7 p.m. - Bretzfelder Park Series - Farm-to-table meal and music, Bretzfelder

Park, Bethlehem. For info: therocks.org.

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Our Town*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Thursday, Aug. 2

1 p.m. - Learn and Play Mah-Jong, Littleton Community Center. For info: littletonareachamber.com.

5:30 p.m. - ShoeFly Trail Run, TBA. For info: shoeftytrailrun.org.

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - Earth Heroes: A peregrine falcon, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

8 p.m. - *Chicago*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Friday, Aug. 3

9 a.m. - Conservation Corps Celebration, Northwoods Conservation Center. For info: ross@northwoodscenter.org.

7 p.m. - Art exhibit opening - Kathleen Brennan, 42 Maple, Bethlehem. For info: 42maple.org.

7:30 p.m. - Grasshopper Rebellion, Bread and Puppet Dirt Floor Theater. For

info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - Ranky Tanky - Music from Gullah culture, Bethlehem Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

8 p.m. - *Our Town*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Saturday, Aug. 4

12:00 p.m. - Summer Dog Party, Dog Mountain. For info: dogmt.com.

2 & 8 p.m. - *The Little Mermaid*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

7:30 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - *Vienna!* with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Sugar Hill Meeting House. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

Sunday, Aug. 5

10 a.m. - Vacation Bible School Carnival, Main Street St. Johnsbury. For info: 802-748-2603.

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - *Vienna!* with an informal lecture

one hour prior to concert, Mountain View Grand Resort. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

Monday, Aug. 6

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

8 p.m. - *The Little Mermaid*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

5 p.m. - Burke Independence Day - chairlift rides, food, activities, music, fireworks, Sherburne Base Lodge. For info: skiburke.com.

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

8 p.m. - *Our Town*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 8

6 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - gala auction, concert & feast, The Inn At Sunset Hill. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

7 p.m. - AnimalSounds - program by Squam Lakes Natural Science Center,

Bretzfelder Park, Bethlehem. For info: therocks.org.

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Chicago*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Thursday, Aug. 9

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - Black Bear Behavior, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

8 p.m. - Ladysmith Black Mambazo - 5-time Grammy winners, Bethlehem Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

8 p.m. - *Monty Python's Spamalot*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Friday, Aug. 10

7:30 p.m. - One-act plays, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - *Little Shop of Horrors*, Haskell Opera House. For info: qnek.com.

7:30 p.m. - Grasshopper Rebellion, Bread and Puppet Dirt Floor Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Our Town*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

After dark - Astronomy Extravaganza block party to watch and celebrate the Perseid Meteor Shower. For info: fairbanksmuseum.org.

Saturday, Aug. 11

Burke Bike N' Brew, Burke Mountain, Music, riding and sampling. For info: skiburke.com.

Swim The Kingdom Week - 5-mile swim, Crystal Lake State Park. For info: kingdomgames.co.

2 & 8 p.m. - *Chicago*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

7:30 p.m. - One-act plays, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - *The Glory of Versailles* with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Sugar Hill Meeting House. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

7:30 p.m. - *Little Shop of Horrors*, Haskell Opera House. For info: qnek.com.

Sunday, Aug. 12

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Swim The Kingdom Week - 4-mile swim, Island Pond. For info: kingdombgames.co.

2 p.m. - Little Shop of Horrors, Haskell Opera House, QNEK productions. For info: qnek.com. 4 p.m. - One-act plays performance, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - *The Glory of Versailles* with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Mountain View Grand Resort. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

Monday, Aug. 13

Swim The Kingdom Week - 9-mile swim, Lake Massawippi. For info: kingdombgames.co.

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

8 p.m. - *Our Town*, Weathervane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Swim The Kingdom Week - 10k swim, Lake Seymour. For info: kingdombgames.co.

7 p.m. - Shakespeare on screen, Catamount Arts, Romeo & Juliet. For info: catamountarts.org.

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

8 p.m. - *Monty Python's Spamalot*, Weathervane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Swim The Kingdom Week - 12k swim, Echo Lake, West Charleston. For info: kingdombgames.co.

7 p.m. - Bretzfelder Park Family Educational Series - Don't Take Rocks For Granite, Bretzfelder Park, Bethlehem. For info: therocks.org.

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Always...Patsy Cline*, Weathervane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Thursday, Aug. 16

ShoeFly Trail Run, Kingdom Trails, East Burke. For info: shoe-fly-trail-run.org.

