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Countless Ways To Enjoy The Northeast Kingdom

BY LORALEE TESTER
NEK Chamber

The allure of the Northeast Kingdom expands beyond its picturesque landscapes, vibrant cultural scene, and array of recreational activities. While there are countless ways to engage with the natural, cultural, and gastronomic scenes, the true pull of the NEK is in its joy and soul. This truly makes our region unique, and you can find it in every town, every nook, every conversation.

The list of activities is long. Catamount Arts sponsors countless concerts and events, with streets shut down for events like Final Fridays in St. Johnsbury or the Stars and Stripes Parade in Lyndonville. Visitors can stroll

through shops, enjoy live performances, and indulge in delicious local cuisine. Arts fairs such as Burklyn Arts Fair and Craftsbyr's Antiques and Uniques showcase the region's talented artists and artisans. Local farmers' markets in numerous NEK towns allow us to connect with the true terroir of our region. All of these events present a delightful opportunity to immerse oneself in the rich cultural tapestry of the Northeast Kingdom.

To quote our neighbors to the north, there is a certain "Je ne sais quoi" in our region that keeps visitors coming back. The vibrancy that many of us locals take for granted is not found just anywhere. Partly, we still have the sense that we live in a place where



Beneath overcast skies, people paddle-board on Lake Willoughby on July 13, 2023. (Photo by Dana Gray)

"everybody knows your name," and for many of us, this is actually true. However, even if it isn't true for you, it's still a feeling that is communicated and felt almost everywhere you go. Pop into

Lead and Tackle and you'll be welcomed like family. Stay overnight at the Wildflower, and you'll realize that you actually are in heaven on earth, with its jaw dropping view, incredible hospitality

and fantastic food. You might be a visitor, but you belong.

As we enter into the summertime months, locals and visitors alike know how to tap into their joie de vivre. Sundays at Dog Mountain will inspire you with its breathtaking backdrop of rolling hills while being graced with an incredible range of talented musicians. From the tranquil waters of Lake Willoughby to the rugged peaks of the Green Mountains, outdoor enthusiasts will find endless opportunities for adventure. Hiking, fishing, boating, and wildlife watching are just a few of the activities awaiting visitors to the NEK.

For the bikers among you, Kingdom Trails in East Burke has over 100 miles of scenic trails winding through lush

forests and rolling hills, with some of the best mountain biking in the country. NEK Gravel offers 1000+ miles of mapped routes, bringing you to some of the lesser seen corners of the Kingdom, and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail provides 93 miles of trail, connecting 18 towns and offering relatively even terrain.

The Northeast Kingdom is a haven for adventure, culture, and natural beauty. Whatever you do, wherever you go, you will find people who understand how lucky they are to be in that precise place at that precise moment. So why wait? The NEK welcomes you home.

Loralee Tester is the executive director of the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce.

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Summer Full Of Notable Concert Series & Festivals

BY PAUL HAYES
Staff Writer

NORTH COUNTRY/NORTHEAST KINGDOM — This year the calendar is packed with single- and multi-day music events and season-long music series, giving music lovers many opportunities to get their fix.

The following are some notable “dates to circle” as you plan your summer concert schedule.

FIRST FRIDAY ARTS June 7, July 5, Aug. 2

Littleton First Friday Arts returns with three headliner concerts: Way of the Headband on June 7, Macrotone on July 5, and Mal Maiz on Aug. 2.

In a change from last year, concerts will be held on the lower Porter Street parking lot.

Those shows cap the monthly celebration of arts and culture in downtown.

Admission is free. For more info

visit littletonculturalarts.org WHITEFIELD MUSIC IN THE SQUARE Begins June 19

Whitefield will host a free concert series at King Square every Wednesday beginning on June 19.

For more info, visit <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558584491177>

SOLSTICE SESSIONS June 22

Jay Peak hosts a summer solstice celebration with skiing, snowboarding, and skateboarding.

Featuring music by Dopapod, Lazy Bird, High Breaks, and DJ Local Dork.

For more, visit <https://jay-peakresort.com/things-to-do/events/summer-solstice-sessions>

LEVITT AMP ST. JOHNSBURY MUSIC SERIES June 28-Aug. 30

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series returns July 8-Aug. 27



After 25 years in N.H. and a one-year flood postponement, Jerry Jam will make its Vermont debut at Pransky Farm in Cabot. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

with an 11-show series.

The free, family-friendly shows will be held at two St. J locations: Dog Mountain (the traditional venue since 2017) and Railroad Street (as part of the monthly Final Fridays! event on June 29, July 26 and Aug. 30).

This year's lineup includes Alysha Brilla (global roots sounds), Mal Maiz (blend of traditional cumbia, latin, reggae, and afro-caribbean sounds), Dwight & Nicole (soul and blues), Albannach (Celtic trib-

al), Adam Ezra Group (classic folk rock), Waahli (from Hip Hop super-group Nomadic Massive), Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band (American country blues), Mike Mains (indie rock), Jillian Dawn (indie pop), DuPont Brass (brass ensemble), and E.T.E. (Quebec traditional).

For more info visit www.catalmountarts.org/shows-and-events/levitt-amp-st-johnsbury-music-series/

NEW HAMPSHIRE HARDCORE FEST June 28-29

New Hampshire Hardcore Fest returns for its third year, moving to the Littleton Opera House.

The event will feature 14 bands from multiple states over two days on June 29 and 30.

For more info, visit newhamphshirehardcore.wixsite.com

LITTLETON CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES June 28-Sept. 6

The weekly Concerts in the Park Series returns to the Remich Park pavilion on Friday evenings.

For a full lineup and more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2076090746006406>

TRIBUTEPALOOZA July 6

Melody Mountain Farm in Warren, N.H., presents a full slate of tribute bands channeling AC/DC, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Stone Temple Pilots, Alanis Morissette, and Social Distortion.

For more info, visit <https://melodymountainfarm.com/>

JEEZUM CROW FESTIVAL July 7-8

The Jeezum Crow Festival returns July 19-20 to Jay Peak Resort.

Held in the 3,000-capacity State-side Amphitheater, the two-day jam band festival features day one headliner's Pigeons Playing Ping Pong (funk/jam) and day two acts The Del McCoury Band (bluegrass)

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and The Infamous Stringdusters (progressive acoustic/bluegrass).

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ROCKIN' THE PARK

July 12-Aug. 2

The Rockin' The Park outdoor music series will return to Centennial Park in Lancaster.

The lineup includes Sly Richard (7/12), Way of The Headband (7/19), Ashley Jane's Hootenanny (7/26), and the Jesse Taylor Band (8/2).

For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/rockintheparkLancaster/>

JERRY JAM

July 19-21

After a quarter-century in New Hampshire, the three-day Jerry Jam music festival will move across the border to the Pransky Farm in Cabot, Vt.

Postponed by historic flooding last year, Jerry Jam 26 takes place from July 19-21 and will feature Reid Genauer's Folks, Assembly of Dust, Keller Williams' Grateful Grass ft. The Hillbenders, Nth Power, Max Creek, and Tou-



Dakota Butterfield of Barnet dances to the music of the Adam Ezra Group at St J Final Friday in St. Johnsbury on Friday, July 28, 2023. (File Photo by Paul Hayes)

bab Krewe.

For more information, go to www.jerryjam.com

NORTH COUNTRY CHAMBER PLAYERS

July 13-Aug. 11

The North Country Chamber Players will hold its annual summer music festival July 13-Aug. 11.

The five-week classical music performance series will feature a different weekly theme and rotate through various locations.

It opens with American Masters featuring Branford Marsalis.

For a full schedule and weekly show descriptions visit <https://northcountrychamber-players.org/>

CABOT ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 26-27

The Cabot Arts and Music Festival on July 26-27 will feature 12 bands over two days on the village common.

The multi-genre festival opens Friday with a Cajun dance party with Pointe Noir Cajun Band and a full bill of artists Saturday headlined by Rose and the Bros, Rayna & Kieran, and The Mammals.

The event also includes dance, arts and crafts, food trucks, kids activities, and more.

For details, visit <https://www.cabotarts.org/arts-and-music-festival>

AUGUST WEST FESTIVAL

Aug. 10

The 20th Annual August West Festival occurs Saturday, Aug. 10, on the Jay town green.

The Grateful Dead-themed celebration features food and drink, arts, crafts, and free music from Dead Sessions Lite and Rick Red-

ington & Tuff Luv.

The event takes place the day before Joe Russo's Almost Dead plays at Jay Peak's Stateside Amphitheater.

For more, visit www.jaypeakresort.com/aw23

MOUNTAIN MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Aug. 9-10

The Mountain Music & Arts Festival takes place Aug. 9-10 at Melody Mountain Farm in Warren.

The packed lineup features Joe Samba, Crooked Coast, Sly Richard, The Ries Brothers, and more.

For the full lineup and schedule visit <https://melodymountainfarm.com/>

ST JOHNSBURY TOWN BAND

June 17-Aug. 19

The St. Johnsbury Town Band will hold its annual summer concert series with free shows on Monday evenings.

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Life's A Beach In The Northeast Kingdom

BY STEPHEN GARFIELD
Staff Writer

Take a refreshing summertime dip from public beaches in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

Prouty Beach & Campground, Newport

Perhaps the granddaddy of them all, Lake Memphremagog (6317 acres) is the largest lake in Vermont. Thirty-one miles long, 73 percent of the lake's surface area is in Quebec, where it drains into the Magog River.

