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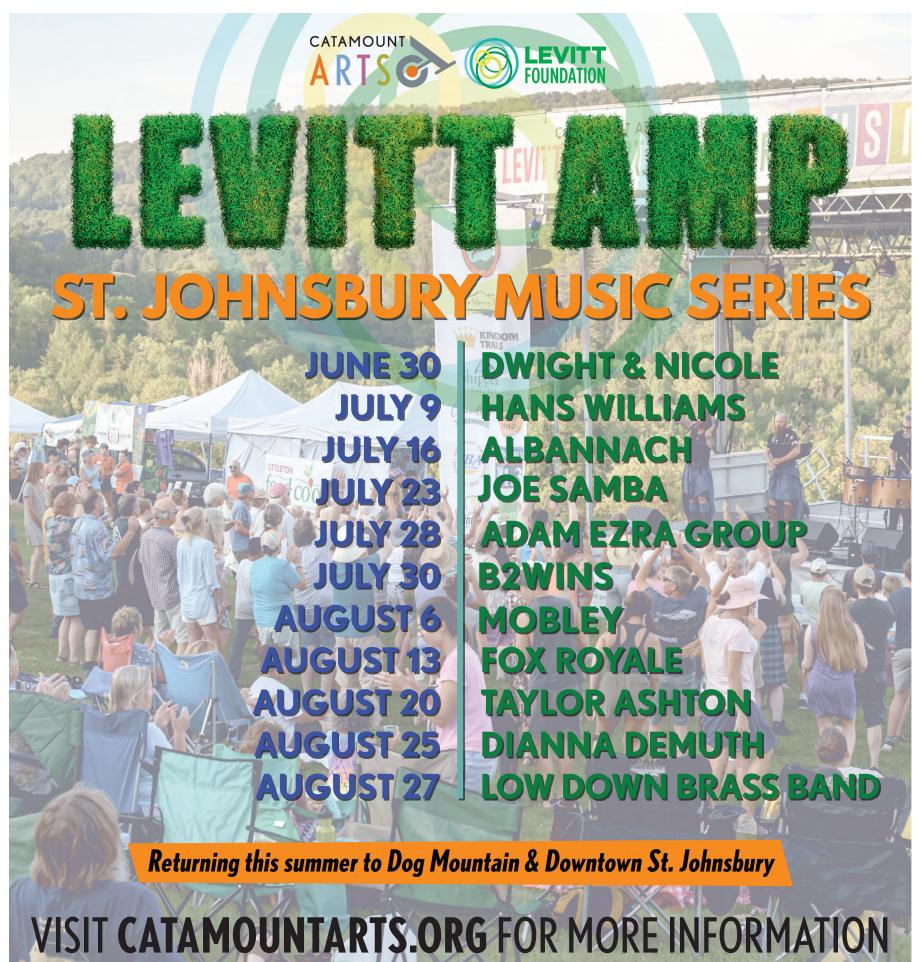
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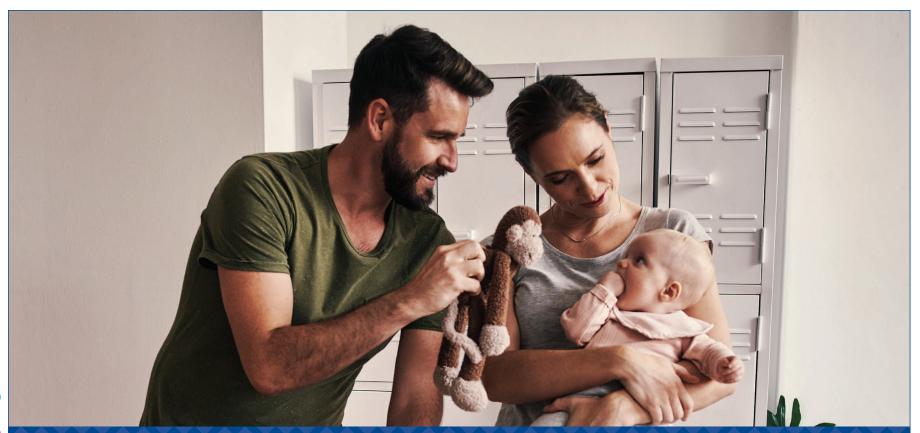


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Kingdom Trails Offers 100-Plus Miles Of Mountain Biking Fun

BY KEVIN DOYON

Staff Writer

The Kingdom Trails network spans across four towns, two counties and over 100 miles, making it a must-visit attraction for those looking to stay active during the summer months.

