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And while the region is filled with exciting outdoor activities for winter time, this year there's something that might be keep you indoors a little more than usual: watching the 2014 Winter Olympics.

There are a number of locals vying for spots in the Olympic games, a few of whom are profiled in these pages. They grew up skiing the local mountains, running and biking the local trails, and eating at the local restaurants.

Here's a suggestion: watch the games to get inspired by the pure talent and ambition then head out to the trails that they learned and trained on.

For those times when you'd rather stay inside, there is also information on some of the amazing cultural and relaxation opportunities.

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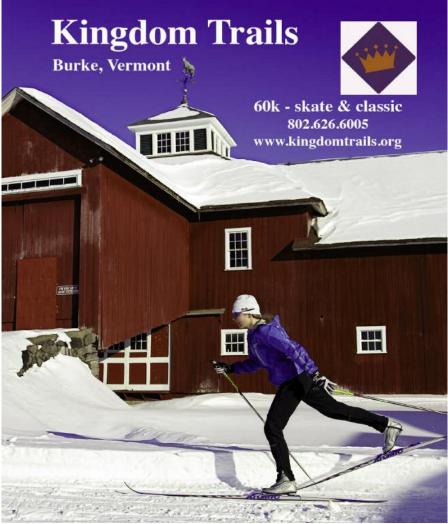
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tute cross-country skier competes during the 2012-2013 season.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PAT MCCAFFREY **LEFT**: A snowbiker races on Kingdom Trail's new snowbiking trails.

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Nordic Skiing & Snow Biking

In the woods of northern Vermont great way to get out in the winter. and New Hampshire are some of the most prized cross-country ski trails in the nation. They are some of the jewels that make up the crown of the Northeast Kingdom.

Kingdom Trails Association

Kingdom Trails Association in East Burke is best known for its extensive mountain biking system that attracts tens of thousands of bikers each summer. But come winter, the trails are quieter - and best of all, they're groomed for the winter enthusiast.

"It's a true gem," said Tim Tierney, the executive director of Kingdom Trails. "It's a

There are no snowmobiles on our trails because we don't share any trails with VAST. The only engines on our trails are on the groomers that we run at night."

The trail system that KTA maintains was created through the

generosity of landowners who gave permission for trails to cross their land. They also partner with Burke Mountain to provide Nordic skiing and snowshoeing in conjunction with Burke's downhill operation.

"It's a great combination for a couple that might have younger kids," said Tierney. "A spouse can bring the younger kids here while the other spouse goes up to Burke Mountain.



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Bikers race on the Kingdom Trails' snow bike trails last year.

Or they can do a dual weekend where they both go to the mountain one day and to us the next day. People want the whole winter experience, and we provide it."

The trail system is a mix of groomed and ungroomed trails, leaving it to the skier to decide the type of terrain they like best. "The unmaintained trails are well-marked," said Tierney, "for people who want a back-country experience in the wilderness."

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Hank and Jane Butler are two regulars who have had many good experiences on the trails.











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"On some trails there's a feeling of remoteness that's quite exceptional," said Hank. "You really don't hear anything out there. No road noises. Mostly it's a feeling that you're doing a wilderness ski."

Jane agreed, "Even if there's going to be a high volume of activity at the center, in five or ten minutes when you get out on the trails, you feel like you're alone in the Vermont woods in the middle of the winter. It's very serene."

Best of all, you can get a year-long pass that includes both winter and summer use of the Kingdom Trails system for less than the price of taking the family downhill skiing

All trails are open to both cross-country skiers and snowshoers. Snowshoers are asked to stay to the outside of the trails. KTA does not provide rental equipment.

Snow Biking

New in the last couple years at Kingdom Trails is the opening of a selection of trails to winter mountain biking. The winter bikes, also known as "fat" bikes due to their 4-inch wide tires, are becoming more popular at the center.

"Within the bike industry it's well known that that's a segment that's becoming really popular," said Operations Manager Lilias Ide. She said the bikes look like so much fun that people with no mountain biking experience see them at the center and immediately want to try them.

Because it's a fairly new sport in this area, most people don't yet own a winter bike frame. Ide said that the local sports shops have rentals available, and Kingdom Trails is contemplating having a fleet of bikes for rent at the Darling Hill location (a final decision had not been made at press time.)

The trails available for snow biking are posted on a day-by-day basis because the activity is even more condition-dependent than most.

"Ideal conditions are temps below freezing and settled, hard packed snow," explained Ide, saying that the last few seasons have seen a lot of those conditions. "When the temp rises and snow softens, it is too soft ride. So, to sum it up, when the skiing is good, the



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biking is usually not good. When the skiing is bad, the biking is usually good!

This year they're planning a big winter bike event party on March 1 that will include big group rides, refreshments, fat bike demos and more. There will also be an enduro-style race.

New Hampshire Trails

On the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut River, the Franconia and Sugar Hill areas are filled with crosscountry and snowshoe trails.

The biggest trail system is maintained by the Franconia Inn and gives you access to 65 km of trails that also back up to

groomed and a pass is required for access. Another option is the Sunset Hill Nordic Center in Sugar Hill with 30 km of trails. The trails are groomed and a pass is required for

Kim Cowles, Park and Recreation Director in Franconia, also recommends the Lafayette Ski Trails with access off exit 36 from I-93 between Routes 141 and 18. "It's White Mountain forest land that's dog friendly and beautiful scenery."



other inns in the area. The trails are Wipeouts aren't always serene but they are a thrilling part of races at Kingdom Trails.

Nordic trails around the area

*** VERMONT ***

Beaver Brook Farm Ski Trails www.bbftrails.com - Marshfield

Catamount Trail Association www.catamounttrail.org- ski Vermont from end to end beginning near Jay Peak

Craftsbury Nordic Center - www.crafts-

bury.com and click "XC-Skiing" – Craftsbury Hazen's Notch Association - www.hazensnotch.org – Montgomery

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Highland Lodge Ski Touring Center www.highlandlodge.com and click "Highland Lodge Seasons" - Greensboro

Memphremagog Ski Touring Foundation – www.mstf.net and click "Trail Groom-

ing Report" or "Trail Map" Derby/Newport

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Bretton Woods Nordic Center www.brettonwoods.com and click "Nordic" - Bretton Woods

Franconia Cross Country Ski Center – www.franconiainn.com, click "Activities" then "X-C Ski Center"-Franconia

Franconia Notch Recreation Trail -Access the 9 mile path from the northern or southern end of Franconia Notch fair warning, this is a popular trail for snowmobilers

Rocks Estate – www.therocks.org and click "Trails" - Bethlehem

Sunset Hill House - www.sunsethillhouse.com and click "Activities and Amenities" - Sugar Hill

Also check out the snowmobile trails and corridors in New Hampshire. Skiers are allowed on the trails but snowmobilers have the right of way (and you can hear them better than they can see you!)

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Curling At The Cross Border Club

There aren't a lot of sports that one every winter. can still play at age 87, let alone still be a valued competitor even after losary a stone's throw from the Stanstead/Beebe border crossing and ing the majority of one's eyesight.

Curling is that sport.

If you're like most Americans, chances are good that you associate the word "curling" with hot irons meant for the hair, unless perhaps it's a Winter Olympics year and curling is being broadcast between the hockey games and skiing events.

But for a group of enthusiasts at the border of Derby, Vt., and Stanstead, Quebec, curling is a sport that's meant to be enjoyed all winter,

attracts players from both Canada and the United States. It is a fully bilingual club, where French speakers and English speakers will be equally comfortable.

Curling has a higher profile in Canada than in the United States, so our area benefits from our proximity to the border in terms of having a club so easily accessible.



Curler Suzanne Nault throws a stone on the Border Curling Club's ice in Stanstead, QC.

The game

A match is played on a long, narrow strip of ice. The Stanstead club has two set up sideby-side so two matches can happen simulta-

There is a scoring circle at each end of the strip that looks akin to a bull's-eye. Each team slides their stones down the rink in an effort to hit the center of the bull's-eye. The goal is to

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have your team's stones closer to the center than the other team's.

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The stones weigh about 40 pounds and have a handle that the curler grips for throwing. The term "curling" comes from the arcs of motion that the stone makes while gliding across the ice.

The ice is carefully cleaned and shaved, according to club president Rudy Koteles, because "there's always a tendency for the scum to rise to the top." Then the ice is misted with water droplets to create a "pebbling" effect that lifts the stone fractionally off the surface of the ice and allows it to glide more easily.

Once a player has released - or "thrown" - two players use brooms to sweep the ice in front of the stone, clearing away impurities from the ice to help it land in its desired location.

Players can wear clean running shoes on the ice, but the experienced curlers wear shoes with a Teflon sole that allow them to glide across the ice smoothly. "They're usually insulated because, although it's warm outside, in here it's usually about 40 degrees," said Koteles.

Suzanne Nault plays here two or three times a week and she enjoys both the mind and body aspects of the game. "It's an interesting sport for the cardio when you sweep, and then the strategy of trying to get the rock where it's supposed to go." Nault said that

she learned the basics of the game easilv within one season.

More than a game

In talking with curlers, though, it quickly becomes apparent that the game is about more than stones and brooms and Teflon shoes for

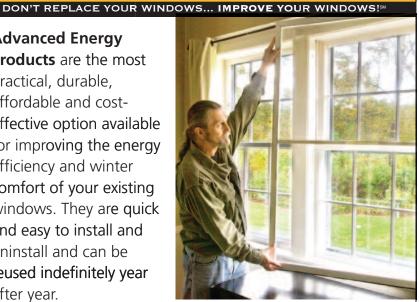
"It's very interesting for the social and community aspect," said Nault.