Prouty Beach & Campground is a popular spot for Lake Memphremagog beachgoers. A 36-acre park with a great view of downtown Newport, the facility hosts over 75 campsites and amenities, including tennis courts, a playground, a basketball court, shuffleboard, boat and

bike rentals. The lower beach building houses boat and bike rentals and access to bathrooms and changing facilities for the waterfront. Located one mile from downtown, Prouty also provides parking areas for hiking and biking on the Newport-Beebe Bike Path and nearby fishing areas.

Seymour Lake, Morgan

Seymour Lake (1,769 acres) is the second largest lake in Vermont, about three miles long and two miles wide, with a maximum depth of 167 feet. Its public beach is at the north end of the lake. According to northeastkingdom.com, many believe Seymour is the cleanest lake in Vermont.

Brighton State Park

Located at 102 State Park Road in Island Pond, a beach can be found on the shores of Spectacle Pond (102 acres,



Crystal Lake State Park in Barton. (File photo)

15 feet max depth). Popular with anglers, primary species in Spec Pond include largemouth bass, brown bullhead, chain pickerel, yellow perch and various panfish species. Brown trout and smallmouth bass are also caught occasionally.

Lake Willoughby, Westmore

With an average depth of 185 feet, Lake Willoughby (1,653 acres) is one of the deepest lakes in the Northeast. At its deepest, according to vermontvacation.com, this glacially-formed lake is 328 feet.

Beaches can be found at the northern and southern end of the lake. Long distance

swimmers have trained while plying the almost five-mile length, and events such as triathlons and endurance events have been held there.

Located in Westmore, the lake's southern end is surrounded by Willoughby State Forest. This state forest includes Mount Pisgah and Mount Hor, known in the NEK as Willoughby Gap.

Yellow perch, white sucker, rainbow smelt, round whitefish and longnose sucker inhabit Lake Willoughby, to the pleasure of fishermen. With its many uses, the lake has garnered previous recognition such as being named third best lake in New England by *Yankee Magazine*.

Maidstone State Park

Maidstone Lake (796 acres) is deep, clear, and cold. The beach is located within Maidstone State Park at

5956 Maidstone Lake Road, about four miles off of Vermont Route 102 in Guildhall. It is known for trout fishing as well as views of nesting loons. A campground has 34 tent/RV sites and 25 lean-to sites.

Joe's Pond Beach, West Danville

Locate off Rt. 15 near the intersection with Route 2, Joe's Pond Beach is a convenient place for a swim, a picnic and a trip on the Lamaille Valley Rail Trail which passes along the beach parking lot.

Boulder Beach State Park

Located at 2278 Boulder Beach Road within Groton State Forest, this state park gets its name for the many large rocks left by glaciers on the sandy beach of Lake

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The Many Paths To The Top Of Mt. Washington

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

You can do it by hiking boot, running shoe, bicycle, car, ATV, or train. Whether you're seeking adventure and a test of physical endurance or something more relaxing and in line with comfort, there are several ways to reach the peak of the Northeast's tallest mountain. Standing at 6,288 feet in elevation, Mt. Washington – the summit area encompassing nearly 60 acres that is part of the Mt. Washington State Park – hosts an auto road, cog railway, and myriad hiking trails. At its alpine and rock-strewn summit are the Mt. Washington Observatory, Tip Top House, the oldest structure at the peak built in 1854, and the Sherman Adams Center visitor's center, including a

cafeteria and gift shop. **Hiking** Long known as a hiker's paradise, there are several paths and many custom-made combinations of trails to reach the top, some longer and more strenuous than others. One of the most popular but more difficult is the Tuckerman Ravine Trail, an 8.4-mile, 9-hour round-trip hike on the eastern slope. It features varied terrain, including boreal forest, a glacial cirque, and alpine highlands. Along the way are the Hermit Lake shelters and the Tuckerman Headwall, at the point where one is exposed to the elements. Segments of the path offer splendid views of Tuckerman Ravine. One can also take the adjoining Lion's Head Trail for the ascent or descent, though



Motorists enjoy the views along the Mt. Washington Auto Road. (File photo by Robert Blechl) the Lion's Head ascent is more difficult. Tuckerman Ravine Trail begins at the Appalachian Mountain Club's Pinkham Notch headquarters. A longer route to the summit could entail taking Boot Spur Trail, also from the Pinkham Notch headquarters, and connecting with the Davis Crawford path for 1.4 miles to the summit and return via the Gulfside Path to Mt. Clay, before descending the Jewell Trail, making for a long loop hike. Another, though longer, route on the western slope is taking Caps Ridge Trail, from Jefferson Notch Road, to Mt. Jefferson and then hiking southbound on the Gulfside Trail to Mt. Washington. And those hikers with longer time-frames who want to spend some overnights in huts can make the Presidential Traverse and peak-bag the Presidential from north to south, or vice versa, to summit Mts. Madison, Adams, Jefferson, Washington, Monroe, Eisenhower, and Pierce, as well as other peaks along the way. When hiking, always take caution, even in summer. There's a reason why Mt.

Washington and its neighboring mountains are known for having the world's worst weather. The weather can turn on a dime, with temperatures plunging and sudden fog or snow squalls leaving little to no visibility. Bring enough food, water, warm and waterproof clothing, and proper footwear and set out early. Plan for emergencies and for strong winds and bring the hiking essentials, such as a flashlight, maps, compass, whistle, and First Aid kit. The weather, especially above tree line, can and has been deadly. **Auto Road** When it's open during the warmer months, taking the 8-mile Mt. Washington Auto Road is the most popular way

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BY AMY ASH NIXON
Staff Writer

The return of the farmers' markets across the region is one of the most anticipated and joyful harbingers of summer in the North Country and Northeast Kingdom.

Many area towns host long-running and popular markets where everything from plants for your garden to seasonal produce, hand-made breads and pastries,

locally-roasted coffee, local cheese, herbal products, and fresh-cooked food from around the world - including Jamaica, Cuba and Puerto Rico, to name a few - and arts and crafts including woodworkers, painters, photographers, textile makers, soap and body products and more can be purchased.

Offerings from local maple producers, farm-raised meats, and locally distilled spirits are also often among the of-

ferings at the area farmers' markets.

Many of the markets also feature local musicians entertaining while folks are enjoying the markets and milling around, and all the markets are dog-friendly, as well!

Caledonia Farmers Market: Danville & St. J

One of the longest operating in the area is the Caledonia Farmers Market, with two locations and dates.

The market is in full swing

at its St. Johnsbury location every Saturday morning in the municipal parking lot at Eastern Avenue and Pearl Street, through October. The market operates 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Caledonia Farmers Market also operates on Wednesdays in Danville on the Town Green, and likewise runs from May through October also from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A visit to the St. Johnsbury market on a recent Saturday included several farmers offering beautiful garden plants including many varieties of heirloom tomatoes, herbs, peppers and all kinds of veggies as well as flowers and hanging baskets, fresh-popped kettle corn, goat cheese, coffee roasted locally by the pound or cup to go, lots of foods to enjoy while browsing, or to bring

home, and talented craftspeople showing wares from small furniture to quilts, cross-stitched items, hand-made jewelry, dog biscuits and more!

Lyndon Farmers Market

Also in the NEK, every Friday the Lyndon Farmers Market is offered in Bandstand Park from 3 to 6 p.m.

The market is returning to the green in Bandstand Park in the heart of Lyndonville after a year at Powers Park.

The first day of the Lyndon market will be June 7th, and it runs through Oct. 11th.

Returning to Bandstand Park, the market will be set up on the West side of the Park, by the municipal building this year.

There is live music featured every week and a roster of about 25 vendors is on board to launch the market

soon with a nice mix of locally-produced options to include organic produce, hand-crafted items, baked goods, prepared foods, soap, traditional baskets and chocolate.

Craftsbury Farmers Market

In Craftsbury, this year's summer farmers' market will be held on the Craftsbury Common on North Craftsbury Road Saturdays from late May (the first one was May 25th) through the end of September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vendors this year will include local meat, fiber products, organic maple cotton candy, vegetable and flower starts, vegetables, hatching eggs, pottery, goat milk soaps, leather wrap bracelets, skin care items, lemonade, fruit,

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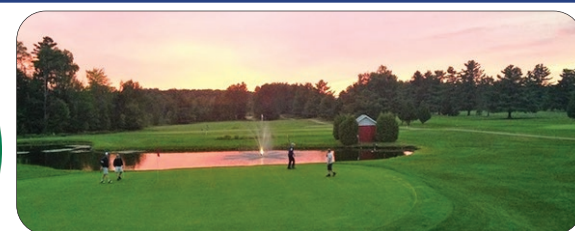
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The market this year is looking forward to its Blueberry Festival, and more information will be posted to their website soon, said Bethany Young.

Peacham Farmers Market

Vendors, including local farmers and artists, will come together on Thursdays in Peacham for the farmers' markets there this summer.

The Peacham Farmers Market will host a special July 4th market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After the Fourth of July event, the market times from July 11th through Aug. 29th will be 3-6 p.m.

Markets will be on the Peacham Town Green, said Katherine Siner, one of the market's co-managers, along with Michelle Siner.

In addition to food, arts, music and farmer vendors, the Peacham Library will host a story hour.

Greensboro Farmers Market

The Greensboro Farmers Market will return to the green at 81 Lauredon Ave. on Wednesday afternoons during July and August from 3-6 p.m.

The market features fresh produce, special seasonal fruits, eggs, meat and poultry, pickles and preserves, salsa, pesto, pantry goods, maple syrup, honey, fresh bread and baked goods, and fresh flowers and herbs.