One hundred and four privately-owned properties make up the trails, as well as nearly 600 volunteers who play a role in maintaining the Northeast Kingdom route.

The NEK staple is renowned for its well-built and shaped dirt trails that drain well and are free of rocks and debris. The trails flow through pasture lands, forests, mountain sides and front yards with classic views of Burke Mountain and Willoughby Gap and neighboring ridges and winding rivers.

"The trails are fast and flowy, fun and accessible for all levels," Kingdom Trail Association Communication & Education Director Lilias Ide said. "The geography of the area

lends itself to incredibly fun meandering descents and climbs that are surprisingly fun as well."

The Kingdom Trails Association offers daily, monthly and annual memberships. Membership is required to access the trail system and grants access to the Kingdom Trails network.

For those looking for a more mellow ride, 53 miles of the non-motorized recreational trails are adaptive mountain biking (aMTB) accessible. This means that trails with the aMTB symbol have been ridden and approved by aMTB users while also meeting the criteria of an MTB-friendly trail standards. However, Kingdom Trails still encourages all adaptive users to be accompanied by a support rider while using the network.

Kingdom Trails has both a suggested Beginner Loop and Intermediate Loop available for viewing on its website. The Beginner Loop is three miles with 300 feet of climbing on green circle doubletrack and



Bikers enjoy a ride on the Kingdom Trails, which spans across four towns, two counties and over 100 miles. (Photo by Mark Clement)

singletrack trails. The Intermediate Loop is five miles with 600 feet of climbing and is on both green circle and blue square doubletrack and singletrack trails. Park at the Inn at Mtn View for access to Beginner and at the Village Sport Shop to try Intermediate.

The KT network is also interconnected with Burke Mountain Resort's trails which offer more gravity, or steepness. Still very mellow in relation to most mountain biking trails, the mountain offers longer ascents and descents along with the option to utilize the lift to carry both yourself and your bike up the mountain.

The Burke Mountain trails offer a selection of steep technical downhill trails from the summit. The Burke trails also serve as a great introduction to the sport, with trail levels ranging from beginner to expert.

There are 12 downhill and 10 cross-country trails, as well as a park consisting of an expert jump, excavated and flow trails.

During the height of the summer, Rural Community Transportation (RCT) and Kingdom Trails also offer a free shuttle that transports riders and their bikes between trailheads, which allows riders to park and ride while avoiding travel on the roads.

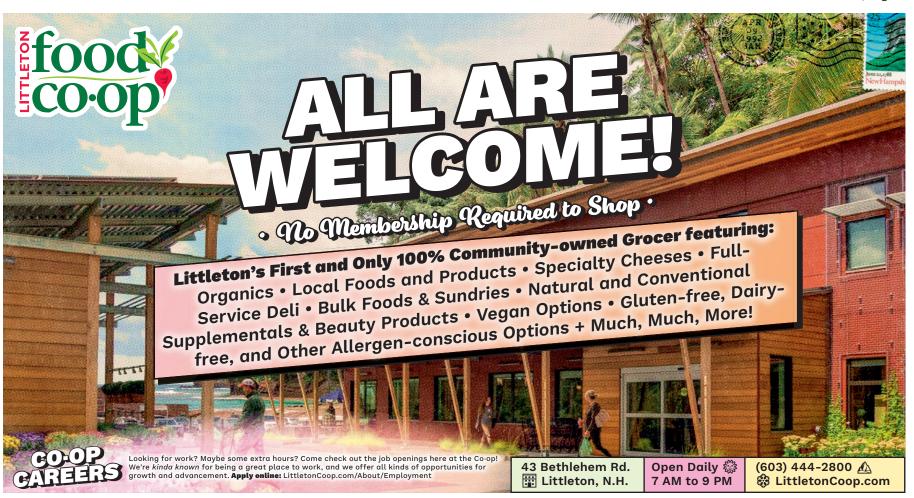
The 'Crown Connection' runs Friday-Monday throughout the summer. The schedule can be found on the Kingdom Trail website or downloaded on the Transit app.