Community sociability is built right into the fabric of the sport. After each game the winning team buys the losing team a beverage and they sit and chat together with the member in their same position on the opposing team.

"You get to meet a lot of people," said membership coordinator and long-time curler Don Patterson. "You join a curling club and you'll get to know 100, 125 people even if you don't leave the club."



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LEFT: Gail Lynch demonstrates using a curling stick.

RIGHT: Rudy Koteles and Gail Lynch sweep the ice to guide a stone.

All ages welcome

That 87-year-old curler who has lost most of his sight isn't a mythic story. He is a member of the Border Curling Club. According to Patterson, the gentleman began losing his sight two years ago and rather than give up the sport, his team members use flashlights to show him where to throw the stones. According to Patterson, the gentleman is still remarkably accurate in his gameplay.

"He just aims for the light that he sees," said Patterson. "It's a lifetime sport, for sure."

There are other ways that curlers make the sport attractive

for people of all ages and fitness levels.

The classic curling throw involves a deep lunge and slide across the ice, but even people with bad knees can play using a curling stick to deliver the stone across the ice. The stick even makes it possible for people in wheelchairs to compete as curlers.

Olympic excitement

With the Olympics shining a light on curling this winter, the club is prepared to run extra clinics for brand-new curlers this winter. During Olympic coverage in Canada, the television network will provide information on participating clubs, in-

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cluding the Border Curling Club, and they hope that will drum up even more interest in their beloved sport.

The club has seven certified trainers, along with a wealth of long-time players who are willing to help. "Some of us are pretty observant and would be able to notice what is wrong with their approach," said Koteles. "We could spend extra time with them. We have time to give them extra lessons."

Patterson is invested in helping newbies to learn well from the get-go. "The idea is to teach them the right way," he said. "Take these steps to learn the right technique, because you appreciate the game better when you're able to make the shots that you're asked to make."

And, of course, the members of the club will gather around a big-screen TV to watch the Olympians delivering their shots during the curling competitions come February.

For a listing of the club's leagues and events, visit www.bordercurling.com.

Area skating opportunities

*** VERMONT ***

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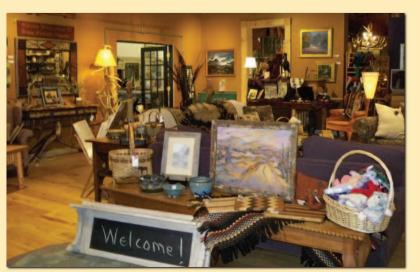
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snowmobiles. Every part of the activity - from purchasing old machines, to tuning them up, to getting out on the track and racing – seems to capture his imagination.

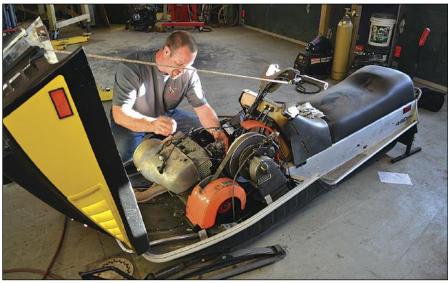
"The first year I went out, I barely had the thing running, but I was smiling ear to ear," Landry said.

He's referring to his first race seven years ago in Pittsburg, N.H. His snowmobile group, the Pittsburg Ridge Runners, were looking for a new way to raise money for their club and are four races through the winter and riders

Keith Landry's face lights up when had heard about other groups that ran suche's talking about racing antique cessful vintage snowmobile races. Their club decided to give it a try and an annual series was born.

> "The antiques are slower," Landry said of the difference between older models and today's sleek machines. "They're a lot narrower so they're a lot tippier. The suspension isn't there. ... They're a lot harder to ride, but you're not going as fast."

> Now the Pittsburg club hosts the Great North Woods Vintage Series each year. There



Keith Landry tunes up his antique snowmobile prior to the first race of the season.

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we're not offering cash prizes," Landry explained. "We figure with cash it brings more competitive people."

In fact, another New Hampshire club attended the Pittsburg events last year and were surprised at the fun environment. "They couldn't believe at the end of our races that the guys were shaking each other's hands and just having a good time with each other," he said. "They said that back in the day when there was manufacturers behind it and big money, they said there was fights. Most of these guys are here to have fun."

Tuning up

Landry said that he usually chooses one aspect to improve in his racing each season. "This year we're probably going to be working a little more on the clutching aspect – to get my clutching just right for more tracks," he said. "You know in



Snowmobilers compete on their antique snowmobiles during the 2012-13 season.

more about the clutching and you can ad- be warm that weekend, you can adjust

the past we've played with it a little bit just that to different tracks. You can learn and got it okay, but you start learning how to change it if you know it's going to

your clutching for warmer weather so it doesn't spin as much taking off, or it spins more, or whatever."

When the club first started racing, a group from Maine came to support them. The Mainers had already been racing for a few years and had learned some tricks of the trade. "Those guys used to come over and we used to swear they were cheating. They were just passing us and we were like, what's going on?"

But now Landry feels like he's catching up, especially now that he's learned about adjusting his carburetors. "There's jets in the carburetors and on different days, air density and temperature and everything makes a big difference," he said. He used to adjust his carburetors the night be-

fore the race and assume that was enough. "I'd show up the next day to the race and









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just go and however the sled ran, it ran. Well some of the guys that kind of knew things because they had raced in some kind of races before, they'd get there in the morning and they'd be playing with their jets and getting things all done and I said, how much of a difference can it make? Well, it makes a *big* difference."

Lots of racing

Landry said that in New Hampshire alone it's possible to race in a vintage snowmobile race almost every weekend. That includes the Pittsburg series and a race in Lisbon, N.H., as well as races further south. Because the track is visible at all times, he said it's also a great spectator sport.

To help overcome the intimidation factor that newcomers can feel, the Pittsburg group has started a racing class specifically for novices. "This is a class of fresh people that aren't necessarily competitive," Landry said. "They can come in and just have fun and get their feet wet and see if they want to go any further."

In fact, Landry is having so much fun and has gotten so involved with the antique races that he and his wife sold their newer snowmobiles last year. He said they'll probably get some again in the future, "but right now there's no time."

Great North Woods Vintage Series racing schedule

Pittsburg, N.H. - Jan. 11, 2014 Colebrook, N.H. - Feb. 8, 2014 Errol, N.H. - Feb. 22, 2014 Pittsburg, N.H. - March 15, 2014

For more information on these races visit www.thegreatnorthwoodssnowmobilerace.com

There are numerous snowmobile clubs around New Hampshire and Vermont. To find one close to you, visit the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association at www.nhsa.com or the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers at www.vtvast.org.





Things To Do

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12:55 p.m. - The Nose at Catamount Arts. The Metropolitan Opera. For catamountarts.com.

1 p.m. - Music Jam at Robert E. Clifford Building in Woodsville, N.H. For info: 603-353-

6:30 p.m. - 50 Hikes North of the White Mountains at Northwoods Stewardship Center. For info: northwoodscenter.org.

7 p.m. - The Hungry Heart screening at Tom Bresslen Community Center, Lyndonville. Tickthe at door. For thehungryheartmovie.org.

8 p.m. - Halloween Party at Burke Mountain. With Dean Machine. For info: skiburke.com.

Sunday, Nov. 3

10 a.m. - NH Open Doors at The Rocks Estate. Artists, craftspeople, cultural organizations and more. For info: TheRocks.org.

1 p.m. - Dessert Auction at American Legion Post #30 in Lyndon. The public is welcome. For info: Cheryl Giguere at 626-3357.

2 p.m. – Growing Up In Newbury at Tenney Memorial Library in Newbury, Vt. Part of Newbury's 250th anniversary. For info: cohase.org.

3 p.m. – Apres Foliage Fest at the Rabbit Hill Inn. Presented by the Davies Memorial Library. For info: www.rabbithillinn.com.

3 p.m. - Northeast Kingdom Classical Series at South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. 25th anniversary celebration concert. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - The Hungry Heart screening at Hazen Union School. Tickets at the door. For info: thehungryheartmovie.org.

Monday, Nov. 4

6:30 p.m. – First Monday Movie Series at The Colatina Exit in Bradford. For info: cohase.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

1:30 p.m. - Catamount Community Cinema at Catamount Arts. Bye Bye Birdie. For info: catamountarts.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

1 p.m. - Osher Lecture at Hebard State Office Building. The Celtic Harp with Chris Nicotera. For info: learn.uvm.edu.

7 p.m. - First Wednesdays at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. Women's equality around the glove, U.S. and Vermont. For

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7 p.m. - First Wednesdays at Goodrich Memorial Library. Stark Decency: German POWs in a New England Village. For info: Library at 334-

Thursday, Nov. 7

1:30 p.m. - Osher Lecture at Catamount Arts. Understanding the Vermont Eugenics Survey. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - 50th Anniversary Gala at Catamount Arts. National Theatre of Great Britain. For info: catamountarts.com.

Saturday, Nov. 9

8 a.m. - Ski Swap at Franconia Lafayette Regional School. Buy or sell new or used ski equipment and clothing. For franconiaskiclub.com.

12:55 p.m. - Tosca at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

1 p.m. - Newport Area Community Orchestra at Goodrich Memorial Library. Fall concert. For info: MAC Center for the Arts at 334-1966.

3 p.m. - Summer N' Brew Fest at Cannon Mountain Base Lodge. Samples, raffles, live music and more. For info: cannonmt.com.

7:30 p.m. - Christine Lavin and Don White at Alumni Hall, Haverhill, NH. a comedy concert. For info: alumnihall.org.

7:30 p.m. – The Modern Grass Quintet at The Music Box. Seasoned bluegrass veterans. For info: themusicboxvt.org.