Vendors include Broadfork Farmstead, The Poet's Garden, Split Acres Farm, Pachamama Kitchen, Riverside Farm, Lynnette's Native Plants, and more are added throughout the season. The market welcomes EBT customers and participates in the Crop Cash and Farm to Family programs. Each market features a different hot food vendor and fresh local music, and visitors are welcome to enjoy dinner and entertainment on the green.

Glover Farmers Market

The Glover Farm & Flea Market will occur on the town green Sun-

days from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The market is offered Sundays from June 9th through Sept. 29th on the Glover Town Green, usually featuring local musicians, said market manager Randy Williams. He said that if the weather is threatening, the market is located in the town hall.

This year will be the seventh year of market operation, and Williams said they are always interested in welcoming new vendors.

Interested vendors can reach out to: gloverfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Hardwick Farmers Market

The Hardwick Farmers' Market opened on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend and will be at Atkins Field on Friday afternoons through the season from 3-6 p.m. every week.

Newport Farmers Market

The Newport Vermont Farmers Market runs this year through Oct. 12th; it's located at 246 Causeway, across from the Waterfront Plaza between the Chamber of Commerce building and the I-91 access road, off Exit 27 in Newport.

The market is held on Saturdays

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. until mid-October and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from June 5th-Oct. 9th on Wednesdays, as well. The markets are rain or shine.

According to the market's social media page, the Newport VT Farmers' Market has served Orleans County for over 52 years.

North Country NH Farmers Markets

The North Country of New Hampshire likewise offers many lovely farmers' markets, with offerings from local growers and talent across the region. Here are a few to choose from:

Littleton Farmers Market

Littleton's Farmers Market runs Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through mid-October.

The market takes place at the end of River Glen Lane on the Riverfront Commons. There is plenty of parking and/or a short walk across the covered bridge by Schillings.

A total of 45 vendors will this year be selling veggies, bread, bakery goods, hot Thai food, specialty drinks, jewelry, books by a local author, roasted coffee, meat, cheese, crafts, wooden items including bird houses, perennials, and many oth-

er items including CBD products made locally.

There will also be weekly musicians performing and different non-profit organizations at the markets.

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The market is rain or shine.

Colebrook Farmers Market

The farmers' market in Colebrook is held from July-October on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.

The market is held at 84 Colby St.

Lancaster Farmers Market

The Lancaster Farmers Market is held on Saturday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon through Oct. 12. It can be found in Centennial Park on Main Street.

On the market's website, they state, "We have 45 vendors from New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. Our Market has grown and blossomed since its inception in 1997. We remain committed to our initial goals of cultivating earth, community, and the arts, as well as as providing fresh, local, healthy, and seasonal food."



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This 18-hole par-72 course encompasses 6,453 total yards.

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The club offers a Couples League, Men's Early League, Ladies League, and Men's Twilight League. Guest greens fees are \$25 for nine holes, \$42 for 18 holes.

Orleans Country Club

316 Country Club Lane, Orleans

802-754-2333

orleanscc.com

Founded in 1928, the country club became a staple of Orleans County due to mixing a friendly social atmosphere with manicured greens and affordable rates.

It's a par 72 course that checks in at 6,185 yards. There's a nine-hole men's quota league every Thursday, a



Omni Mt. Washington. (File photo)

Men's Twilight League every Tuesday (also nine holes) - and the Ladies Twilight League.

Greens fees are \$41.51 for 18 holes, \$23.58 for nine holes, and \$10.38 for juniors age 13-15. Juniors 12 and under play for free when accompanied by an adult. After 2 p.m., the rate is \$27.36 for 18 holes, and \$17.92 for nine holes. The club has several special rates, including

\$44.34 with a cart Tuesdays and Wednesdays for golfers age 60 and over. Two others are Manic Mondays, and Military/1st Responder specials.

Barton Golf Club

548 Telfer Hill Road, Barton

802-525-1126

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Family owned and operated, the atmosphere at this golf course is casual. A season pass is \$329.

This par 72 course is 6,014 in length with five par threes, eight par fours and five par five holes.

Greens fees this season are \$14 (\$25 with cart) for nine holes, and \$18, 18 holes (\$35).

After 3 p.m., it's \$12 for nine holes (\$22), and \$15 for the full course (\$30).

Grandad's Invitational Golf Course

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This public backyard course is known as a hidden gem among the locals. The course features nine holes ranging from 42 yards to 213 yards. It's picturesque, easy to walk, and few clubs are needed. It's a walking course, with no motorized carts available. There is a soft drink machine on the porch, and a basket of balls where used balls may be purchased at .50 each.

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The Mount Washington Course has been voted Golfweek's Best Course You Can Play in New Hampshire since 2009. Advanced tee time bookings are encouraged, and may be made by calling 603-278-4653.

Maplewood Golf Course

2691 Main Street

Bethlehem, N.H.

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Originally constructed as a 9-hole course in 1904, the current par 72 course players encounter today was designed by Donald Ross in 1914. Today it features a par 6 hole over 650 yards long on the 16th hole. Eleven of the 18 holes are par fours. There are also four par three holes, and two par fives. Greens fees for Mon-

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BY ANGEL LARCOM
Littleton Chamber

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Downtown Littleton has been celebrated as a hidden gem in numerous top-ten lists in recent years. Nearby communities like Franconia, Bethlehem, Twin Mountain, and Lincoln offer equally enriching experiences. From thrilling outdoor activities to engaging arts and culture experiences, the greater Littleton area has something for everyone, promising an unparalleled summer getaway.

Embrace the Great Outdoors: With hundreds of miles of pristine hiking trails, natural waterways, and biking trails, there's a reason outdoor enthusiasts flock to the Greater Littleton area each summer. Scale the summits of such renowned peaks as Mount Lafayette or Mount Washington and be reward-

ed with breathtaking panoramic views that stretch for miles. For those seeking a more fast-paced adventure, tear it up on the network of scenic bike trails that wind through lush forests and picturesque landscapes. With options for all skill levels at Parker Mountain, Franconia NEMBA, the Bethlehem Trails Association, and the Cross NH Adventure Trail, cycling around Littleton is a fun way to explore the region's beauty.

Embark on a kayaking adventure on the tranquil waters of the numerous lakes and ponds or explore the fantastic fly fishing opportunities, including the Ammonoosuc River and countless White Mountain streams. Immerse yourself in lush greenery, rocky outcrops, and gentle rapids as you discover the scenic aquatic wonders that await around every bend.

Savor Culinary Fusions: Immerse yourself in the unique local flavor of Greater Littleton, where farm-to-table freshness meets hoppy goodness. Indulge in one-of-a-kind dining experiences at our charming downtown eateries, where locally sourced ingredients take center stage. Savor the flavors of imaginative cuisine paired with handcrafted brews from our region's numerous breweries, or grab breakfast at one of the local diners filled with historic charm.

Shop and Stroll in Style: Discover hidden treasures and unique finds as you

explore the quaint boutiques and artisan shops that line Littleton's Main Street and River District. From handcrafted art to boutique clothing, our downtown area offers a treasure trove of shopping delights. Stroll along the River Walk, where you'll discover a covered walking bridge, green space, and a Sunday Farmers' Market showcasing the abundance of locally grown produce.

Explore Arts and Culture: Experience the vibrant cultural arts scene of Downtown Littleton and beyond. From live performances, hands-on art experiences, and annual outdoor festivals to monthly First Friday extravaganzas and free outdoor concerts, our region comes alive with a myriad of cultural events throughout the summer months.

Plan Your Summer Escape: With so much to see and do, Littleton is the ultimate summer destination for adventure seekers and relaxation enthusiasts alike. Whether you're craving outdoor thrills, culinary delights, or cultural experiences, our charming town has it all and more. Start planning your summer getaway to Littleton, where unforgettable memories await around every corner. Discover the magic of New Hampshire's hidden gem!

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Summer Theater Features Fresh Takes On Timeless Classics

BY AMY ASH NIXON
Staff Writer

Summer theater is alive and well across the mountains of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and New Hampshire's North Country, with a variety of local theater troupes preparing shows to entertain all ages in the weeks ahead.

Vermont Children's Theater

The Vermont Children's Theater, set in a picturesque vintage red barn on scenic Darling Hill Road on the Lyndon-Burke town line, will once again host three shows featuring a cast of young actors in productions that feature the youngest actors in the show's premiere, the middle grade performers for the second show, and teenage actors in the final production of the summer season.

This year, the VCT will of-

fer the following shows: Disney's Frozen KIDS made up of an all-elementary cast with youths ages 7 to those soon to be 5th graders on stage as well as back stage putting on the performance; Singin' in the Rain Jr. to be put on by the VCT middle school cast with members ranging in age from entering 5th grade (that grade can choose the younger or middle show) through 8th grade; and the high schoolers' show this summer will be The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical.

Disney's Frozen KIDS will be performed July 11-14; Singin' in the Rain JR will be featured July 18-21; and The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical will be on stage July 25-28.

All costs for admission and concession sales help keep the long-running, nonprofit local children's theater afloat;



Vermont Children's Theater, summer season '23. (File Photo)

the organization is run by volunteers, headed by President Sarah Ham.

Each year, VCT provides 100 to 150 area children with a practical introduction to theater, developing theatrical technique, literacy skills, and personal responsibility. "Our commitment to inclusivity means that every child has the opportunity to discover the transformative power of

theater through the unique artistic and educational experiences it provides," said Ham.

Find out more about the VCT by visiting their social media page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/160158210684187/user/100067904744395/>

Borderline Players

The theater company gets its name from its location on the Canada-U.S., border. Bor-

derline Players will perform The Drowsy Chaperone as their summer musical comedy, based on the book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar with music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison.