An Annual KTA Membership grants access to the Kingdom Trail network for both the summer and winter season. If purchased during the summer season, the membership is valid through the end of the following winter season. An individual annual membership costs \$120, family annual membership costs \$195 while over 70 years old and under seven years old are free.

Monthly memberships are valid for 30 days and cost \$65 for individuals (16+), \$95 for families and \$45 for youth (8-15). Single-day memberships should be purchased for the date planned to access the trails. Day prices are \$20 (adult, 16+), \$35 (adult two-day, 16+), \$12 (youth, 8-15), \$20 (youth two-day, 8-15). Children seven and under are free.

Ide stresses that it is important to park only in designated parking locations to access the trails, since all land in the area is privately-owned.

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Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Returns With 11 Free, Family-Friendly Concerts

Catamount Arts announced the line-up for the 2023 Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series. Eleven free, family-friendly concerts have been scheduled in St. Johnsbury for every Sunday in July and August (minus 4th of July weekend) and for the last Friday of June, July, and August. Sunday concerts will start at 5 p.m. at Dog Mountain, and Friday concerts will start at 7 p.m. on Railroad Street.

The popular concert series began in 2017 as a 10-show series at Dog Mountain, St. Johnsbury's renowned 150-acre dog park boasting hiking trails, art gallery, dog chapel, and regular live music. Additional shows have since been added at a secondary location on Railroad Street as part of Final Fridays St. Johnsbury, designated a Signature Summer Event by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

Long-time Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury fans will recall that the Series used to rely on an annual online vote in order to secure funding from the Mortimer and Mimi Levitt Foundation of Los Angeles. Catamount Arts and partners Friends of Dog Mountain and the Town of St. Johnsbury were recently awarded three years of funding by the Levitt Foundation, securing the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series through 2025. Find the complete 2023 line-up below.

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the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Series on Friday, June 30, on Railroad Street, as part of the summer's first Final Fridays event. Final Fridays, on the last Friday of June, July, and August, begin with a downtown street festival starting at 4 and finish with a Levitt AMP concert at 7.

On Sunday, July 9, at Dog Mountain, catch Vermont's own alt-pop singer/songwriter Hans Williams, at 5 p.m. The following Sunday, July 16, brings Scotland's raucous pipe-and-drums power band Albannach back to Dog Mountain. Righteous reggae from Joe Samba is scheduled for Sunday, July 23.

Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury shifts to Railroad Street on Friday, July 28, with the return of the Adam Ezra Group and their high-energy folk-rock fusion. On Sunday, July 30, Brazilian hip-hop violin virtuosos B2Wins will be at Dog Mountain, at 5 p.m.

August at Dog Mountain includes R&B electronica from Mobley on Sunday, Aug. 6; indie-pop superstars Fox Royale on Sunday, Aug. 13, and folk-pop singer/songwriter Taylor Ashton on August 20.

Country/folksinger Diana DeMuth will play Railroad Street at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, and then Chicago's funkified dancehall-infused LowDown Brass Band will play the

Soul and blues duo Dwight & Nicole begin season's final Dog Mountain show on Sunday, Aug. 27.

> The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series will take place every Sunday from July 9 through Aug. 27 at Dog Mountain and on the last Friday of June, July, and August at Final Fridays (formerly known as #GetDownTown) on Railroad Street in St. Johnsbury.

Sunday concerts will take place at 5 p.m., and Friday concerts will take place at 7 p.m.

All Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series shows are free and family-friendly. Food and beverages, including beer and cocktails, will be available for purchase; please note that while picnicking is fine, no outside alcohol is permitted. For more information, visit www. catamountarts.org.

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series is supported in part by the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation, which partners with towns and cities across America to activate underused public spaces through the power of free live music, creating welcoming, inclusive destinations. Presenting a broad array of music genres and cultural programming, Levitt venues and concert sites are community anchors where families, friends and neighbors of all ages and backgrounds come together.