Sunday, Nov. 10

12:55 p.m. - Tosca at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

Monday, Nov. 11

11 a.m. - Veterans' Day Ceremony in Lyndonville Veterans Park. For info: Cheryl Giguere at 626-3357.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

7 p.m. - The Habit of Art at Catamount Arts. National Theatre Live. For info: catamountarts.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

1 p.m. - Osher Lecture at Hebard State Office Building. The Fenian Raids during the Civil War with Jim Manson. For info: learn.uvm.edu.

7 p.m. - "Counting on Birds" screening and discussion at Littleton Opera House. Panelists



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1:30 p.m. - Osher Lecture at Catamount Arts. Poems by Robert Frost. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - 50th Anniversary Gala at Catamount Arts. National Theatre of Great Britain. For info: catamountarts.com.

Friday, Nov. 15

Mountainfilm World Tour at Omni Mt. Washington Hotel. Selection of films from the Teluride Film Festival. For info: brettonwoods.com.

5 p.m. - Chili cookoff at Grace Church in St. Johnsbury. For info: Janssen Willhoit at 431-

Saturday, Nov. 16

Mountainfilm World Tour at Omni Mt. Washington Hotel. Selection of films from the Teluride Film Festival. For info: brettonwoods.com.

Field Day Supper and Dance at Robert E. Clifford Building in Woodsville, N.H. Part of Newbury's 250th anniversary. For celebrate250.org.

9 a.m. - Christmas bazaar at the Bath Congregational Church in Bath, N.H. Featuring corn chowder luncheon. For info: Virginia Englert at 603-747-3472.

9 a.m. - Holiday bazaar at North Danville Baptist Church. Crafts, food, cooks, jewelry, raffles and more. For info: Liz at 748-1456.

9 a.m. - Lyndon Outing Club Holiday Bazaar at Lyndon Outing Club. Local vendors, great gifts. For info: Paul Ward at 748-3636.

9 a.m. - Guiding the Future of a Multi-Aged

sentation by Allen Yale. For info: northwoodscenter.org.

9 a.m. - Christmas Bazaar at American Legion Post #30 in Lyndon. For info: Karen at 535-5563.

9 a.m. - Christmas in the Country Craft Show at North Danville School. For info: Elizabeth Ferraro at 748-5123.

10 a.m. - Family Fun at Fairbanks Museum. "Talking Turkey!". For info: fairbanksmu-

10:30 a.m. - Green (Eco) Santa at The Rocks Estate. Seedlings for children and photographs with Santa. For info: TheRocks.org.

5 p.m. - Hunter's Supper & Bake Sale at Granby Town Hall. To benefit the Granby-Victory Congregational Church.

6 p.m. - Catamount Art Benefit Auction at Catamount Arts Center. Silent and live auctions. For info: catamountarts.org/auction-items

6 p.m. - Meat Raffle at American Legion Post #30 in Lyndon. For info: 748-9862.

7 p.m. - Kingdom Coffeehouse at Northwoods Stewardship Center. Performance by Wind That Shakes The Barley. For info: northwoodscenter.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

1:30 p.m. - Catamount Community Cinema at Catamount Arts. Lost Horizon. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - Spartacus at Catamount Arts. Bolshoi Ballet. For info: catamountarts.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

1 p.m. - Osher Lecture at Hebard State Office Building. Monumental Collaborative Sculpture with Jim Benson. For info: learn.uvm.edu.

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Old is New

Written By Robert Blechl

Reviving A Community Ski Hill

decades of lying dormant, the Mt. Eustis Ski Tow in Littleton, N.H. is set to have its slopes reopened for skiers and local school ski programs after Jan. 1, 2014.

The town of Littleton, which will lease the 33-acre property to the nonprofit Mt. Eustis Ski Hill Group for \$1 a year, is set to enter into a threeyear lease beginning Oct. 1.

With the operation run by volunteers and funded through donations, the goal is to keep the ski hill func-

After more than two tioning year to year with minimal taxpayer impact to provide affordable skiing and snowboarding to area residents, families, youth, after school and local youth ski programs.

"We want everyone to benefit," said Dave Harkless of Littleton Bike and Fitness during a public hearing in September.

The plan now is to clear the existing slope and cut another ski trail, said Harkless, who will co-manage the operation with Geoffrey Lopus.

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Mt. Eustis in the "old days" attracted a large crowd of local skiers. The Mt. Eustis Ski Hill Group hopes to see the hill buzzing with activity again early in 2014.





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A youngster soars off the ski jump

at Mt. Eustis years ago.

The Mt. Eustis Ski Tow functioned as a ski slope from 1939 to the late 1970s, according to the New England Lost Ski Areas Project.

It had a 1,600-foot rope tow as well as a ski school and snack bar.

Area towns and local businesses are helping out to revive the hill.

The 1,300-foot gas engine-powered rope tow, once used for Lisbon's rope tow, is currently being rehabilitated by automotive technologies students at Littleton High School.

The building for a warming hut, which will connect to the parking lot, will be donated by The Home Depot.

The snowmobile trail that currently cuts across the ski hill will be rerouted with funding from a New Hampshire Trail Bureau grant awarded in April.

Once up and running, a proposed schedule includes high school team training Tuesday afternoons, local school ski program Wednesday afternoons, open skiing Thursday and Friday afternoon, and more open skiing on weekends.

The current plan also includes lighting for evening hours for the main slope with lighting for the second slope installed at a later date.

The parking lot, which will be graded, can accommodate 20 vehicles with room near the base of the rope tow for five more vehicles.

In addition to Harkless and Lopus, Ron Lahout, Herb Lahout and Christopher Hubble will also help run daily operations.

"There will at least be one of us on the slope when it is open," said Harkless.

All staff will be part of a volunteer crew

trained in ski area operations, safety and first

Harkless said every effort will be made to conform to Americans With Disabilities Act regulations and said Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country has expressed an interest in offering services for disabled

skiers.

The suggested donation to ski is \$5, but Harkless said no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

"I would like to see the Mt. Eustis Ski Hill run like the Boys and Girls Club," he said. "It helps the town but is not run by the town."

During town meeting in March, voters overwhelmingly approved the lease of Mt. Eustis to the Mt. Eustis Ski Hill Group.

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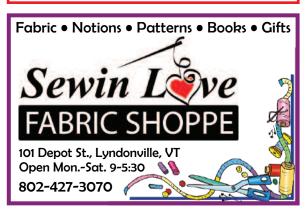
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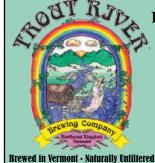
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Olympic Hopefuls In Craftsbury



Pepa Miloucheva is someone you don't expect to meet while wandering the back roads of Craftsbury.

First, she doesn't sound like a typical Vermonter – her voice holds a strong accent from her native Bulgaria. Second, she's a former World Champion ski racer and now she's training Olympic and elite athletes on those same back roads in Craftsbury.

Miloucheva is the Director of Competitive Skiing at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, an organization that opens its trails to beginners, weekend adventurers, and elite athletes alike.

Coming to America

After becoming a world champion in long-distance skiing in 1994 and graduating from a Bulgarian sports university in 1996, she said, "I needed to just get away. I didn't want to race anymore." She came to Vermont to visit friends and fell in love with the area.

For several years she split her time half and half between Craftsbury and Bulgaria. That was when the stars began to align to create something really special.

"When I came here, I was still just skiing out there, and then the parents approached me," she explained. "Like Ida [Sargent]'s parents and Susan [Dunklee]'s parents and Hannah [Dreissigacker]'s parents. They wanted somebody to go with their kids and that's how the Craftsbury Nordic started."

According to Miloucheva, those three young women are now all in serious contention for slots on their respective U.S. Olympic teams. "They're already on the national teams," she said. "If they are healthy and everything goes well, they should be on the team."

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Evolution of a mission

From those early days, the group in Craftsbury has grown and evolved to its current structure: the Craftsbury Outdoor Center is a non-profit that supports the elite athletes of the Green Racing Project. The GRP represents cross-country skiers and biathletes, and also recently added scullers to the roster.

But the COC doesn't just focus on the best of the best, said Miloucheva. "As much as we have the elite athletes, at the same time we have a lot of things that we're improving here for just recreational skiing. People can come and be very affordable to go and ski and not spend tons of money."

The COC also has a broader mission toward using and teaching sustainable practices around the area; protecting the surrounding lake, land and trails; and promoting lifelong sports for all ages and ability levels.

The application to be part of the Green Racing Project says that team members carry two responsibilities: "One part of the 'job' will be training effectively and skiing your fastest; the other part will be making a meaningful contribution to the Outdoor Center and the broader community."

Opportunities for all abilities

The fact that you might meet an Olympic athlete on the trails shouldn't intimidate you from utilizing the trails and facilities available at the COC.

"People need to understand that there is a place for all levels," Miloucheva said. "All levels, anything related to cross country skiing and rowing and biathlon. We have them here."

They groom approximately 80 kilometers of trails during the winter and have a snow-making system for the early part of the season when Mother Nature can be temperamental."Our staff is incredible, our maintenance and groomers. They know what is going on and they make it happen so we can just go out and ski," said Miloucheva. "It is beautiful, in winter especially."

For the first-time visitor, Miloucheva suggests visiting the center's office first to get a trail map and guidance in choosing routes appropriate to their skill level.

A new building is under construction that will include a large gym plus rooms for classes and training, as well as a lodge where people can rent skis and get food.

Everyone has different goals

Sargent, Dunklee and Dreissigacker will get a lot of extra attention from the press this winter, but they aren't the whole story. They are the most visible part of a much deeper team.