Tickets are now on sale for the summer production, being directed by Todd Cubit with music direction by Mark Violette, produced by Borderline Players at the Haskell Opera House June 21-22-23 & 28-29-30.

Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

The theater company sums up the story line, "When a die-hard theatre fan plays their favourite cast album, the unforgettable characters come to life in one show-stopping song and dance number after another. This hilarious Tony-winning musical farce delightfully blends nostalgia

with a contemporary flair."

Printed tickets for sale (cash or check only) at: MAC Center for the Arts in Newport, Haskell Free Library in Derby Line, Colby-Curtis Museum in Stanstead, Haskell Box Office starting an hour before showtime.

Online ticket link for credit card purchases: Catamount Arts.

Note: Children under-12 will not be admitted.

The Drowsy Chaperone is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

For more information, visit <https://borderlineplayers.org/>

The St. Johnsbury Players

St. Johnsbury Players will be putting on a murder mys-

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Theater

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 tery evening on June 29th.

The St. Johnsbury Players are the Northeast Kingdom's oldest community theater group, founded in the early 1930s.

The Players started out as a group of friends drawn together by an enthusiasm for performing. They put on shows in small local venues and donated the proceeds to charity.

Ten percent of the profits from every show benefit the W. Clark Noyes Theater Arts Award, named after a founding member of the group and given every year to a graduating high school senior who has demonstrated excellence in the theater arts and will go on to study theater in college, according to a statement shared with the newspaper.

The June 29 interactive murder mystery will be a fundraiser to benefit the United Community Church, UCC, according to Sarah Bengston, treasurer and social media coordinator for the theater troupe.

"Murder at the Reunion," written and directed by Ursula Malabre-Speicher, takes place at the 50th anniversary

High School reunion of the Class of 1975. The evening is emceed by class president Biff Decker, a burned-out Lothario who will pay for his past affairs and offenses. The shady class vice-president appears out of nowhere, claiming to be a former CIA advisor. The class treasurer, fresh out of prison for embezzlement, has a real estate scheme that will make everyone rich. Once Biff opens the evening he's interrupted by Beatrice Miller, still bitter about being cheated (by a rigged class election) out of Head Cheerleader. When a murder ensues, it will be up to the audience to solve it.

"Murder at the Reunion" will take place on Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m., at the United Community Church.

In August, the Players will hold auditions for their October production of Tom Griffin's "Amateurs." Directed by William York Hyde (SAG-AFTRA), "Amateurs," with its flexible cast of five men and four women, is a fascinating examination of local theater, ego and human desire. More information can be found at stjohnsburyplayers.org.

The Weathervane Theatre
 The award-winning



The Weathervane Theater. (Courtesy Photo)

Weathervane Theatre kicks off its 59th season this year.

Known for performing in its signature style of alternating repertory, patrons can experience several different productions over the course of one week as the Weathervane presents nine different shows over the course of its 4-month season.

Featured June 13-22 (no shows June 15 or 21) will be Beautiful: The Carole King Musical.

On the Weathervane's website, the theater company describes the show: "The inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable journey from schoolgirl to superstar. Featuring two dozen hits such as 'Natural Woman' and 'One Fine Day,' this Tony-winning

celebration is filled with the songs you remember — and a story you'll never forget!"

Following that show, What the Constitution Means To Me will be featured from June 26 to July 4 featuring "Heidi Schreck's hilarious, hopeful, and achingly human play breathes new life into our Constitution and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans. Pulitzer Prize finalist and Tony Award nominee."

Showing between June 30 and Aug. 16 will be The

Wedding Singer, "The year is 1985. The place is New Jersey. A wannabe rock star (aka a professional wedding singer) is left at the altar and finally changes his tune. Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie."

And from July 3-July 18 will be Skeleton Crew, "A makeshift family of workers at the last exporting auto plant in the city navigate the possibility of foreclosure. As power dynamics shift they are pushed to the limits of survival. 2022 Best Play Tony Nominee."

Also this summer will be The Story Goes On: The Songs of Maltby & Shire with a limited engagement of plays the week of July 20-27.

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Everybody's Talking About Jamie will be on stage July 31-Aug. 29, "The hit West End musical about learning who you are - and loving it!"

Other shows coming up include The Full Monty on stage Aug. 14-Sept. 29; Clue Aug. 27-Sept. 28 Based on the iconic 1985 movie inspired by the classic board game, Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery," and Romeo & Juliet Sept. 18-27, then Cabaret Oct. 6-13, "Step inside the seedy Kit Kat Club in 1930s Berlin. The classic Kander/Ebb/Mastoroff musical at the historic Weathervane as you've never seen either before."

See the website for more information on the schedule for summer and early fall shows.

The Weathervane Theatre is located in Whitefield, N.H. Visit <https://weathervanenh.org/> for more information.

Beach

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 Groton and throughout the forest. The park is located on the eastern shore of 423-acre Lake Groton. There are many picnic sites throughout this day-use-only park. The Groton Nature Center is nearby.

Crystal Lake State Park, Barton

Crystal Lake (763 acres) is about three miles long, one mile in width and in some places it is known to be more than 100 feet deep. It is situated between rough-hewn mountain sides. Located at 96 Bellwater Avenue, Crystal Lake greets motorists traveling north into Barton on

Route 5.

The beach area has almost a mile of sandy shoreline with a marked swimming area. The large, historic, granite bathhouse has restrooms, changing areas, and a concession stand. There are approximately 40 free-standing charcoal grills, nearly 80 picnic tables, rental boats and canoes, and lots of parking space.

Harvey's Lake, West Barnet

Harvey's Lake (350 acres) is quaint and family-friendly, known for its Popsicle's for sale at the gate house. The beach house is located at 95 Harvey Mountain Road in Barnet. The lake, which cov-

ers 351 acres, has a maximum depth of 144 feet. The beach, located on the north end of the lake, has picnic tables, grills, a pavilion and a beach house.

The northern end of the lake is dominated by Harvey's Lake Park with its public beaches, picnic areas, pavilion and beach house. On a historical note, famed ocean explorer and scuba inventor Jacques Cousteau had influential experiences on Harvey's Lake as a youngster in the early 1920s. While attending a summer camp he experimented with staying underwater by breathing through hollow reeds found in the lake shallows.

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Fairbanks Museum Readies Matsinger Forest For Public

BY ANDREW MCGREGOR
Staff Writer

Nestled amid the rolling hills and whispering woods of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom lies a hidden gem that will soon reveal its wonders to the public.

Matsinger Forest is a 500-acre nature preserve gifted to Fairbanks Museum in 2022 by John and Barbara Matsinger to fulfill their vision that the land should be used for forest stewardship, environmental education and community recreation.

The Fairbanks Museum Nature Preserve at Matsinger Forest resulted from three decades of partnership between the Matsingers, the Vermont Land Trust, which helped conserve the land, and Fairbanks Museum, for which John served as a trustee in the '90s.

Matsinger Forest is off Thaddeus Steven Road in a quiet corner of Danville, near Rake Factory Brook, where Danville, Peacham and Barre converge.

Adam Kane, executive director of Fairbanks Museum, said a natural community sur-

vey was done last year as part of developing the preserve and a forestry plan with the state.

"Because it is an amalgamation of a whole bunch of different parcels, over the last 50 to 100 years, every piece has been managed differently," said Kane of the unique qualities of the land.

The forest, which was acquired by the Matsingers piece by piece over decades, is a microcosm of this region's forest landscape with northern hardwoods, cedar swamps, alder swamps, stands of hemlock, multiple vernal pools, a brook, and much more. There are also signs of the human touch on the landscape dating back to the 19th century with old stone walls, foundations and other features from a time when that corner of Danville was populated with mills powered by Rake Factory Brook and nearby Joe's Brook.

"You definitely get to see that land use over the last couple of 100 years, it is really visible for walkers," said Kane.

The museum has just received permits to install a



Students from the career and technical education program at St. Johnsbury Academy install a trail bridge they built for Matsinger Forest. (Contributed Photo)

trailhead parking area and restroom facilities, allowing the preserve to be open to the public by mid-summer.

Kane said he expects the museum to install trail signage and a couple of types of interpretation to educate the forest users. One would be tree identification to highlight the 40 or so species of trees found in the forest and their key characteristics.

There would also be about 15 wayside exhibit panels discussing the environment and a small interactive fea-

ture to entertain the younger visitors.

The forest is expected to open with about 6 miles of trails for walking and hiking. The trails are being reclaimed from prior trails, logging roads, and other places that have fallen out of use. They have been re-established through work done by the Northwoods Stewardship Center's youth and adult trail crews, which was on site for two weeks in 2023 and will return for another session this summer, as well as

work by the museum and St. Johnsbury Academy's CTE program, which built a trail bridge for the forest.

"That's probably half the trail mileage we could have if we're able to get back everything that was there ten years ago, which we will over time," said Kane.

The forest has long been used privately by the museum for youth programs and educational opportunities, but developing the infrastructure further will allow the museum to open it up to a wider audience.

This summer, the museum will host EarthWalk, an immersive, outdoor education day camp for youth focused on learning about, exploring and supporting the land. The museum will also offer a forest school in the fall, held one day a week for area students (homeschool, public, independent school students eligible) and field trip programs for area schools and programs for the public, like bird watching and guided walks.

Access to the forest will run from 8 a.m. to dusk during spring, summer and fall at no cost, said Kane.

Kane said he hopes and ex-

pects Matsinger Forest will fit in as a unique and accessible asset with the other destinations across the region that highlight the northern forest and ecosystem, such as the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, some of Vermont's state forests, and the myriad hiking opportunities.