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Above: Brazilian hip-hop violin virtuosos B2Wins will be at Dog Mountain in St. Johnsbury at 5 p.m. on July 30. Below: Soul and blues duo Dwight & Nicole are the first performers of the summer's Levitt AMP music series. They'll be at the town's Final Fridays street event on Railroad Street downtown. (Contributed Photos)





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Summer Music Festivals & Series To Rock Region

BY PAUL HAYES Staff Writer

Three years after a COVID-19 shut down, the summer festival circuit is back in full swing.

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 2, July 7, Aug. 4

Littleton First Friday Arts returns with three headliner concerts at the Riverfront Stage: The Patrick Ross Band with Kat Boylan on June 2, What? with Chickweed on July 7, and the Van Burens with Jonee Earthquake Band on Aug. 4.

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

Admission is free. For more info https://www.facebook.com/ littletonculturalartscommission

NEWPORT SUMMER **STROLL**

June 3, July 4, Aug. 5, Sept. 2

The monthly Newport Summer Stroll event returns with free live music at Gardner Park.

Featured will be Tritium Well on June 3, ETA (with fireworks) on July 4, The Marcus Daniels Band on Aug. 5, and Jaded Ravins on Sept. 2.

For more info visit https://www. newportrecreation.org/summerstroll.html

SMALL TOWN LOUD FEST June 24

Founded in 2011, the annual Small Town Loud Fest returns to Lancaster Town Hall on June 24.

The all ages, alcohol-free event will feature a lineup of hardcore, metal and other acts and proceeds will go to support Tri-County CAP homeless shelter services.

For lineup, schedule and other information visit https:// www.facebook.com/profile. php?id=100064801662836



The crowd reacts to a set by Melvin Seals and JGB at the 25th Jerry Jam music festival at Klay Knoll Farm in Bath, N.H., on Friday, July 15, 2022. The three-day festival returned after a two-year COVID hiatus. (File photo)

A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY, A LITTLE BIT ROCK & ROLL **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

June 24

The "A Little Bit Country, A Little Bit Rock & Roll" Music Festival takes place June 24 at Melody Mountain Farm in Warren, N.H.

The packed lineup features Jodie Cunningham, Samantha Rae, Rebecca Turmel and more.

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE

HARDCORE FEST June 29-July 1

New Hampshire Hardcore Fest returns for its second year at the Loading Dock in Littleton.

The event will feature 13 bands from six different states over three days from June 29-July 1.

For more info visit https://ne- whampshirehardcore.wixsite.com/

LITTLETON CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES June 30-Sept. 1

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

The lineup features Country Roads (June 30), Still Kickin', The Boneshakerz (July 7), Young Rust: The Ultimate Neil Young Tribute Experience (July 14), The Mike Goudreau Band (July 21), Nick's Other Band (July 28), Bob Pratte Band (Aug. 4), Follicly Challenged (Aug. 11), The Brothers Grateful Blues Band (Aug. 18), Parker Hill Road (Aug. 25), and Raized On Radio (Sept. 1).

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For more information visit https://www.jaypeakresort.com/

LEVITT AMP ST. JOHNSBURY MUSIC SERIES July 9-Aug. 27

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series returns July 8-Aug. 27with an 11-show series.

The free, family-friendly shows See Music, Page 23

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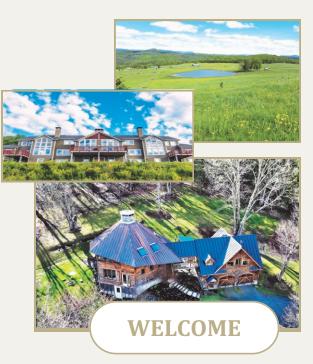
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Fly Fish Connecticut River Headwaters, The Trophy Stretch And Beyond

BY ROBERT BLECHL Staff Writer

The northern tip of New Hampshire offers just about the best trout fishing in the Northeast.

Anglers and fly-fishermen looking to cast away can try their luck in the trophy stretch of the headwaters of the upper Connecticut River and in stretches just beyond.

"You have multiple sections," said Paul Starring, a fly fishing guide with Lopstick Outfitters in the town of Pittsburg, which encompasses all of the headwaters and its four lakes north to Quebec. "As you move north, you have Lake Francis and then the First Connecticut Lake, the second lake, third lake, and the fourth, which is right near the border and is more like a bog. In between some of those stretches, you have fishable

water."