"These guys, they've already been through the elite training for two or three years and naturally they are on the national team now and they can go to the Olympics," Miloucheva said. "The other athletes, they're pretty young. We have athletes that just graduated, this is their first year they're starting to train full time, so they have a little bit different goals. ... The important thing is that they can accomplish the goals they have for them. It's just not realistic to think that everybody from Craftsbury will go to the Olympics this year but they're still in their early 20s and we hope a lot of them will in the next Olympics. And that's the goal for this program for most of our athletes, is to keep training and to get them on the team for the next Olympics." *



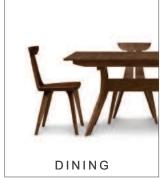
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Hannah Dreissigacker, a member of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center ski program, is one of the locals who has high Olympic hopes.



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The Long Haulen Carey

Portrait Of A Craftsbury Athlete

ranks. Last year she moved into the "red group," the top 30 cross-country sprinters in the world. "I'm somewhere in the top 20 or 25 of those," she says in a very calm voice.

At age 25, she's still got time on her side. Unlike some other sports that get top billing at the Winter Olympics, like figure skating where 25 is ancient, Sargent is still on the young side as a competitive cross-country skier. "Endurance athletes don't usually hit their peak until after 30," she said. "A

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Ida Sargent is rising in the lot of the women that I'm racing against, quite a few of the top women are 30 or older."

Growing up on local trails

Sargent grew up in Barton and spent a lot of time on the trails in Craftsbury with her family. "I started skiing about a soon as I could walk," she said. "We're a family of Nordic skiers, and since we live only about 20 or 25 minutes away from the Outdoor Center, we used to come here to ski when we were little kids, so I grew up skiing



Ida Sargent trains with the U.S. Ski Team.

with the Craftsbury Outdoor Ski Club."

She was just 8 years old when she began training with Pepa Miloucheva, who is now the director of competitive skiing at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Seventeen years later, Miloucheva is still her coach and Craftsbury is still her training home.

Sargent has stayed local throughout her training and career, going to high school at Burke Mountain Academy and college at Dartmouth. "And now I'm back here, so it's kind of like coming full circle."

The competitive season

Sargent races in both distance and





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sprint Nordic events. "I usually do a little better in the sprint, but I like both," she said. "5 and 6k are stronger events for me than the longer stuff, but it's good to do all of it and become more all-around, and just faster."

As a member of the United States Ski Team, she spends the winter in Europe racing on the World Cup circuit. World championships happen every two years and the Olympics come once every four years. "We spend almost every week-

end racing from the end of November through the end of March," she said.

Sargent's first race this year is in Finland "around the Arctic Circle" at the end of November. "That's when things get really fired up," she said.

The Olympic team won't be decided until January and the games will be in February, so she said there's still lots of time to work and improve. But Sargent can already feel the difference around this season. "I've never been to the Olympics, so I don't know what actually happens there. But I can already feel the added attention, added emphasis," she said. "People get more ex-



Ida Sargent

more media attention right now. But it's really important to remember the focus and remember why we're doing this - it's a fun life."

Her coach Miloucheva isn't overly concerned about the added pressure of the Olympic year. "They've already been to a lot of World Cups. You don't just get out and go straight to the Olympics," she explained. "The Olympics is the biggest because there are a lot of other sports, but the people in your

sport are still the same. So you're not racing anybody different when you go there, you're racing exactly the same people."

Sargent is pleased with her current position. "I feel like I have a great shot. I need to keep training hard these last few months and then race fast when we're on snow," she said. "We had probably our most successful winter last year on the women's team. So we're kind of moving up and turning heads, which is a fun position to be in."

In the garden

As part of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center's

is able to spend her time doing more than just obsessing about her next race. She said it makes it a great place to train. "We do work at the Outdoor Center and are involved in lots of different projects here," she said. "There's lots of other things going on so that it keeps a good balance in vour life so vou're not just training. It's nice to have other things going on. Like we work in the garden, or coaching kids, or other sustainability projects. There's a lot of other things going on which gives your mind a break rather than just training, training, training."

It's an unusual set up for an elite training program. "We're the only program like that in the

country," Sargent said. "For me that's great because we're in a really rural, secluded place but we have this little microcosm of elite athletics right here in Craftsbury.

Still having fun

When asked if she expects to remain in the sport long enough to hit that endurance peak that comes for women after 30, Sargent remains upbeat. "I think so. I'm still having fun."

In the meantime, she's training and focusing on each race as it comes. "It's just about putting together good races when it counts." *





BMA graduate Mikaela Shiffrin

competes at the U.S. Alpine Championships in March 2013.

Athletics And Academics Under One Roof

Mountain Academy has gotten a lot of attention over the last year.

In the 2012-2013 winter season, Shiffrin won the World Cup slalom title in just her second year on the racing circuit. She also happened to still be a high school senior at Burke Mountain Academy while she was doing it. Thanks to BMA's unique structure, Shiffrin was able to graduate on time with her class, even after spending the winter competing in Europe.

Sam Damon, the head FIS coach and head women's coach at BMA, said that the ski academy is designed to be adaptable. "Our teachers who work at the school are super-prepared, and

Thanks to Mikaela Shiffrin, Burke so they're ready when a kid suddenly gets invited return to campus. to World Junior Championships and you find out three days ahead of time that you're going to be gone for two weeks. The teachers are ready to send you off on the road with your assignments," he said. "Because that's what we do, we're able to be ready for that and be pretty accommodating for the kids.'

The school is small – currently about 67 students - and focuses on both athletics and academics. "For about two months at the beginning of the year we're at the school and we have two workouts a day at 6:30 a.m. and in the afternoon," said Damon. In November they travel to Colorado to train for three weeks and then they

But students are on and off campus as necessary to participate in races.

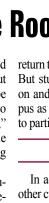
A dream within reach

In addition to Shiffrin, there are a group of other current and former students who are strong candidates for the 2014 Olympic team.

Current senior Jakob Helgi-Bjarnason is a 'very strong' likelihood for the Icelandic team, according to Damon. Trace Smith, a 2009 grad-

that surface in conversation about U.S. Team members include Tommy Biesemeyer and Nolan

Although Damon said that the students "work hard no matter what," he admits that having their friends and peers in the mix at the highest level adds juice to this season. "Mikaela's friends with a lot of kids who are still at the school. It's exciting for them to be able to get excited for her. Peouate, is likely to be on the Estonian team. Other ple get really into it. They're really looking





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"Bode Miller and Lindsey Vonn are superstars in Europe," said Damon. "It's the same as Tom Brady here. You go to Europe and you see these guys on billboards everywhere. ... It's really just in this country the that the Olympics feels like a big event, but there is a World Cup that goes on all the time."

forward to seeing the events on TV," Damon said. "It's really cool to have recent grads going to the Olympics and racing at a really high level because the kids know them. It puts it within reach and it's really neat."

Toward that end, the school operates on an honor code and very few other rules, according to Damon. "We have to find kids who fit a pretty narrow mold – a good fit athletically, but also with the community and able to carry on the values of the community."

statement is to help kids achieve their limitless potential."

Two weeks every four years

"The Olympics are definitely important, especially in North America, because it's the one event where it feels like the whole world is watching," said Damon.

However we have little idea in the United States of how big a deal our skiers are in Europe, even in non-Olympic years.

"Skiing is suddenly popular for two weeks every four years," Damon laughed. "I would imagine it's like that for a lot of sports, like swimming. No one knows how Michael Phelps season is going this year, but he's certainly racing, he's certainly doing something.'

It's a good bet that the BMA students will be very aware of how Mikaela Shiffrin's season is going this year, and they'll be working to hold themselves up to her standard. *



While not everyone will make it into the ranks of elite international competition while a student at BMA, they are racing in the same pool as Shiffrin, Bode Miller, Lindsey Vonn and the other superstars of the sport.

"When you turn 16 you become eligible for FIS competition [International Ski Federation], which is the international governing body of skiing," explained Damon. "At that point you get a world ranking and you race against people who are in the Olympics. You get FIS points by racing and doing well in harder races. So it's really a gauge once you're 16 of how you're progressing compared to the best in the world."

Valuing hard work over ability

As a school that focuses on molding great people, not just great competitors, the teachers try to help them keep it all in perspective.

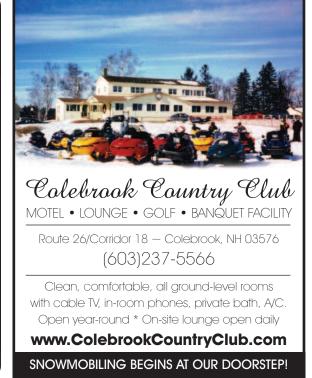
"At BMA we really value hard work over ability and commitment to the community, commitment to the school, the program, and working hard all the time," said Damon. "Part of our mission













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7 p.m. - Independent Lens at Catamount Arts. State of Arizona. For catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - Readings in the Gallery at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. With author Sherry Olson. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

Thursday, Nov. 21

1 p.m. - Book Club at Goodrich Memorial Library. Copies of discussion titles available at the library. For info: Library at 334-7902.

3:30 p.m. - Economic Development Celebration at the Littleton Opera House. Focusing on "The Majestic Ammonoosuc: The next step in Littleton's economic future." For info: littletonareachambernh.com.

4 p.m. – Annual Game Supper at Danville United Methodist Church. Reservations by emailing tobybalivet@netscape.net.

7:30 p.m. - Little Women at Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy. Tickets catamountarts.org or 748-2600.

Friday, Nov. 22

5 p.m. - Holiday Opening Reception at MAC Center for the Arts. For info: MAC Center for the Arts at 334-1966.