Swim The Kingdom Week - 10k swim, Lake Memphremagog. For info: kingdombgames.co.

1 p.m. - Learn and Play Mah-Jong, Littleton Community Center. For info: littletonareachamber.com.

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - Hiking the Appalachian Trail, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

8 p.m. - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Weathervane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

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Friday, Aug. 17

All Day - Peacham Acoustic Music Festival, village of Peacham, Vermont. For info: pamfest.com.

7:30 p.m. - One-act plays, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

7:30 p.m. - *Little Shop of Horrors*, Haskell Opera House. For info: qnek.com.

7:30 p.m. - Grasshopper Rebellion, Bread and Puppet Dirt Floor Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Weathervane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

Saturday, Aug. 18

Swim The Kingdom Week - 5-mile swim, Lake Willoughby. For info: kingdombgames.co.

All Day - Peacham Acoustic Music Festival, village of Peacham, Vermont. For info: pamfest.com.

9 a.m. - New Hampshire Permaculture Day - workshops and demonstrations, Cite Ecologique, Colebrook. For info: nhpermacultureday.org.

2 & 8 p.m. - *Monty Python's Spamalot*, Weathervane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vvtheatreplayersnh.org.

7:30 p.m. - One-act plays, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

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7:30 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - 40th anniversary finale with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Sugar Hill Meeting House. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.
7:30 p.m. - *Little Shop of Horrors*, Haskell Opera House. For info: qnek.com.
8 p.m. - Alex Smith Concert, The Music Box. For info: themusicboxcraftsbury.org.

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Sunday, Aug. 19

Swim The Kingdom Week - 3 and 1.5 mile swims, Caspian Lake. For info: kingdombgames.co.

9 a.m. - Tender Charity 5K, Littleton Industrial Park. For info: facebook.com/Tender5K.

10 a.m. - Cohase Chamber Farm Tour. For info: cohase.org.

1 p.m. & 6 p.m. - Circus Smirkus,

Circus Barn in Greensboro. For info: smirkus.org.

2 p.m. - *Little Shop of Horrors*, Haskell Opera House. For info: qnek.com.

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

4 p.m. - One-act plays, Old Church Theater, Bradford. For info: oldchurchtheater.org.

4 p.m. - White Mountains Music Festival - 40th anniversary finale with an informal lecture one hour prior to concert, Mountain View Grand Resort. For info: northcountrychamberplayers.org.

Monday, Aug. 20

8 p.m. - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 21

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

8 p.m. - *Chicago*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

7 p.m. - Bretzfelder Park Family Educational Series - The Trees of Bretzfelder Park, Bretzfelder Park, Bethlehem. For info: therocks.org.

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Thursday, Aug. 23

7 p.m. - Weeks State Park Series - 35th Anniversary of Weeks State Park Association, Weeks State Park summit lodge. For info: 603-466-3145.

8 p.m. - *Monty Python's Spamalot*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

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Friday, Aug. 24

7:30 p.m. - Grasshopper Rebellion, Bread and Puppet Dirt Floor Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Always...Patsy Cline*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Saturday, Aug. 25

2 & 8 p.m. - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Sunday, Aug. 26

3 p.m. - Dirt Floor Theater Program, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

Monday, Aug. 27

6 p.m. - Crafts-bury Saplings Community Dinner - family friendly food and activities, East Crafts-bury Presbyterian Church. For info: townofcraftsbury.com.

8 p.m. - *Monty Python's Spamalot*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

7 p.m. - Shakespeare on screen - *Romeo & Juliet*, Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.org.

7:30 p.m. - Sacred Harp Sing, Bread

and Puppet Paper Mache Cathedral. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

7 p.m. - Pine Forest Memorials, Bread and Puppet Theater. For info: breadandpuppet.org.

8 p.m. - *Our Town*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Thursday, Aug. 30

5:30 p.m. - ShoeFly Trail Run, TBA. For info: shoe-flytrailrun.org.

8 p.m. - *Always...Patsy Cline*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Friday, Aug. 31

8 p.m. - *Chicago*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Saturday, Sept. 1

2 & 8 p.m. - *Best of 2018*, Weather-vane Theatre, Whitefield, New Hampshire. For info: vwtheatreplayersnh.org.

Sunday, Sept. 2

8 p.m. - Shovels & Rope - American folk duo, Bethlehem Colonial Theatre. For info: bethlehemcolonialtheatre.org.

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