What's really popular is the trophy stretch, which extends 2.3 miles from just below the First Connecticut Lake Dam down to Lake Francis and contains rainbow, brook, and brown trout, said Starring.

'We also have landlocked salmon that move into the system," he said. We have two runs of landlocked salmon. The spring run is happening now. The landlocked salmon follow the rainbow smelt that are moving up into the river to spawn. That happens out of Francis and out of first lake going up. The stretch between second lake and First Connecticut Lake is also a stretch of river that holds landlocked salmon and brook trout, and those are wild fish in that stretch."

Within the trophy stretch are both stocked and wild trout, though the stretch between the second and first Connecticut



Paul Starring, a fly fishing guide for Lopstick Outfitters in Pittsburg, takes a young angler to the "trophy stretch" of the Connecticut River headwaters. (Contributed photo)

lakes is considered a wild fishery of landlocked salmon and brook trout.

The two fly fishing-only stretches are between the second and first lakes and between the first lake dam down to Lake Francis, the trophy stretch that contains rainbow, brown and brook trout and landlocked salmon.

(Below Murphy Dam at the south end of Lake Francis are big browns, rainbows, and brook trout, and there is angler wading below the dam and drift trips farther south).

Starring spoke of what beginners or first-timers should know before setting out.

"You can stop at one of the outfitters, like Lopstick Out-

fitters [which won the 2023 Orvis-endorsed fly fishing outfitter of the year award], and get maps and come into the fly shop and ask questions and get some tips, buy some flies, find out what's working and what's not, and then head out," he said. "If someone is really a beginner and wants to get into it, they can hire a guide for a day or half a day. We take them out and show them around and show them the techniques that work well at that time of year and teach them how to read the water. If you want to get expert advice, you can get a guide, and if not, go to a fly shop and ask a few questions and go out and see what you can do."

Starring detailed why the trophy stretch and other headwaters segments rank the best in the Northeast for trout fishing.

"What makes it the best trout fishery throughout the whole season is because the first Connecticut dam and the Murphy Dam below Lake Francis are both tail-waters, meaning they are bottom-release dams, so it's cold water that's coming into the system," he said. "When you have top water, that's warm water coming over, but this is cold water, so you can fish the stretch of river throughout the entire season, basically from mid-May to mid-October when the season closes. This is just a great fishery. Just in that, between second and first lakes and the first lake and Lake Francis, you have a lot of options. For trout and salmon, we're very lucky to have that fishery there. For New Hampshire, it' very unique because you don't have many tail-water fisheries that stay cold."

While the area has the two fly fishing-only stretches, be-See **Fish**, Page 22



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Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Opening All 93 Miles This Summer

BY TODD WELLINGTON

Staff Writer

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) is a multi-purpose recreation and transportation corridor in Vermont that follows the former 93-mile Lamoille Valley Railroad line from St. Johnsbury to Swanton.

For the first time, the entire length of trail will be open this summer.

The four-season pathways support walking, hiking, cycling, horseback riding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. You can also leave the St. Johnsbury Trail Head and use a local trail that will take you into downtown St. Johnsbury where to find restaurants and shops.

The east end of the 93-mile trail begins in St. Johnsbury and travels west through the Northeast Kingdom towns of Danville, Cabot, Walden, Stannard, Greensboro and Hardwick. LVRT provides a safe and scenic experience for trail users while also providing easy access to amenities and activities in the region's downtowns and village centers.

St. Johnsbury based Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) works



with the Regional LVRT Council and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) to provide the coordination and maintenance for the LVRT in the Northeast Kingdom.

of representatives including municipalities, businesses, outdoor recreation providers, economic development and chamber staff.

The Council coordinates volunteer initia-The Council is made up of a diverse group tives, plans for programming and events, sup-

ports local and regional programming, maintenance of trailheads, trailside amenities and trail connections.

NVDA was awarded \$64,000 for the development of an NEK-LVRT Regional Amenities Plan that will assess, identify, and prioritize locations for new trail amenities and enhancements to existing amenities.

VTrans does the maintenance of the trails and appreciates receiving notification of maintenance needs and issues related to the LVRT. Contact VTrans by phone or general email submission from the AOT website.