6 p.m. - Thinking Conflict Differently at Catamount Arts. By the NEK Youth Dialogue Project. For info: catamountarts.com.

7:30 p.m. - Little Women at Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy. **Tickets** catamountarts.org or 748-2601

7:30 p.m. - Christmas Carol Radio Play at First Universalist Parish of Derby Line. QNEK Productions. For info: qnek.com.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Hunter's Supper at Historic Grace Church, Canaan. Two seatings at 5 and 6 p.m. For info: Ken at 266-3933.

9 a.m. - St. John's Caroling Christmas Bazaar at Father Lively Center, St. Johnsbury. For info: Joan at 748-8010.

9 a.m. - Christmas in the Kingdom Holiday Bazaar at Danville Congregational Church. For info: 684-1151.

9 a.m. - Sheffield Christmas Craft Bazaar at Sheffield Town Hall. For info: Audrey Richardson at 626-9416.

10 a.m. - Horse and Wagon Rides at The Rocks Estate. Horse-drawn wagon and choose a tree and wreath. For info: TheRocks.org.

10:30 a.m. - Green (Eco) Santa at The Rocks Estate. Seedlings for children and photographs with Santa. For info: TheRocks.org.

2 p.m. - Little Women at Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy. Tickets at catamountarts.org or 748-2602.

6 p.m. - Thinking Conflict Differently at Cata-

mount Arts. By the NEK Youth Dialogue Project. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - Chaotic Wrestling at the Littleton Opera House. Night of Chaos. For info: littletonareachambernh.com.

7:30 p.m. - Alan Reid & Rob Van Sante at Alumni Hall, Haverhill, NH. Scottish musicians. For info: alumnihall.org.

7:30 p.m. - Christmas Carol Radio Play at First Universalist Parish of Derby Line. QNEK Productions. For info: qnek.com.

Sunday, Nov. 24

1 p.m. - Music Jam at Robert E. Clifford Building in Woodsville, N.H. For info: 603-353-

2 p.m. - Christmas Carol Radio Play at First Universalist Parish of Derby Line. QNEK Productions. For info: gnek.com.

6:30 p.m. - Memory Tree Lighting at West



Burke Mountain Academy graduate Mikaela Shiffrin celebrates after taking third in a World Cup slalom race in March 2013.

Burke Methodist Church. For info: Jim Ball at

7:30 p.m. - James McMurtry at Alumni Hall, Haverhill, NH. songwriter and musician. For info: alumnihall.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

1 p.m. - Osher Lecture at Hebard State Office Building. Voyages of Viking Woman with Nancy Marie Brown. For info: learn.uvm.edu.

Friday, Nov. 29

Warren Miller Film Screening at Omni Mt. Washington Hotel. For info: brettonwoods.com.

12:30 p.m. – Santa Party at the Littleton Opera House. For info: littletonareachambernh.com.

Saturday, Nov. 30

9 a.m. - Northeast Kingdom Craft Fair at Lyndon State College. Approximately 40 local crafters and artisans. For info: Sue at 274-8935.

9 a.m. - 13th Annual Craft Fair at Carroll Town Hall in Twin Mountain, N.H. For info: 603-846-5434.

10 a.m. - Horse and Wagon Rides at The Rocks Estate. Horse-drawn wagon and choose a tree and wreath. For info: TheRocks.org.

10 a.m. – Yuletide Festival of the Arts at The Littleton Opera House. To support the Second Chance Animal rescue. For info: www.secondchancear.org or 603-259-3244.

10:30 a.m. - Green (Eco) Santa at The Rocks Estate. Seedlings for children and photographs with Santa. For info: TheRocks.org.

7 p.m. - Acoustic Hot Tuna at Jay Peak Resort. concert. For info: jaypeakresort.com.

7:30 p.m. - Michael Vincent Band at Alumni Hall, Haverhill, NH. Young power trio. For info: alumnihall.org.

9 p.m. - Hot Tuna at Jay Peak Resort. Blues concert. For info: catamountarts.com.

Sunday, Dec. 1

Making an Axe Handle at Northwoods Stewardship Center. For info: northwoods-

12 p.m. - Handel's Messiah Concert at Historic Grace Church, Canaan. For info: Ken at 266-3933.

1 p.m. - Children's Christmas Party at Barton Memorial Building. Entertainment, refreshments and Santa. For info: Patsy at 525-6565.

Monday, Dec. 2

6:30 p.m. - First Monday Movie Series at The Colatina Exit in Bradford. For info: cohase.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

1:30 p.m. - Catamount Community Cinema at Catamount Arts. Holiday Inn. For info: catamountarts.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

7 p.m. - First Wednesdays at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. What we learn when we learn about history. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

7 p.m. - First Wednesdays at Goodrich Memorial Library. Rowing Against Wind and Tide with Reeve Lindbergh. For info: Library at 334-7902.

Friday, Dec. 6

5 p.m. - Holiday Premiere and Wine Tasting at All About Flowers, St. Johnsbury. Holiday floral displays, refreshments. For info: 748-5656.

7 p.m. – The Nutcracker at The Littleton Opera House. For info: littletonareachambernh.com.

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Saturday, Dec. 7

9 a.m. - Christmas Bazaar at Haverhill First Congregational Church, Haverhill, NH. For info: Marcia at 603-989-3381.

9 a.m. - Burklyn Arts Council Christmas Market at St. Johnsbury School. Over 60 juried artists and craftspeople. For info: burklynarts.org.

10 a.m. - Lunenburg Gingerbread Bazaar at Lunenburg Primary School. Door prizes, face painting, vendors and more. For info: Chris at 892-6654.

10 a.m. - Horse and Wagon Rides at The Rocks Estate. Horse-drawn wagon and choose a tree and wreath. For info: TheRocks.org.

10:30 a.m. - Green (Eco) Santa at The Rocks Estate. Seedlings for children and photographs with Santa. For info: TheRocks.org.

4 p.m. - Magic On Main at Main Street Newport. Wagon rides, Santa Claus, music, shopping more. For newportrecreation@gmail.com.

4:30 p.m. - A Fools' Feast at St. Johnsbury School. For info: kingdomcounty.org.

7 p.m. - The Nutcracker at The Littleton Opera House. For info: littletonareachambernh.com.

Sunday, Dec. 8

2 p.m. - The Nutcracker at The Littleton Opera House. For info: littletonareachambernh.com.

2 p.m. – Pike Manufacturing history at TBA. Part of Newbury's 250th anniversary. For info: celebrate250.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Beauty & The Beast at Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy. National Marionette Theatre. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - Readings in the Gallery at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. With author Elena Georgiou. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

Thursday, Dec. 12

7 p.m. - Holiday concert by Choir of Clare College at North Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. For info: kingdomcounty.org.

7 p.m. - Choir of Clare College at North Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. An Advent concert. For info: catamountarts.com.

Friday, Dec. 13

7:30 p.m. – Littleton Idol Competition at the Littleton Opera House. For info: littletonareachambernh.com.

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Home Team

Bode Races Toward A Fifth Olympics

As Franconia, N.H. native Bode Miller begins his campaign for a fifth Olympic Winter Games in February, he has more on his plate than when preparing for previous Olympics. His local fans, though, remain confident.

Miller sat out the 2013 Audi FIS Alpine World Cup after surgery last spring for a microfracture in his left knee. Miller has married professional beach volleyball player Morgan Beck, and is now a father of two. He has become involved with the U.S. Paralympics as a spokesperson and on Sept. 30 launched the Gateway to Gold, a program that aims to introduce people with disabilities to sports.



Bode Miller takes a curve during a men's World Cup downhill in Bormio, Italy, in December 2011.

Philanthropic adventures

"One of his friends, Cam Shaw-Doran, was in a car accident and lost a part of his leg and [Bode] helped adapt his car to use hand controls on steering wheels," Jeff Malcolm, one of the owners of Franconia Sport Shop said. "Bode helps with the Turtle Ridge Foundation and they made golf carts for handicapped golfers. His whole family believes disability shouldn't be a reason not to participate in athletics."

Miller also runs two annual fundraisers: BodeFest, a skiing event in the spring, and BodeBash, a golf and tennis event held at the end of summer. On top of it all, he is active supporter of the Turtle Ridge Foundation, an organization he and his family set up that offers the opportunity for the disabled community and youth to become involved in a variety of athletic and recreational activ-

"When someone has the kind of fame and recognition and uses it to help a child in need, it's inspiring," Malcolm said.

'We're lucky to have our able bodies," Miller's sister Kyla said. "It's so rewarding to see people benefit from what we offer."





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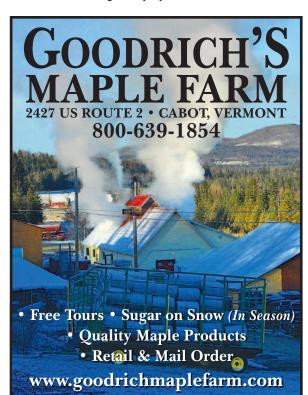
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"We didn't want it to be the Bode Miller Foundation, but we wanted what he could bring us with sponsors and recognition," she continued. "Bode's the golden boy for Franconia. We provide a unique experience because people really get to meet him."

"It's awesome. You can tell the community is right there with him," Malcolm said. "Everyone knows him and his family."

Local support

When he's home, Bode is a quiet guy. "He's a professional athlete, the good thing is when he's back here, people give him a break," Steve Heath, owner of the Franconia Village store said. "People respect that he wants to get away.'

Franconia, though, is not quiet when it comes to their support for the local.

"People come from all

around and ask about him," John DeVivo, general manager of Cannon Mountain, said. "He just has God-given tal-

DeVivo said Cannon will occasionally include Bode's race results in their fliers.