"This differentiates in a couple of ways," said Kane, noting the limited number of other forest trails in this part of Caledonia County, the gentler terrain that would be well-suited for families with younger members, and the shorter loop options on the trail system. "We had preschoolers out there last week," he said.

"You get a microcosm of the types of biomes in this part of Vermont and the land use in Vermont in a really concentrated area and in a way that is going to be really accessible."

Between the anticipated public opening of Matsinger Forest, as well as the newly opened Science Annex and the return of the butterfly house on the museum's campus, he expects this summer to be busy.



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St. Johnsbury Town Forest

This 97-acre facility located on Almhouse Road is similar to many outdoor recreation venues, in that walkers, and even mountain bikers, can be found in the forest. Hiking trails have been there for many years, and to the delight of riders, a downhill mountain bike trail was added.

A picnic kiosk/pavilion donated to the town by the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club is located next to the parking area. Hikers have a few choices when starting out. A popular way is to start up the path behind the pavilion. It goes through a grassy, open area before it enters into the forest. Tall pines of varying types are everywhere, and hikers can continue on this path, or jump on one of the cross trails that connect one side of the forest to the other.

Hiking trails are denoted by color; The Red trail, Green

trail, and Yellow trail. The blue trail, meanwhile, cuts down to the scenery of the Moose River below.

Crow Hill Trails, St. Johnsbury/Danville

A wonderful place to get outdoors, the trailhead is located at 560 Clark Road in St. Johnsbury. Also known as the Rankin trails for the Rankin family, which donated land for construction of a mountain biking trail in 2017, older established carriage paths make for great hiking, especially with a dog. Hikers can jump off one of these paths, and onto the bike track which intersects the paths in several places.

Crow Hill Trails underwent an expansion in 2022, with a new trail, Raser's Edge, that starts from nearby Swett Road. It's a gem of a trail again open to bikers and walkers, and puts both, after a 15 minute woods ride, onto the open doublewide trails of the Christmas loop, the Sleighride trail and, just for riders, singletrack to write home about on the GMC trail.

Lyndon State Forest

Again, hikers share the trails in Lyndon State Forest with cy-



A view of Lake Willoughby from the West Lookout on Mt. Pisgah in Westmore. (File photo)

clists. Such is the diversity of terrain and lovely old-growth jack pines, hemlocks, and white pines in this 72-acre facility. Permit, which encircles the the periphery of the forest, is popular with hikers. They can also meander along trails like Mossland, so named because of the moss on the forest floor. At the same time, they know to stay off the bikers-only Wedgey trail. It seems to be a comfortable co-existence for all concerned.

"Lyndon State Forest is an excellent example of intensive forest management practices

over time. Due to grazing and deforestation, the area was a sand drift at the time of acquisition. Today, the forest is used for many different types of opportunities and is used by local schools for various field trips." - Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation.

Hardwick Trails

A state Forest, Parks & Recreation grant got construction of Hardwick Trails started in 2003, resulting in six miles of hiking trails and five miles of singletrack. In 2009 Hardwick Trails received a Community Enhancement Award from the

Vermont Trails & Greenways Council.

There's no limit to recreating at this place, whose trailhead is located at Hazen Union High School in Hardwick. The park is popular for birdwatching. There is a poetry loop with the works of local and students. A creekside little library is a sublime place to stop, sit on the bench and ponder. There are several benches around the park, in spots that maximize chilling out among the scenery. Hikers might come across an enormous piece of granite shaped perfectly as a bench, in a spot seemingly made only for it. Or they might like to hike down to Hardwick Lake, where in the 1920s a pest house was located. Completing the diversity, the Marlene Clark Fitness Trail has exercise equipment to complement the day's hike.

Mt. Pisgah, Westmore

The sheer, spectacular cliffs of 2,785-foot Mt. Pisgah may lead one to think, what would

the view be like from up there?

The view can be taken in via the Mt. Pisgah trail. It's about a 4-1 mile round trip and, while not as steep as the cliffs, it's considered a challenging hike with an average round-trip time of about three hours. There are three access points to Mt. Pisgah; the North trail, the East (Long Pond) trail, and the South Trail. The latter trail departs from the parking area south of the lake on Route 5A and is the shortest, most gradual way to the top, so it is particularly good for families with small children. About a mile up the trail is Pulpit Rock which offers birds-eye views of Lake Willoughby.

South Trail was created in the 1850s as a bridle path for inn guests to be able to access the mountain views. In the 1930s, the CCC improved the trail to make it accessible for hiking. That makes this trail over 171 years old.

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Summer Fun In Lyndon

BY CHERYL MCMAHON
Lyndon Area Chamber

Summer in the Northeast Kingdom is an eagerly anticipated sweet reward after long winter days and mud season! Locals and visitors alike waste no time in diving into the season with events and activities for the whole family.

The Lyndon Farmer's Market returns to its popular location in Bandstand Park and will offer a wide variety of local produce and goods on Fridays from June to October from 3 pm to 6 pm.

The 55th Annual Burklyn Arts Summer Craft Fair takes place on Saturday, June 29th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at an exciting new location at the Wildflower Inn on Darling Hill Road in Lyndonville. This event is organized by the Burklyn Arts Council and benefits arts in the schools for area children. On Saturday, July 20th, it's the 43rd Annual Stars and Stripes Festival

and Parade. The huge parade begins at 10 am, followed by an afternoon of live music, food, vendors and more in Bandstand Park until 3 p.m. This year's event also includes the HOPE Color Run.

Along with these special events, many activities provide something for everyone. Look for weekly band concerts in Bandstand Park, take a bike ride on Kingdom Trail network

(www.kingdomtrails.org) or visit one of the five local covered bridges. The Cobleigh Public Library Summer Reading Program registration starts June 1st and there are a ton of activities planned right through August 2nd. The Cobleigh offers several story times a week and you can also check out a fishing pole or two and hit some of the local rivers or lakes. (www.cobleighlibrary.org). Look for Family Fun Fridays, special camps for kids, swimming, classes and fun at Power's Park, pick your own strawberry opportunities and of course, visit one of sev-



Shriners take part in the 42nd Annual Stars and Stripes Parade and Festival in Lyndonville. (Photo by Javin Leonard)

eral local eateries for some delicious ice cream! You can also check out many local art works on the JayLyn Art Tour <https://www.catamountarts.org/community-art-outreach/jaylyn-art-tour/>

Wrapping up summer is the Caledonia County Fair, which runs from Wednesday, August 21st to Sunday, August 25th in Mountain View Park. The Caledonia County Fair is the oldest fair in Vermont, now in its 178th year. This year's fair includes some exciting new attractions in addition to truck and horse pulls, rides by Dreamland Amusements, musical perfor-

mances and the ever popular Demo Derby. For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit www.caledoniacountyfair.com.

Make the most of all that Lyndon and the Northeast Kingdom has to offer. Celebrate traditions with family and friends or explore some new activities, either way, summer in the NEK is sweet! For more information, visit www.lyndonvermont.com or follow the Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook!

Cheryl McMahon is secretary of the Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce.

A Jewel In The NEK

BY LAURA MALIESWSKI
Burke Chamber

Summer in and around Burke offers endless opportunities for outdoor adventures. A typical summer day might include a morning mountain bike ride followed by a dip in the river (creemee in hand!) and an evening chilling out at the local tiki bar.

Burke is, of course, home to world-class mountain biking on Kingdom Trails. The 100+ mile trail network is made possible by the generosity of 104 private landowners who allow the trails, and non-motorized use of them, on their property. Whether you're an experienced rider or a total beginner, trails exist for every ability level including exhilarating Black Diamond downhill or more scenic cross-country journeys. The Burke Mountain Bike Park also has something for everyone including 12 downhill and 10 cross-country trails (consisting of expert jump, excavated and flow trails). Bike rentals are offered at Burke Mountain as well as local sporting goods shops. For kids, there's a pump track in the village and summer camps offered locally that are designed to build skills and confidence on two wheels. Guided mountain bike and gravel ride tours are also available in the area.

Beyond biking, the area offers guided horseback rides, casual golfing at the local backyard course, dozens of hiking trails to explore, and if you like spending time on or in the water, there are many lakes and waterways within a 20-minute drive from Burke. Family fun must-do's include visits to the Mountain View Farm Animal Sanctuary and Kingdom Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch which opens late summer with offerings including corn cannons, the cow barrel train, wagon rides, farm tours and more.

When hunger strikes, there's all variety of dining from food truck fare to fine dining. Casual cafes and country stores with delis are located in East and West Burke Villages. Many local restaurants are proud to support local farmers and food producers by including their products on the menu. Many restaurants offer outdoor dining and feature live music from local performers as well as fun trivia nights.

For those visiting the area, lodging options abound for every type of traveler. There are several campgrounds in the area as well as resort style inns and hotels with dining and other amenities on-site. Or, if you prefer, you can stay in one of the many vacation rentals in the area including uniquely renovated barns, lakeside cottages, log cabins tucked away in the woods, multi-bedroom homes with room for large groups, slopeside condos and more. Prefer a stay in an historic mansion with manicured grounds and gardens? We've got that, too!

Summer highlights include the Strawberry Festival, Burklyn-Arts Summer Craft Fair, Stars & Stripes Festival, Caledonia County Fair, performances at the Vermont Children's Theater, Enduro Races at Burke Mountain and more.

For more information including events, lodging, dining, recreation, shopping, area services and more, visit BurkeVermont.com.

Laura Malieswski is the administrator of the Burke Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Ramping Up For Summer Fun In St. Johnsbury

BY GILLIAN SEWAKE
St. Johnsbury Chamber

When people share space and share joy at an event, it creates bonds that have positive impacts on individual well-being, and improves community and economic outcomes. So, do yourself and your community a favor and save the date for a summer of fun in St. Johnsbury. Join the party - it's good for you!