The phone number to call is 802-917-2458. Photos of maintenance issues and a detailed description of the location or GPS coordinates are always helpful and will help VTrans to promptly respond and properly address the issue. Examples of maintenance items to report are trees and large branches down on the trail, sinkholes or heaves in the trail and flooding on the trail.

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Franconia Notch - An On & Off-road Cycling Destination

BY KEVIN JOHNSON

Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Franconia Notch region of the New Hampshire White Mountains is becoming the destination for cycling enthusiasts throughout the Northeast offering opportunities for all ages and abilities. Bike tours, on and off road, provide access to a variety of terrain against the backdrop of scenic peaks and waterfalls.

The Franconia Notch State Park, consistently named one of the nation's top state parks, hosts an 8.7 mile bike bath through the park on a paved multi-purpose trail travels past Echo and Profile lakes along the headwaters of the Pemigewasset River below the towering Cannon cliffs. A moderate ride northbound from the Flume Visitor Center, the route provides a relaxing south-bound downhill ride back to your

vehicle. A stop along the river or at either of the lakes for a soak in the mountain waters is highly recommended.

For off-road enthusiasts, the Franconia chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) has developed a regional trail system. Parker Mountain in Littleton, N.H. features 23 miles of terrain (20% Novice/40% Advanced/40% Expert), a family-friendly pump track, and easy access to the downtown district for dining or shopping.

In neighboring Franconia, 30 miles of off-roading (30%/40%/30%) provide year-round access as the trail system is maintained for four-season use. Under the stewardship of the Bethlehem Trail Association (BTA) seven miles of family-friendly trails are located in the village with trails planned to link the Bethlehem and



Mountain bike in the North Country of New Hampshire. (Contributed Photo by Janel E. Lawton)

Franconia systems.

The Parker Mountain, Franconia, and Bethlehem trail networks are part of Bike the Borderlands network of eight communities extending across Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Quebec.

Also in Littleton, the Ammonoosuc Rail Trail runs 19 miles south to the town of Woodsville along the railroad grade. The trail is rough in places, mountain bikes are certainly recommended.

A popular road bike adventure, named "Four Notches and a Pass" by BikeNewEngland.com, is the 94-mile route with a total of 8,000-foot climb, 14-mile descent from the south into Bartlett, across the Kancamagus Pass and through the Franconia and Crawford notches. This challenging course provides some of the more breath-taking views of the White Mountains to be found.

The region offers a variety of

on-road opportunities for terrain offering expansive valley rides with modest climbs to more aggressive treks with a variety of climbs on both primary and secondary roadways. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation offers a comprehensive map of routes throughout the region at https://bikethenorthcountry.com

Don't have a bike or forgot your bike at home, the White Mountain Bike Shop located at the Franconia Inn on Route 116 in Franconia will put you on the road or trail with bikes for rent. If you want to bike without all the effort, Franconia Base Camp located on Main Street in Franconia offers a fleet of e-bikes for rent.

For more information, contact the Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce at 603-823-2000 or info@franconianotch.org



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BY STEPHEN GARFIELD Staff Writer

Electric-assist bicycles, e-bikes, are past the novelty stage

They are becoming more and more popular, say folks who rent them at All Around Rental in St. Johnsbury.

The variety that bicyclists have with mountain bikes, gravel bikes, fat tire bikes, hybrids, road bikes extends into the world of e-bikes.

All Around Rental in St. Johnsbury Center has that kind of variety in its e-bike rentals. Among its fleet of Velowave e-bikes is a Beachcomber bike, whose handlebars differ from the flatter mountain bike handlebar.

"We've been getting a ton of

calls" for e-bike inquiries, said All Around Rental's Phil Brown, shop owner along with Maggie Brown. "The bikes are popular. The [Lamoille Valley] rail trail drives that." It's elsewhere too; they rented an e-bike for a week to an out of town visitor. "She rode the bike from here to East Burke, and we saw her riding around everywhere around there all week," Maggie said. Another person rented a bike to take on a moose hunting trip, Phil noted.

The bikes pack some weight. The Velowave Beachcomber is 68 pounds, while an electric-assist mountain bike is 78 pounds. The Beachcomber also comes with hybrid tires, skinnier than that fat tires on the mountain bike. As far as range, a single charge will be good for about 30 miles on both types,



Maggie and Phil Brown of All Around Rental in St. Johnsbury Center display their e-bikes. Note the different handlebars and less wide tires on Maggie's Velowave Beachcomber.