"I think where he's from helped hone is persona," he said. "Running around the woods and using rocks to lift, it's very unorthodox, but it works."

Olympic excitement

With the 2014 Winter

Olympic Games on the horizon, the excitement level is high. "Obviously we're as excited as anyone, especially the Franconia Ski Club," Heath

The ski club keeps its Facebook page updated with his results. "It's good to have the kids follow someone," Malcolm said. "It's a helpful tool."

This is his fifth time going to the Olympics," Kyla said. "He's got a lot of experience. He's got it all down. With everything going on in his life now, things are lining up really nicely for him to do well."

To date, Bode has won five Olympic medals, more than any U.S. skier. He captured two silvers (giant slalom and combined) in Salt Lake City 2002, and a gold (super combined), a silver (Super G) and a bronze (downhill) in Vancouver 2010.

He is also a two-time overall World Cup champion in 2005 and 2008.

In November 2004, Bode became only fifth man to win World Cup races in all five disciplines: slalom, giant slalom, Super-G. downhill, combined.



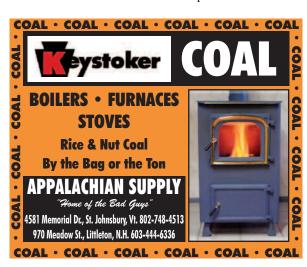
Bode Miller plays tennis at the 2013 Bode Bash in Easton, N.H.

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For Art's Sake

Written By Jay Craven

I recently found myself in the Whallonsburg Grange Hall near Essex, N.Y., and the Strand Theater in Plattsburgh, N.Y., touring my new film, "Northern Borders." The crowds in both places were robust and appreciative. Even more importantly, I was greeted in each town by a pride and community spirit that was infectious. In both towns, people had recently rallied to revive once-dormant buildings and turn them into venues for film and performing arts presentations.

Local people brought these idle buildings back to life through fundraising, thousands of volunteer hours, and a commitment to in-

I recently found myself in the Whallonsburg Grange Hall near Essex, N.Y., and the Strand Theater in rgh, N.Y., touring my new film, rn Borders." The crowds in both creasing the presence of arts events in their towns. People now pour into these venues – their venues – and see arts' potential to bring people together for memorable experiences of shared community.

A lively performance series and popular arts facilities can contribute substantially to community pride and well-being. St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville in Vermont, and Bethlehem and Haverhill in New Hampshire, know this. It requires hard work to make this happen, but it's worth it.

I remember hearing stories of the day John Philip Souza performed in St. Johnsbury, probably more than a century ago. I hoped, during my time as director of Catamount Arts in the 1980s and early '90s, that people would remember the local performances we brought to town, artists considered vital to our collective national and even international culture. After all, Johnny Cash, Ray Charles, Merce Cunningham, Wynton Marsalis, Bonnie Raitt, Spalding Gray, Stephane Grappelli, and others all played on local stages back then. By having them here, we were connected to this work.

I hadn't presented a performance in 18 years when I produced a 13-day performing arts festival in Burlington, Vt., in 2009. I had a blast producing more than 120 events. Doing so reminded me of the possibilities and satisfactions – and also the struggle. All of this requires community commitment and significant funding. When I proposed the Kingdom County Productions series locally to businesses, banks and even individuals, people agreed that the combination of community and culture is a winning proposition.

For the past five years, I've worked at Kingdom County Productions to revive the kind of performance program I produced during my days at Catamount.

I've had the opportunity to create new partnerships with Catamount Arts and believe the two arts organizations serving the area in different but complimentary ways can increase the critical mass needed to animate and injective.

volve the community in the arts.

I also feel that local arts events can bring out 10,000 people a year, creating new possibilities and new connections that would help other local activities and businesses.

I decided to attempt this revival because the arts remain exciting and important and, in our modern times, I feel that people find fewer occasions to connect in public gatherings. Performances provide those opportunities – for people from various sectors of the community to come together to experience and share what the performing arts so uniquely provide. This, I believe, is especially important for young people who might have no other opportunity for this exposure.

*** WINTER SCHEDULE ***

Saturday, Dec. 7 - World-class clown Bob Berky, St. Johnsbury School

Thursday, Dec. 12 - A holiday concert by the Choir of Clare College, North Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - The Acting Company/Guthrie Theater presents "Hamlet," St. Johnsbury Academy

Friday, March 21 - Lucky Plush dance troupe, Lyndon State College

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In early 1989, when Judy Rankin and Leslie Gensburg became aware of a desire for live classical music among a good-sized segment of the community, they got the idea to form the Classical Series. The community responded positively to the project, bringing in large audiences right from the start.

Starting out, the two women worked under the umbrella of Catamount Arts. The organization became an independent non-profit in 2000, and is still all-volunteer run. Knowing they could never present a full orchestra – too expensive – they decided that chamber music would fit the bill. "Chamber music generally

The Northeast Kingdom Classical Serefers to music for three to eight players," said Gensburg, "but we use the term loosely and frequently have solo performers and duos. The music covers a wide range, from the Renaissance right up to composers living now."

Trying to zero in on what the audience prefers, the Series has done surveys with the expected results – all over the place, but the string quartet is clearly the favored ensemble.

At first concerts were held in various venues. but a few years ago the South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury became the permanent home, with the sanctuary just the right size for chamber music and very good acoustics.

As the series began to present nationally and internationally acclaimed artists, it became obvious that a really fine piano was needed. Two generous donations kicked off the piano fund drive, and in 2007 the series became the proud



owner of a brand-new Steinway Model B piano. "There's no question that this instrument has improved the quality of the concerts," said Rankin. "Many audience members have commented on it to us."

In the series' second season, it presented the 18-year old pianist Ignat Solzhenitsyn, just starting out on his career. Now a soloist and conductor of world-wide renown, he has appeared twice more, always drawing a large

Other highlights include five appearances of the Paris Piano Trio, and a "Schubertiad," an

Trio Cavatina will play at the South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury on Jan. 26.

evening of the music of Franz Schubert with all Vermont musicians. Memorable also, for very different reasons, was the time the ceiling in the church sanctuary collapsed just a few days before a concert, and the committee had to scramble to find another venue and, in those pre-Internet days, get the word out of the

To mark the occasion the series of its 25th anniversary, the Classical Series is presenting a celebration concert for Nov. 3, again honoring its roots with all Vermont artists. Details are available at www.nekclassicalseries.org

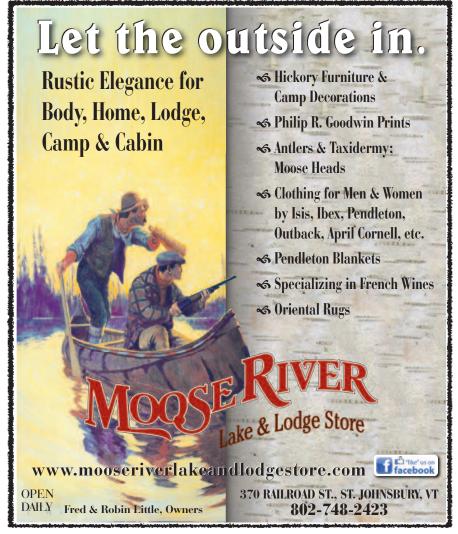
"When we started this, we never gave a thought to where it was going, and certainly never thought we would still be doing this 25 years later," said Gensburg. "It's been a great experience, we've learned so much, have met so many fine musicians, and we hope have brought some great music to this region. It has truly been a labor of love."

*** WINTER SCHEDULE ***

Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. - 25th Anniversary Celebra-

Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. - Trio Cavatina March 8 at 7:30 p.m. - Katherine Chi





Kickoff Party

First Night Of A New Year

Vermont country music vocalist Tim Brick are all part of the musical fabric of our region that will be represented in style during the First Night St. Johnsbury 2014 celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

The family-oriented evening of music, dance and the arts will celebrate its 21st year with 17 new acts and 36 returning acts, featuring more than 220 entertainers and performers at 18 venues on and near Main Street in St. Johnsbury.

New acts this year include the bagpipers of the Catamount Pipe Band, Scottish performer

The Catamount Pipe Band, the Ian McHarg and Friends, the Tim Brick Band, KNEQ Broadway Showstoppers and an open mic teen dance, the QNEK Broadway Showstoppers, folk duo Dana and Susan Robinson, the Grace United Methodist Church Praise Band, Bob Amos and Catamount Crossing, The Starline Rhythm boys, Duck the Chicken, Jean Charles, Alan Greenleaf and the Doctor, the Barnyard Pimps and Chickweed as well as four new films shown throughout the evening at Catamount Arts.

Returning favorites to this year's celebration will include: Blue Road Crossing, the Kingdom County Comedy Troup, the King of Silly, The Kingdom All-Star Review, the Hypzotique Bellydance Circus, The Wicked Smart



The Backshed String Band, shown here at last year's festivities, is one of the most popular acts to appear each year at the First Night Celebration. The group will return this New Year's Eve to the Universalist/Unitarian Congregation for two performances.

Country Corners Square Dance Troupe, Fam-

Horn Band, Marko the Magician, the Com- ily Contra Dancing, the St. Johnsbury Acadmunity of Concern Family Fun Fair, the emy Hilltones and Jazz Band and many more. There will also be a free pancake supper,

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sky lanterns, ecumenical church services, the ball raising at midnight and a fireworks display to begin the new year.

Venues hosting events throughout the evening include the St. Johnsbury School, St. Johnsbury Academy, South Congregational Church, the Universalist/Unitarian Church, the St. Johnsbury House, Grace United Methodist Church, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, North Congregational Church, the Fairbanks Museum, the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum and the VFW Hall and Catamount Arts.