Discover St. Johnsbury and other community organizers are making it easy by planning for a full summer of events—most of them free and family friendly. Discover St. Johnsbury's website www.DiscoverStJohnsbury.com and social media pages are a one-stop-shop to find information about both our signature summer events, like the ones listed below, as well as daily activities like live music and gallery exhibitions happening throughout town.

First up, the Food Truck

Popup @ the Pavilion returns on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each summer month, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, & August 13 & 27, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Many of last year's popular vendors will be returning, plus a few new options that haven't been part of the series before. At each event, the Trailhead Pavilion (195 Bay Street) will be full of people enjoying dinner and dessert and live music. Details and the vendor lineup can be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/foodtruckpopup

Now in its third year, the popular St. J Final Fridays series returns on June 28, July 26, and August 30, led by partners Discover St. Johnsbury, the Town of St. Johnsbury, and Catamount Film & Arts. From 4 - 7 p.m., Railroad Street will be closed to motorized vehicles and filled with FREE live art demonstrations, family fun activities, goodies galore, a gallery stroll, and lots more. At 7 p.m., the event closes



Celebrants enjoy a Final Fridays summertime event in St. Johnsbury. (Contributed Photo)

out with a free Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series performance that turns the downtown into a concert venue. More details can be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/finalfridays

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series, presented by Catamount Arts, is also back with 11 free, family-friendly concerts at two St. Johnsbury locations. In addition to the three St. J Final Fridays concerts downtown,

nine shows take place 5 p.m. each Sunday at scenic Dog Mountain (143 Parks Road) from July 7 through August 25. Dogs are welcome, and the event features food trucks, a beer garden, and free activities on the lawn. For the full line-up of world-class performers featured in the series this year, visit www.catamountarts.org.

The St. Johnsbury Band Concerts & Ice Cream Socials begin on Monday, June

24 at 7:30 p.m. at Courthouse Park (1126 Main Street) and run every Monday evening through the end of August. These free events are a beloved summer tradition, with local organizations sponsoring the weekly ice cream socials and performances. Founded in 1830, the St. Johnsbury Band is the third oldest continuously-operating community band in the nation, with only the West Point Military Band and the Allentown, Pennsylvania Band coming in older. More information about band concerts and its history can be found at www.stjohnsbury-band.org

Along with these events, the St. Johnsbury Farmers Market is back at its summer location at Pearl Street & Eastern Avenue, happening each Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dog Mountain's annual dog party series returns with the Founders Celebration Dog Party on June 22, and the Summer Dog Party (selected as one of the State of

Vermont's Signature Events for 2024!) coming up on August 3. Art exhibitions and live music performances happen so frequently that there's something to enjoy literally every day—including trivia nights, art openings, recreational meet-ups, and more—hosted at restaurants, bars, and shops all around town. The best place to find an up-to-date listing of St. Johnsbury-based events every day of the week is at www.DiscoverStJohnsbury.com, which includes links to organizer websites for full event details. Bookmark the Calendar to stay up to date as new events are added.

Maybe attending a summer event isn't exactly what the doctor ordered, but we guarantee it will have positive impacts on you, and on the town. So, get outside and get downtown for a summer of fun in St. Johnsbury.

Gillian Sewake is the director of Discover St. Johnsbury.



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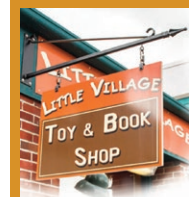


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St. Johnsbury Town Band: Fourth of July Patriotic Gala Concert, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; pre-concert rehearsal, 6:30-7:15 p.m.; free ice cream social, sponsored by the Good Living Senior Center. (www.stjohnsburyband.org)

July 3

Longest Running July 4th Celebration, Gorham, N.H.: Rec Dept. Day (open to local Recreation Department programs), 12 Noon-5 p.m.; Miller Amusements Carnival Midway, 5-10 p.m.; Open Mic Night – held at the Gazebo, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Facebook page, Gorham 4th of July Celebration)

Joe's Pond, West Danville: Fireworks at dusk, off Route 15. Rain date, July 5th.

Peacham Contra Dance: Firehouse Green, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

July 4

Cabot Fourth of July Celebration: Annual Rummage

Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cabot School gym; Friends of the Cabot Public Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Willey Building; Open House at the Historical Society, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3216 Main St.; Fourth of July Parade down Main Street, 11 a.m. (cash prizes); Food vendors and other activities will be in the Village on Route 215 before and after the parade until 2 p.m. Cabot Harvest Hub Farm Market, live music and more. (www.CabotVermont.org)

Derby Independence Day Parade: Parade, 10 a.m. (newportrecreation.org/july4)

Island Pond Celebration: Rock On, Catamount Arts Stage, Lakeside Park, 6 p.m.

Lancaster, N.H. Fourth of July Celebration: Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m.

Longest Running July 4th Celebration, Gorham, N.H.: Kiddies Parade, 11 a.m. – Ed Fenn School; Miller Amusements Carnival Midway, Noon-11 p.m.; July 4th Parade, Dublin to Railroad streets, 2 p.m.; DJ Music & Karaoke by Mountain Mu-

sic, 2-4 p.m.; Cantrip Concert, 7-10 p.m.; Fireworks, 10 p.m., Facebook page, Gorham 4th of July Celebration

Newport July 4th Celebrations: Harry Corrow Freedom Run, 8:30 a.m., Prouty Beach, registration required; in Gardner Memorial Park — 3 p.m. - the hockey rink will be transformed into a roller skating rink for all to enjoy, DJ Dave will perform; Concession stands on the Green way, serving from 5-10 p.m.; Concert on the Waterfront, Evansville Transit Authority – Paddle Palooza, 6-9 p.m.; Northern Star Cruises; Fireworks, Lake Memphremagog Bay, 9:30 p.m. (newportrecreation.org/july4)

North Danville Fourth of July 75th Anniversary Celebration: Parade, 10 a.m.; Tractor Roulette, 10 a.m.; Ticket sales for Maple Grove food basket, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (drawing for basket); Food booth, 10 a.m. and on; North Danville Baptist Church luncheon, 11 a.m.; Ice Cream booth, 11 a.m. and on; craft exhibit, historical room

and library open in Community Building, 11 a.m.; Sam Miller Band, 11 a.m. on the Green (next to the Community Building); Dunk Tank and Games on the Green, 11 a.m. and on; Pie Eating contest, 11:30 a.m.; Dickie Vance Run, 11:30 a.m. sign up, race starts at noon.

Omni Mount Washington Resort, Bretton Woods, N.H.: Fourth of July Fireworks Display, 9:45 p.m. (brettonwoods.com/Activities/Event)

Peacham Fourth of July Celebration: Kids Mini Bicycle Parade, 9-9:45 a.m.; Horseshoe & Corn Hole Contest, 8:30-11 a.m.; Church Bell Concert, 10-10:15 a.m.; Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 1p.m.; musical entertainment, Footworks, 10:30-11 a.m., also following Tractor Parade; Tractor Parade, 11 a.m.; Declaration of Independence speech, 1 p.m.; Food vendors and concession stands throughout the day; Church Dinner, 1-4 p.m.; also open at various times — Information Booth, Snow Roller Barn,

Peacham Historic House, Ashbel Goodenough Blacksmith Shop, Peacham Corner Guild, Northern Skies Observatory, Peacham Library.

Woodsville/Wells River 43rd Fourth of July Celebration: "Let Freedom BLING" parade begins at 11 a.m., Route 302 from Woodsville to Wells River. Following the parade, on the Woodsville Community Field: Flea Market, Food trucks and Inflatables open, beginning at 12 Noon; Music by Back Shed String Band, 1 p.m.; Dunk Tank and Free Face Painting, beginning at 1 p.m.; Bingo, beginning at 2 p.m.; Donna Thunder (live music), 4:30 p.m.; Sled Wrenches (live music), 8 p.m.; Raffle Drawings (Teddy Bear, Quilt and Cash raffles), 9 p.m.; 50/50 Raffle, 10 p.m.; Immense Fireworks Display, 10 p.m. (http://wwr4th.org/)

July 5

Island Pond Celebration: Dirty Looks Band, Catamount Arts Stage, Lakeside Park, 6 p.m.

Longest Running July 4th Celebration, Gorham, N.H.: Miller Amusements Carnival Midway, Noon-10 p.m.; LA Harley Concert, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Riverside Speedway, Groveton, N.H.: Car Enduro - Late Models, Maddogs, Lightning 4s, Daredevils, 7 p.m., Fireworks at dusk. (riversidegroveton.com)

July 6

Burke Mountain Resort, East Burke: Vermont Symphony Orchestra "Symphony of Stars, 5:30 p.m., at Mid-Burke on Burke Mountain, in East Burke (skiburke.com).

Island Pond Independence Day Celebration: Parade begins downtown, 11 a.m.; American Legion Brighton Post #80 Chicken Barbecue, 12 noon; Scavenger Hunt at the Welcome Center, 1:30 p.m.; performance by Decadia, Catamount Arts Stage,



A fireworks show is reflected in the Connecticut River during the Woodsville-Wells River Fourth of July Celebration. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

Lakeside Park, 6 p.m.; Fireworks at Lakeside Park, 9:30 p.m.