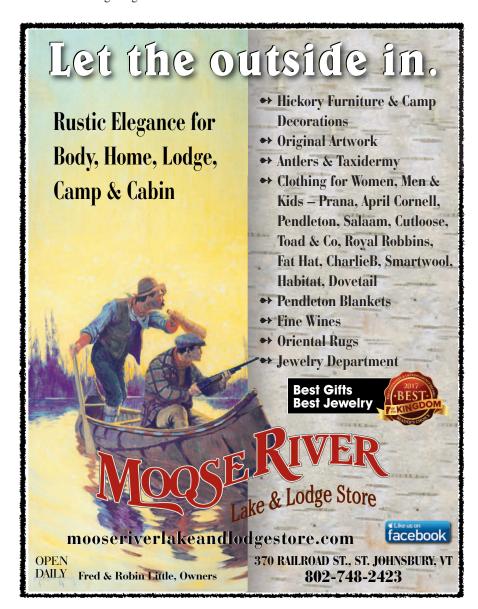
"although it really depends on the com/e-bikes rider and how hilly the terrain is," Phil noted. "These bikes have an all-electric option, so you don't have to pedal at all if you don't want to, but you'll use up your charge quicker. The more you pedal, the longer the charge will last."

A four-hour rental at All Around Rental is \$50, scaling up to \$75 for a seven-hour rental (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.), and multi-day options, so \$190 for two days up to \$500 for seven days. All rentals require a reservation, and multi-day rentals come with a charger. Riders can pick up their rentals at the shop, or they can request delivery of their bike to a home, trailhead or park and ride within 15 minutes of the shop's location at 1763 Memorial Drive. Visit online at www.allaroundrental.

In New Hampshire, Rad Power e-bikes can be rented at Franconia Basecamp, located at 262 Main Street. Rates are \$25 per hour, \$40 for two hours, \$59 four hours, and \$79 for a full day.

All riders must be at least 18 years of age (12 with a parent or guardian) must have a valid government-issued ID, cell phone number, email address and major credit card. A credit card security deposit of \$300 will be required for each e-bike rented. Minimum rider height is 4-11, maximum weight per bike 300 pounds.

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St. Johnsbury Country Club Celebrating A Century

BY DANA GRAY Staff Writer

ST. JOHNSBURY — One hundred years ago two-time British Open winner Willie Park Jr. chartered a course that began the St. Johnsbury Country Club.

The public golf club at 4357 Memorial Dr. (Route 5) has a centennial to celebrate this year.

When Park made the trip from New York City in August 1923 to design the club's first nine holes, he found farming pasture but saw the land's potential to be a great golf course.

The Caledonian-Record reported in Aug. 6, 1923 that "Mr. Park, who has laid out hundreds of courses both in this country and the British Isles, said he had never before seen a more naturally situated course and one which could be more easily converted into a high-class one."

Credit Dr. Frank Farmer for identifying the land as a good place for golf and working with the farmland owner, the widow of George Morrill. It wasn't a difficult real estate transaction, according to the newspaper's account at the time, as she sold the land (155 acres) and all its buildings to the shareholders of newly former country club for only \$8,000 when she had initially put it on the market for \$13,000.

Long-time country club member Jim McGregor, who is serving on a centennial celebration planning committee, said Dr. Farmer's involvement was likely driven by a recognition that playing a round of golf was a healthy activity. The world at the time had recently emerged from an influenza epidemic, and fresh air and sunshine were identified as preventative medicine.

"Sunshine and fresh air are among the best disinfectants you can find," said McGregor, whose career was in health care.

Golf was not a new activity in St. Johnsbury when the country club effort began. For more than 20 years, people had been playing the game in an area now known as Overclyffe.

course emerged in 1899 from the his own birthplace) Scotland. pasture land above Underclyffe, the mansion built by Franklin and Frances Fairbanks. Grazing sheep helped keep the fairway grass in

St. Johnsbury's golf visionaries realized in 1923 that they needed to look elsewhere. The Pine Golf Club was limited in size (20 acres with a total playing distance of 2,400 yards) and the landowners, Fairbanks' daughter and son-in-law. were facing financial challenges and the land would be sold.