In addition to the entertainment, many churches and other locations are also providing a wide variety of food and snacks throughout the evening, which officially runs from 4 p.m. through midnight.

A one-price wristband provides admission to all venues and events.

"Since that phenomenal inaugural event 21 years ago, we've seen a wide variety of weather conditions, but despite some years with extreme cold or rain or snow or even ice, First Night St. Johnsbury has never disappointed the thousands of revelers who have come out to make this wonderful festival a New Year's Even tradition," said Jay Sprout, the official spokesman for the festivities.

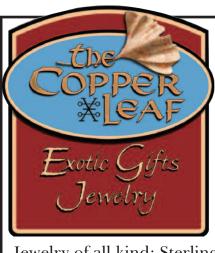


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The Dancing Djinn will again light up the evening with several outdoor performances at this year's First Night 2014 celebration.

For a complete listing of all activities, including events, locations, vendors, wristband sale locations, sponsors and other information, visit www.firstnightstj2014.com.





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Quiet Time

Written By Leah Carey

Finding Relaxation Inside

At the end of a long day on the trails, it's nice to head inside and get cozy and pampered. And then there are the spa is the intangibles. "It's a days when it's too cold or windy to head outside at all!

In either situation, there are several spas in the area that want to help soothe your winter-related aches away. Here are a few of the options on the New Hampshire side of the river.

Mt. Washington Resort Spa Bretton Woods, N.H.

The spa at the Mt. Washington grand hotel is deceptively large - a full 25,000 square feet. It includes rooms for massages, facials, an outdoor hot tub and garden relaxation area, manicure and pedicure stations and much more.

But according to aesthetician Maria Martin, the true beauty of permission slip to step off the treadmill of life," she said. "No one can tap you here. Your phone isn't here, your people aren't here. It's just you and whatever your treatment is."

Martin's enthusiasm for her work is infectious. "I'm kind of a

skin nerd, so at the end of the day it is the highlight of my day to wash my face and put my moisturizer on," she said. "My goal is if I can make everyone that excited about washing their face and putting cream on their face, then I've done my job."

She refers to a facial as a "really good salad for



PHOTO BY LEAH CAREY The Mount Washington Resort Spa offers a full range of spa services, including a manicure and pedicure bar.

your face," providing it more cool nourishment than you could get from a metaphorical donut. "Skin care is a whole different deal than it used to be for my mother's generation," she said. "Now there's so many things you can do with skin care. What we do with a facial is we figure out how your skin works."

According to spa manager Jaime MacKillop, they are currently working on some new ideas to expand the spa's offerings, including health and wellness classes, a monthly family night, and new "express" services.

"We're really going to try to increase our local business to invite them in," she said. Toward that

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The spa opened in January 2009 and has services and relaxation areas for both men and women.

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Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa Whitefield, N.H.

The Mountain View Grand went through a major renovation and reopening in 2002 and that's when the spa made its debut. Occupying the fourth floor of the building, the spa offers abundant natural light. Another flight up in the "Tower," there is an infinity overflow tub with astounding 360 degree views of the grounds and surrounding mountains.

The environment is a big part of the draw for nail technician Jenny Singer. "People come here and it feels like Kellerman's from Dirty Dancing," she said. "You do ax throwing and then you get your nails done and you have these wonderful experiences. And there's nothing else to do in Whitefield really, so it's really a destination."

Singer also said that she often hears from women that they can't afford to take time out for some special pampering. "Do it. Spend one hour there," she suggested. "You don't have to think about the laundry and who is picking up the kids from hockey practice. You're the only one that's in control of all these things in your life, and if Mom goes down everything will fall apart."

The Mountain View also offers a locals discount, plus entry into the gym and pool for the day. "You can make an entire day of it with just a \$40 pedicure," Singer urged.

With the resort's on-site wind turbine and focus on sustainability, even the spa is getting in on the "green" action. According to spa director Jennifer Mike, she is working with the new gardener to incorporate the herbs they grow for the kitchen into the body treatments. She also said that the Mountain View is "the only spa that we're aware of in New England that can accommodate a couple's treatment for every single service on our menu."

For info visit www.mountainviewgrand.com.

Balance Bethlehem Bethlehem, N.H.

A new type of facility is currently under construction in Bethlehem that aims to be more than just a spa.

"This is a totally different model," said facility director Libby Staples, who has worked extensively in the spa industry including several

years as the former director at the Mt. Washington Spa. "This is a wellness center. ... It's all about building community."

The two-story building has a slanted roof that is two-thirds covered with solar panels. "The building is a net-zero building, so there is no fuel," said Staples. "The building will sustain a temperature of 70 degrees up to negative 20 outside with no heat."

The building has treatment rooms for massage, acupuncture, Reiki, and other treatments. There are two yoga studios, including a roped wall that will support able-bodied and adaptive yoga students alike. "Everything is really intentional so that people in a wheelchair feel like it's built for them," said Staples.

There will also be a demonstration kitchen for healthy cooking classes, a lending library, and a "living room."

"The 'living room' is an extension of people's homes," Staples said of their vision for the space. "It's for mutual support and finding people in an area where it's hard to find your people."

Their goal is to have a soft opening in December 2013 so they can be ready to hit the ground running in January 2014 when everyone's resolutions kick in.

For information visit www.balancebethlehem.com.



HOTO BY LEAH CAREY

There are simple accents throughout The Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa to amplify the relaxing atmosphere.

Other relaxation options

Spas aren't lacking on the Vermont side of the river either, most notably the Taiga Spa at Jay Peak Resort and the Stepping Stone Spa in Lyndonville.

There are also numerous independent practitioners on both sides of the river who would love to help ease your aches and pains away. Check the bulletin board at any of our local health food stores or community centers to find their fliers and business cards.





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Saturday, Dec. 14

Christmas Ham Supper at Historic Grace Church, Canaan. Two seatings at 5 and 6 p.m. For info: Ken at 266-3933.

7:30 a.m. – Island Pond Bird Count at Northwoods Stewardship Center. For info: northwoodscenter.org.

9 a.m. - No Room At The Inn Nativity Display at Lyndonville First Congregational Church. For info: Jean Davis at 626-5269.

10 a.m. - Horse and Wagon Rides at The Rocks Estate. Horse-drawn wagon and choose a tree and wreath. For info: TheRocks.org.

10:30 a.m. - Green (Eco) Santa at The Rocks Estate. Seedlings for children and photographs with Santa. For info: TheRocks.org.

12:55 p.m. - Falstaff at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

1 p.m. – Holidays on the Newbury Common. An old-fashioned winter party with skating, hot chocolate and more. For info: celebrate250.org.

1 p.m. – Music Jam at Robert E. Clifford Building in Woodsville, N.H. For info: 603-353-4741.

1:30 p.m. - Victorian Holiday Open House at Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium. For info: www.fairbanksmuseum.org

7 p.m. – Kingdom Coffeehouse at Northwoods Stewardship Center. Music of the Moonlight. For info: northwoodscenter.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

1:30 p.m. - Catamount Community Cinema at Catamount Arts. White Christmas. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - Sleeping Beauty at Catamount Arts. Bolshoi Ballet. For info: catamountarts.com.

Thursday, Dec. 19

1 p.m. - Book Club at Goodrich Memorial Library. Copies of discussion titles available at the library. For info: Library at 334-7902.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Moonlight Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Tour at Omni Mt. Washington Hotel. For info: brettonwoods.com.

John Minahan Memorial Night Race at Bretton Woods. Two run giant slalom race. For info: brettonwoods.com.

9:30 a.m. – Solstice Snowshoe Over Moose Mountain at Northwoods Stewardship Center. For info: northwoodscenter.org.

10 a.m. - Horse and Wagon Rides at The Rocks Estate. Horse-drawn wagon and choose a tree and wreath. For info: TheRocks.org.

12:55 p.m. - Falstaff at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

Sunday, Dec. 22

4 p.m. - Christmas Candlelight Service at Granby Congregational Church. With Rev. Gerine Piper.

Saturday, Dec. 28

LI Alumni Hockey Game at Fenton Chester Ice Arena. For info: 626-6127.

Sunday, Dec. 29

1 p.m. – Music Jam at the Robert E. Clifford Building in Woodsville, N.H. For info: 603-353-4741.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

First Night in St. Johnsbury - see related story and watch for complete details in our holiday supplement on Friday, Nov. 29.

Saturday, Jan. 4

8 p.m. - Rusted Root at Jay Peak Resort. concert. For info: jaypeakresort.com.

Monday, Jan. 6

6:30 p.m. – First Monday Movie Series at The Colatina Exit in Bradford. For info: cohase.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

7 p.m. - First Wednesdays at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. Daily life in pre-war Nazi Germany. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

7 p.m. – First Wednesdays at Goodrich Memorial Library. The British monarchy from Victoria to Elizabeth II by Paul Monod. For info: Library at 334-7902.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

7 p.m. - Documentary Screening at Catamount Arts. Las Marthas. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - Arts and Culture Series at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

Thursday, Jan. 16

1 p.m. - Book Club at Goodrich Memorial Library. Copies of discussion titles available at the library. For info: Library at 334-7902.

Saturday, Jan. 18

11 p.m. - The Snow Ball at Gateway Center, Newport. Adult event with live music, activities and more. For info: newportrecreation@gmail.com.

Saturday, Jan. 25

10 a.m. - Lisbon Stump Jumpers Vintage Snowmobile Race at Lisbon, N.H. For info: lisbonstumpjumpers.org.

10 a.m. - Family Fun at Fairbanks Museum. "Snowflakes!". For info: fairbanksmuseum.org.

Sunday, Jan. 26

3 p.m. - Northeast Kingdom Classical Series at South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury. Trio Cavatina. For info: catamountarts.com.