Littleton Parks and Recreation's 9th Annual Independence Day Celebration (taking place in Remich Park): Variety of Vendors with items for sale, 2-9 p.m.; Food Vendors, 2-9 p.m.; Rolling Video Game & VR-cade Trailer, 2-8 p.m.; Pony rides, 2-8 p.m.; Carnival games, 3-9 p.m.; Chris Herick Magic Show, 4-5 p.m.; Mini Golf, 4-8 p.m.; Musical entertainment, The Markus Daniel's Band, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Fireworks, around 9:30 p.m. (https://www.facebook.com/share/eV2SRGDNjPd-eykVz/?mibextid=9VsGKo)

Longest Running July 4th Celebration, Gorham, N.H.: Miller Amusements Carnival Midway, Noon-10 p.m.; Wildlife Encounters Outreach Program, on the Common, 2-4 p.m.; Lollipop the Clown, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Jeremy Dean Concert, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Orleans County Fairgrounds (Roaring Brook Park in Barton): Fourth of July Horse Pulls, 10 a.m.; Tractor Pulls, tba; food concessions; vendors; Bouncy House. (www.orleanscounty-fair.net)

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SUMMER CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, June 7-8
Sampler ID Days, Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village, 1350 Hinman Settler Road, Brownington. By appointment only Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. By appointment or walk in Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Info, sampersvt@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 8
Saturday Morning Walking Group, 9-10 a.m., Four Seasons Park, Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Self-paced, drop-ins encouraged.

The Toasters, live music 7-10 p.m., 98 Mill Pub & Grill, 98 Mill Street, St. Johnsbury.

Lunenburg Open Mic, 6-8:30 p.m., Congregational Church, top of Lunenburg Common. Proceeds benefit restoration project of Top of the Common Committee. Second Saturday each month. Info, questions@topofthecommon.org.

Pollyanna Glad Day, 11 a.m., Littleton Library lawn. Info, GladDayNH.com.

Bob Marley, comedian, two shows, 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro.

Albannach, 2 p.m., Great North Woods Center for the Arts, Columbia, N.H. Scottish pipes and drums.

Sunday, June 9
Peacham Library Art Auction, 4-7 p.m., 656 Bayley-Hazen Road. Proceeds benefit Peacham Library, info@peachamlibrary.org.

Littleton Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Riverwalk, Littleton N.H. Every Sunday all summer.

Blessing of the Bikes, 11 a.m.-noon, Bretton Woods Ski Area, 98 Ski Area Road. With Rev. Larry Camerlin. Net proceeds benefit Angel Flight NE.

Monday, June 10
St. Johnsbury Walk & Talk, 6-7 p.m., Four Seasons Park, Main Street,

St. Johnsbury. With NEK Prosper. Each Monday.

Friday-Monday, June 10-13
All-Inclusive NEK Gravel Ride Tour, East Burke. Info, idyllicycling.com/gravel-tours.

Tuesday, June 11
Food Truck Pop-up at the Pavilion, 4:30-7:30 p.m., 195 Bay Street, St. Johnsbury. Live music, delicious food. Bring cash, not all vendors accept credit cards.

Lil' Deb & Big Wind, 6 p.m., 558 Barton Orleans Road, Barton. Part of Burgers & Brews, 4-8 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, June 14-16
Elevate Mountain Bike Festival, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Kingdom Trails, 478 Route 114, East Burke. Event by Piscataquis County NEMBA. Brings together women and gender-expansive riders to ride, build community, foster growth on and off the bike. Bike clinics, group rides, speakers. Call 802-626-0737

A Simple Silent Meditation Retreat, Karmè Chöling Meditation Retreat Center, 369 Patneade Lane, Barnet. Call 802-633-2384. karmecholing.org.

Saturday, June 15
The Rhubarb Hop: A Progressive Lunch at 3 Historic Waterford farms, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Ticket must be paid by June 8 to PO Box 56, Lower Waterford Vt. 05848. Prepaid tickets and maps at Davies Memorial Library, Lower Waterford. Under 12 free.

The BelAires, 7-10 p.m., 98 Mill Grill, 98 Mill Street, St. Johnsbury.

Vermont Highland Games/Celtic Arts Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Presented by Vermont Institute of Celtic Arts.

Monday, June 17
St. Johnsbury Band, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury Health & Rehab

Center.

Tuesday, June 18
Whiskers Of Odd, 6 p.m., 558 Barton Orleans Road, Barton. Part of Burgers & Brews, 4-8 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23
The Drowsy Chaperone, Haskell Opera House, Derby Line. 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. Presented by the Borderline Players.

Friday, June 21
Make Music Day, 5-8 p.m., United Community Church, Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Celebration of first day of summer through music. Worldwide (120 countries, 1,000 cities). All musicians welcome.

The BelAires, 6 p.m., McIndoes Academy green, 37 Academy Lane, McIndoes Falls.

Swing Dance Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Swing dance instruction with Karl Stein.

Saturday, June 22
Founders Celebration Dog Party, noon-4 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. Celebrating the lives and loves of Dog Mountain founders Stephen and Gwen Huneck. Live music, food trucks, "best poutine this side of the border."

AC/DC Tribute Band, 6:30-10:30 p.m., The DiSpencery, 1746 Memorial Drive, St. Johnsbury. Located next to All Around Power.

Downtown Dan & Company, 7-10 p.m., 98 Mill Grill, 98 Mill Street, St. Johnsbury.

Volunteer Dig Day, 9 a.m.-noon, Kingdom Trails, East Burke. Trail maintenance, once every month. Bring work clothes. For more, info@kingdomtrails.org. Registration, volunteer-

signup.org/HDT74.

Strawberry Drive-By, third annual, 4-7 p.m., Ryegate Presbyterian Church, 48 So. Bayley-Hazen Road. Call 802-584-3296.

Midnight In Paris, 5 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Benefit gala, proceeds support Hawn Paris 2024 Travel Study. Live music with Hazen students, silent auction, French cuisine.

Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23
KG7, Kingdom Graveleur gravel road ride, Kirby Mountain Road, Concord. Email: mkr_designs@hotmail.com.

Monday, June 24
St. Johnsbury Band, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Courthouse Park, St. Johnsbury.

Tuesday, June 25
Food Truck Pop-up at the Pavilion, 4:30-7:30 p.m., 195 Bay Street, St. Johnsbury. Live music, delicious food. Bring cash, not all vendors accept credit cards.

Sibling Reverie, 6 p.m., 558 Barton Orleans Road, Barton. Part of Burgers & Brews, 4-8 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30
The Drowsy Chaperone, Haskell Opera House, Derby Line. 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. Presented by the Borderline Players.

Friday, June 28
Catamount Arts Summer Raffle Drawing, 8 p.m., Eastern Avenue. Call 802-747-2600.

St. J Final Fridays, 4-10 p.m. Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury. From 4-7 p.m. Street Fair, Gallery Stroll, art & refreshments at local businesses, more than 30 activities, live music 7 p.m.

Alysha Brilla, 7 p.m., Railroad Street concert site, St. Johnsbury. Part of St. J Final Fridays. Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series. Brilla "a multi-instrumentalist weaving together global roots sounds into healing music."

Strawberry Festival, West Burke. Info, burkevermont.com.

Friday's Alibi, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Part of Concerts in the Park series.

Saturday, June 29
Burklyn Arts Summer Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wildflower Inn, 2059 Darling Hill Road, Lyndonville. Sixty juried artisans, children's activities, food trucks, strawberry shortcake, beverage tent, special performance by DinoMan. Info, BurklynArts40@gmail.com.

Down To Earth, live music, 7-10 p.m., 98 Mill Grill, 98 Mill Street, St. Johnsbury.

Joep Beving In Concert, 7 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Dutch composer/pianist on eighty U.S. Tour.

Old Tyme Country Dance, 7:30-10 p.m., West Newbury Hall. Waltzes, polkas, two-steps. Last Saturday each month. Call 802-274-2381.

Monday, July 1
St. Johnsbury Band Fourth Of July Concert, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Courthouse Park, St. Johnsbury.

Tuesday, July 2
Sleeveless Tease, 6 p.m., 558 Barton Orleans Road, Barton. Burgers & Brews series hosted by The Farmer & The Spud food truck service. Each Tuesday.

Friday, July 5
Littleton First Fridays, 5-10 p.m., downtown Littleton, Main St./Riverwalk District, Porter Street.

Macrotones, 7-9:30 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Remich Park, Littleton. Opening band Catwolf, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session Americana, Bretton Woods Adventure Center. Folk-rock music.

Saturday, July 6
Bobbie Strich, 7-10 p.m. Live music at 98 Mill Grill, 98 Mill Street, St. Johnsbury.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Burke Mountain Resort, East Burke.

Independence Day Celebration, starts 2 p.m., ends with fireworks display in Remich Park. Pony rides, video game trailers, magic show, more.

Markus Daniels Band, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Concerts in the Park series.

Sunday, July 7
Mal Maiz, 5 p.m., Dog Mountain, Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. "Explores the psychedelic side of Latin music."

Backroads Readings, 3 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. With author Edward Hirsch, president of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Public Breakfast, 8:30-11:30 a.m., VFW Clubhouse, Pleasant Street, Island Pond.

Monday, July 8
St. Johnsbury Band, 7-8 p.m., St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center, 421 Summer Street, St. Johnsbury.

Tuesday, July 9
Food Truck Pop-up at the Pavilion, 4:30-7:30 p.m., 195 Bay Street, St. Johnsbury. Live music, delicious food. Bring cash, not all vendors accept credit cards.

3TA, 6 p.m., 558 Barton Orleans

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of reaching the summit.

The road begins at the Great Glen Trails base lodge, just off Route 16.

Visitors seeking views from the alpine zone can drive their own vehicle or ride in a chauffeured van from the Mt. Washington Auto Road, which also offers 2-hour guid-

ed tours to learn about the history of the mountain.