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This 2010 file photo shows "snow angel," an ice sculpture that is formed each winter at the Farm and Forest Ranch on Maple Hill Road in Barton.

Thursday, Jan. 30

7 p.m. - Coriolanus at Catamount Arts. National Theatre Live. For info: catamountarts.com.

Saturday, Feb. 1

5 p.m. - Winter Carnival at Gardner Park, Newport. For infor newportrecreation@gmail.com.

Monday, Feb. 3

6:30 p.m. – First Monday Movie Series at The Colatina Exit in Bradford. For info: cohase.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop at Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy. For info: catamountarts.com.

7 p.m. - First Wednesdays at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. The life and times of Thelonious Monk. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

7 p.m. – First Wednesdays at Goodrich Memorial Library. George Gershwin lecture by pianist Michael Arnowitt. For info: Library at 334-7902.

Thursday, Feb. 6

7 p.m. - Coriolanus at Catamount Arts. National Theatre Live. For info: catamountarts.com.

Saturday, Feb. 8

12:55 p.m. - Rusalka at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

6 p.m. - Entertainment Raffle at American Legion Post #30 in Lyndon. The public is welcome. For info: Cheryl Giguere at 626-3357

7:30 p.m. - Instant Misunderstanding at Lyndon State College. Goat in the Road Theater. For info: kingdomcounty.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

7 p.m. - Arts and Culture Series at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

Saturday, Feb. 15

10 a.m. - Family Fun at Fairbanks Museum. "Who Goes There? Tracking in our fields and forests." For info: fairbanksmuseum.org.

12:55 p.m. - Rusalka at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

11 p.m. - Father-Daughter Ball at Gateway Center, Newport. Formal event with dinner and dancing. For info: newportrecreation@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

7 p.m. - Hamlet at Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy. The Acting Company and The Guthrie Theater. For info: kingdomcounty.org.

Thursday, Feb. 20

1 p.m. - Book Club at Goodrich Memorial Library. Copies of discussion titles available at the library. For info: Library at 334-7902.

Saturday, Feb. 22

5 p.m. - Roast Pork Dinner at North Danville Baptist Church. Two seatings, by reservation only. For info: Betty at 684-2183 or Judy at 748-8519

Friday, Feb. 28

Moonlight snowshoe and bonfire at Burke Mountain. For info: 626-6127.

Saturday, March 1

12 p.m. - Prince Igor at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

Monday, March 3

6:30 p.m. – First Monday Movie Series at The Colatina Exit in Bradford. For info: cohase.org.

Wednesday, March 5

7 p.m. - First Wednesdays at St. Johnsbury

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Thrill Of The Hunt

A Run Down Of The Area's Seasons

Following are the 2013-14 hunting season dates for our readership area as published on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and the New Hampshire Fish & Game website (www.wildlife.state.nh.us). On these websites you will find extensive information about safety, regulations and licenses. Please double-check all dates, regulations and safety precautions before heading out into the woods!

VERMONT

This information covers Wildlife Management Units C, D1, D2, E, H1 and H2 **BIG GAME HUNTING**

Black bear - through Nov. 15 Black bear, late season - Nov. 16-24 Deer (bow & arrow) - Dec. 7-15 Youth deer weekend - Nov. 9-10 Deer (rifle) - Nov. 16 to Dec. 1

Deer (muzzleloader and bow) - Dec. 7-15 SMALL GAME HUNTING

Gray squirrel - through Dec. 31 Hare and rabbit - through March 9, 2014 GAME BIRD SEASON

Ruffed grouse - through Dec. 31 Woodcock - through Nov. 14

FURBEARER HUNTING

Raccoon - through Dec. 31 Red and gray fox - through Feb. 9, 2014

FURBEARER TRAPPING

Beaver trapping - Through March 31, 2014 Fisher - Dec. 1-31

Bobcat - Dec. 1-16

Mink, skunk, red and gray fox, raccoon, coyote, opossum, weasel - through Dec. 31 Otter trapping - through Feb. 28, 2013

Muskrat - through March 31, 2014

TURKEY

9-day shotgun or bow & arrow - through Nov. 3 (WMU D1, D2, H1, H2)



A pair of young hunters proudly display the deer they bagged during a recent youth hunting day.

WATERFOWL AND MIGRATORY BIRDS Dec. 15 in Connecticut River Zone; through Nov.

Ducks, coots, mergansers - through Nov. 3 and Nov. 19 through Dec. 15 in Connecticut River Zone; through Dec. 7 in Interior Vermont Zone Canada geese - through Nov. 4 and Nov. 19 to

28 in Interior Vermont Zone

Snow geese (including blue geese) - through Dec. 15 in Connecticut River Zone; through Dec. 29 in Interior Vermont Zone



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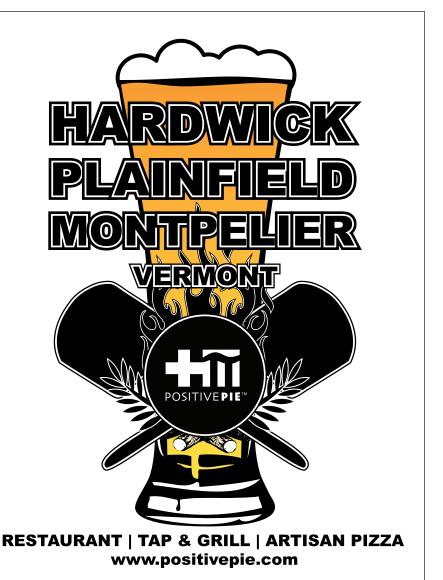
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Woodcock - through Nov. 14 in all zones Common snipe - through Nov. 14 in all zones

NEW HAMPSHIRE

This information covers Wildlife Management Units A, B, C, C1, D1, D2 and E

BEARS

Bear (general season) - through Nov. 12 in WMUs A, B, C2 teries) and D1; through Nov. 26 in WMUs C1, D2 and E

Bear (dog season) - through Nov. 12

WATERFOWL

Black duck, mallard, scaup, wood duck, redhead, hooded merganser, coot, Canada geese (regular season), pintail and canvasback - through Nov. 30

Harlequin duck - season closed

Snow geese - through Dec. 15

Eider, long-tailed duck, scoter - through Jan. 15, 2014

Woodcock - through Nov. 14

Common snipe - through Nov. 14

Crow - through Nov. 30 and March 16 through 31, 2014 Falconry (extended season) - Dec. 1 through Jan. 14, 2014

DEER

Archery - through Dec. 15 (through Dec. 8 in WMU A)







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Muzzleloader, antlered only - Nov. 2 through 12 (WMUs A, B, C1, C2, D1, D2 east)

Firearms, antlered only - Nov. 13 through Dec. 1 (WMU A); Nov. 13 through Dec. 8 (WMUs B, C, C1, D1, D2 east, E); Nov. 15 through Dec. 8 (WMU D2 west)

Firearms, any deer - Nov. 13 through 14 (WMU D2 west)

SMALL GAME AND FURBEARERS

Snowshoe hare - through March 31, 2014

Cottontail rabbit - closed

Gray squirrel - through Dec. 31 (no hunting in parks or cemeteries)

Ring-necked pheasant - through Dec. 31

Ruffed grouse, northern bobwhite quail, chukar, Hungarian partridge - through Dec. 31

Crow - through Nov. 30 and March 16 through 31, 2014

Woodcock - through Nov. 14

FURBEARERS

Gray fox, red fox, opossum, skunk, weasel, raccoon - through March 31, 2014

Fisher - Dec. 1 through Jan. 31, 2014

Mink, muskrat - through April 10, 2014

Coyote - no closed season

Coyote night hunting - Jan. 1 through March 31, 2014

PHEASANT

Pheasant - through Dec. 31

TURKEY

Fall archery - through Dec. 15 (WMUs B, C1, C2, D1, D2, E); closed (WMU A) ❖





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Athenaeum. The soul selects her own society: The life and times of Emily Dickinson. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

7 p.m. - First Wednesdays at Goodrich Memorial Library. The costumes of Downton Abbey by Jule Emerson. For info: call 334-7902.

Saturday, March 8

12 p.m. - Prince Igor at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

7:30 p.m. - Northeast Kingdom Classical Series at South Congregational Church, St. Johns-Katherine Chi. For catamountarts.com.

Wednesday, March 12

7 p.m. - Arts and Culture Series at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. For info: stjathenaeum.org.

Saturday, March 15

10 a.m. - Family Fun at Fairbanks Museum. "Shadows and Light." For info: fairbanksmuseum.org.

12:55 p.m. - Werther at Catamount Arts. For info: catamountarts.com.

Wednesday, March 19

7 p.m. - Independent Lens at Catamount Arts. Medora. For info: catamountarts.com.

Thursday, March 20

1 p.m. - Book Club at Goodrich Memorial Library. Copies of titles available at the library. For info: Library at 334-7902.

Friday, March 21

7:30 p.m. - Lucky Plush at Lyndon State College. Chicago-based dance ensemble. For info: kingdomcounty.org.

Saturday, March 22

Lunenburg Maple Festival at Lunenburg Primary School. Displays, tapping demos, quilts, etc. For info: Chris at 892-6654.

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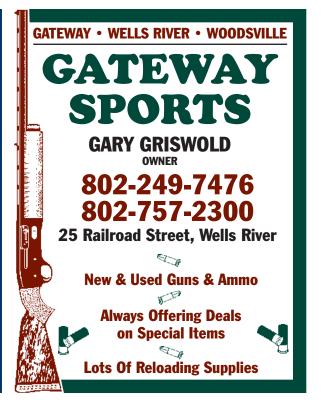
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