Bicyclists can also use the road during limited times of the year.

This year, on Aug. 17, the 51st annual Mt. Washington Auto Road Bicycle Climb will take place.

It is designated one of the toughest bicycle climbs in the nation, if not the world.

Delta Dental also hosts a Mt. Washington road race for runners

this year on June 15.

The historic race annually attracts thousands of runners from across the world.

The auto road is also open to All Terrain Vehicles/OHRVs on specific days of the year.

The Sunrise Ascent on Mt. Washington is scheduled for July 28.

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day-Thursday are \$65 with a cart, \$45 walking the course. Weekend rates (Friday-Sunday) are \$90/\$70. After 3 p.m. on Wednesday, the rate is \$40 with a cart.

Mountain View Grand

Whitefield N.H., mountainview-grand.com

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\$30 for seniors (60+) and juniors (13-15), and \$20 for juniors (12 and under). These rates increase to \$55, \$50 and \$30 on the weekend.

Fees for 18 holes are \$70, then \$65 for seniors and juniors, and 30 for players 12 and under. A Tuesday Ladies Special is offered, as well as a Twilight Special (nine holes, \$28 Sunday-Wednesday after 3 p.m.

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A Women's League meets Monday evenings to play a scramble format. The men's league plays a team format on Tuesday evenings.

Waumbek

Jefferson, N.H., waumbek.com
With new owners, new management and a new clubhouse, a few new hole layouts, and new carts, the golf course is expected to be reopened Father's Day weekend.

Events

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Road, Barton. Burgers & Brews series hosted by The Farmer & The Spud food truck service.

Friday, July 12

Twangtown Paramours, 6 p.m., McIndoes Academy green, 37 Academy Lane, McIndoes Falls.

Tom Caswell Blues Band, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Concerts in the Park series.

Sly Richard, 7 p.m., Centennial Park, Lancaster. Doors open 6 p.m. Rockin' the Park Series.

Friday-Sunday, July 12-14

Always...Patsy Cline, 7 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Hardwick Street, Greensboro. Featuring singer/director Heidi Lauren Duke. Friday-Saturday shows 7 p.m., Sunday matinee 2 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

NEKCAN Automotive Show, third annual, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2176 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury (Fairbanks parking lot). Proceeds benefit NEK Cancer Action Network.

Sleeveless Tease, 7-10 p.m. 98 Mill Grill, 98 Mill Street, St. Johnsbury.

Old Home Day, Franconia, N.H. Parade, duck race, fire department cookout, open air market, artisan faire, evening concert fireworks.

North Country Chamber Players American Masters, featuring saxophonist Branford Marsalis, 4 p.m., Omni Mt. Washington Resort, Bretton Woods.

Great North Woods Arts & Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., GNWCA, Route 3, Columbia, N.H.

Sunday, July 14

Dwight & Nicole Concert, 5 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. Presented by Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series.

North Country Chamber Players American Masters, featuring saxophonist Branford Marsalis, 4 p.m., Mountain View Grand Resort, Route 3, Whitefield, N.H.

Monday, July 15

St. Johnsbury Band, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse Park, St. Johnsbury. Each Monday.

Tuesday, July 16

The Markus Daniels Band, 6 p.m., 558 Barton Orleans Road, Barton. Burgers & Brews series hosted by The Farmer & The Spud food truck service. Each Tuesday.

Thursday, July 18

Just Getting By, 7 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Hardwick Street, Greensboro. Film about Vermonters struggling with food and housing insecurity. Q&A with filmmaker Bess O'Brien.

Friday, July 19

Dueling Pianos, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Concerts in the Park series.

KT Community Chat, 5-6 p.m., Kingdom Adventure Mountain Guides, 275 Mountain Rd, East Burke

North Country Chamber Players interactive performance, 3 p.m., Weeks Memorial Library, Lancaster N.H.

Way Of The Headband, 7 p.m., Centennial Park, Lancaster. Doors open 6 p.m. Rockin' the Park Series.

Saturday, July 20

North Country Chamber Players, 4 p.m., Dow Pavilion, Franconia. Playing the music of Mozart and Mendelssohn.

Summer Wine Festival, Bretton Woods. over two dozen wineries. Call 603-278-8864.

Sunday, July 21

Albannach, 5 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. Presented by Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series.

North Country Chamber Players, 4 p.m., Dow Pavilion, Franconia. Playing the music of Mozart and Mendelssohn.

Monday, July 22

St. Johnsbury Band, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse Park, St. Johnsbury. Each Monday.

Tuesday, July 23

Food Truck Pop up at the Pavilion, 4:30-7:30 p.m., 195 Bay Street, St. Johnsbury. Live music, delicious food. Bring cash, not all vendors accept credit cards.

Diamond & The Rough, 6 p.m., 558 Barton Orleans Road, Barton. Burgers & Brews series

hosted by The Farmer & The Spud food truck service. Each Tuesday.

Friday, July 26

Adam Ezra Group, 7 p.m., Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury. Part of St. J Final Fridays, 4-10 p.m., Railroad Street. Concert presented by Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series.

120Z Soul, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Concerts in the Park series.

Ashley Jane's Hootenanny, 7 p.m., Centennial Park, Lancaster. Doors open 6 p.m. Rockin' the Park Series.

Saturday July 27

All-Women's Volunteer Dig Day, 9 a.m.-noon, 9 a.m.-noon, Kingdom Trails, East Burke. Trail maintenance, once every month. Bring work clothes. For more, info@kingdomtrails.org.

2024 Lancaster Block Party, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 72 Summer Street, Lancaster. Music, vendors, food, games.

Dmitri Shostakovich Piano Quintet, 4 p.m., Sugar Hill Meeting House, Route 117, Sugar Hill NH.

Sunday, July 28

Waahli Concert, 5 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. Presented by Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series. "A fusion of catchy rhythms at the crossroads of rap and Afro-beat - a true tribute to Haitian culture."

Dmitri Shostakovich Piano Quintet, 4 p.m., Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield, NH

Monday, July 29

St. Johnsbury Band, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse Park, St. Johnsbury. Each Monday.

Tuesday, July 30

Lil' Deb & Big Wind, 6 p.m., 558 Barton Orleans Road, Barton. Burgers & Brews series hosted by The Farmer & The Spud food truck service. Each Tuesday.

Thursday, August 1

Movie Screening, 7-9 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Documentary film "Vanish - Disappearing Icons of a Rural America," followed by Q&A with director Jim Westphalen.

Friday, August 2

Littleton First Friday, 5-10 p.m., downtown Littleton, Main St./Riverwalk District, Porter Street.

The Wheelers, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Concerts in the Park series.

Karli Blood, country musician, 6 p.m. McIndoes Academy green, 37 Academy Lane, McIndoes Falls.

Jesse Taylor Band, 7 p.m., Centennial Park, Lancaster N.H. Doors open 6 p.m. Rockin' the Park Series.

Saturday, August 3

Summer Dog Party 2024, noon-4 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury.

Lunenburg Old Home Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Lunenburg Common, Route 2. Vendors, demonstrators, food choices, maple creamies, live music, parade, Bud Colby Memorial horse-shoe tournament. Call 802-751-9279, visit topofthecommon.org.

Summer Serenade, presented by North Country Chamber Players, Mt. Washington Hotel Grand Ballroom.

Sunday, August 4

Reverend Payton's Big Damn Band, 5 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. Presented by Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series.

Monday, August 5

St. Johnsbury Band, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Courthouse Park, St. Johnsbury.

Friday, August 9

Synastry, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Concerts in the Park series.

ETE, 7 p.m., Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro. Music trio celebrates the joie de vivre of Québécois culture.

Saturday-Sunday, August 10-11

North Country Chamber Players, 4 p.m. both days, Dow Pavilion, Franconia NH. Program "Glory of Bach - Brandenburg Concertos" featuring Kenneth Weiss, harpsichord.

Saturday, August 10

Derby Line Community Day 10 a.m., Porter Baxter Park; fireworks at 9 p.m. All events free to the public. Vendors, live musical entertainment, activities for the young and not so

young, car show and more. For more information, contact Peggy at dlivillage@outlook.com or bruce at bruceacledodmuir@comcast.net.

Sunday, August 11

Mike Mains, 5 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. Presented by Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series. "Mains thinks aloud in his songs, telling intimate stories through artful pop rock."

Monday, August 12

St. Johnsbury Band, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Courthouse Park, St. Johnsbury. Children invited to join Band 'Majorette' Becky Mackin for a march around the park. Wear a parade outfit, or come as you are.

Tuesday, August 13

Food Truck Pop up at the Pavilion, 4:30-7:30 p.m., 195 Bay Street, St. Johnsbury. Live music, delicious food. Bring cash, not all vendors accept credit cards.

Wednesday, August 14

KT Community Chat & Yoga, 1-3 p.m., Sweetwater Studios, East Burke.

Friday, August 16

Sly Richard, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Concerts in the Park series.

Sunday, August 18

Jillian Dawn, 5 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. Presented by Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series. "Infusing an anthemic indie-pop sound with flares of country and rock."

Friday, August 23

Tritium Well, 6-8 p.m., Remich Park, 165 Pleasant Street, Littleton. Concerts in the Park series.

Friday-Saturday, August 23-24

North Country Moose Festival: Friday Aug. 23, 3-8 p.m., downtown Colebrook N.H.; Saturday, Aug. 24, Canaan Rec Park, Canaan Vt.

Sunday, August 25

DuPont Brass, 5 p.m., Dog Mountain, 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury. Presented by Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series. "Nine-piece ensemble consisting of brass, a rhythm section, and vocalists."

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