The first money raised to acquire and build the new course came from the sales of shares. The club was incorporated for \$25,000; 500 shares were offered at \$50 a share.

The seriousness of their effort to construct a quality course was evident with their search for a renowned architect to design it. Hiring Park for the job meant they were getting an expert with a long history of course designs on two continents that included Europe and more spe-

Called the Old Pine Golf Club, the cifically the birthplace of golf (and

"Members of the St. Johnsbury Country Club are to be congratulated that the golf course committee have secured such a well-known expert to prepare the course for the players," The Caledonian-Record noted on July 31, 1923.

The St. Johnsbury Country Club design would be Park's last due to health issues; he died in 1925.

Park's brother, Mungo, was brought in to oversee the construction of the nine-hole course soon after Willie staked out the design. As part of the centennial celebration planning, McGregor acquired copies of club minutes that include Mungo Park's first written correspondence with club members.

my brother Willie that he arranged with you that I should undertake the supervision of 9 greens for StJ CC, Inc. for a period of 25 days for the sum of \$1,000.00 plus RR (railroad) expenses and living expenses," his letter states.

The club's grand opening was held on May 30, 1924, when over a hundred members and their guests marked the occasion in weather conditions far from ideal at a golf course. The Caledonian-Record's May 31 headline for a story about the event notes, "Crowd Defies Cold Blasts At Country Cub."

The article notes that electric heaters were needed in the club-

"Raw wind that swept down the Passumpsic river valley, seemingly direct from the North Pole," greeted the grand opening celebrants, the story notes. "It was not country club weather ... The country club is made for a summer resort and not for a winter rendezvous."

Still, golfers braved the weath-"Dear Sirs, I understand from er and played the new 3,135-yard

> Some tweaks were made from the original design - including shortening hole number 9 to move the green further back from the club-

> > See STJCC, Page 26





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Located in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, the Orleans Country Club offers a serene. countryside golfing experience. Known for its well-groomed fairways and greens, this semi-private makes every round a unique expegolf course presents a fair challenge rience.

The rugged beauty of Northern to players of all skill levels. The layout takes advantage of the natural terrain, with slight undulations and strategically placed bunkers adding intrigue to the course. The 18-hole, par 72 course affords splendid views of the surrounding Green Mountains, making it a memorable place to enjoy a round of golf.

Bethlehem Country Club, situated in the heart of the White Mountains in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, is a historic treasure. Also designed by the esteemed Donald Ross, this public golf course opened in 1909 and is among the oldest in the state. The 18-hole course delivers a strategic layout with numerous doglegs and fast, tricky greens characteristic of Ross's design philosophy. Despite its challenge, Bethlehem Country Club maintains a reputation for being welcoming to golfers of all abilities. Stunning views of the Presidential Range and the idvllic charm of Bethlehem provide a picturesque backdrop that

St. Johnsbury Country Club. summer, 1-802-988-4653. Par 72. Route 5, St. Johnsbury, www.golfsticc.com, 802-748-9894. Eighteen holes, par 70, 6,388 yards, \$59, w/ cart Monday-Thursday (18 holes), \$62 w/cart Friday-Sunday (18 holes). The original nine holes built 35, 2.816 vards. in 1923, and the next nine holes added in 1992 blend together to produce two distinct golfing expe-

Barton Country Club: 548 Telfer Hill Rd., Barton, bartongolfclub.com, 802-525-1126. Course 6,014 yards, par 72. 2023 membership \$329. Nine-hole greens fees \$14, 18 hole fees, \$18. Cart rental \$11 pp nine holes, \$17 pp 18.

Bradford Golf Club: 150 Memorial Field, Bradford, bradfordgolfclubinc.com, 802-222-5207. Nine holes, par 32, length 2,179 yards. Weekday/weekend greens fee, \$21.50, nine holes; 18 holes, \$27.56 weekdays, \$30.74 weekends/holidays. Nine hole cart rental \$10.60; 18 holes, \$15.90.

Jay Peak Resort: 830 Jay Peak Rd., Jay. www.jaypeakresort.com/

Greens fees, \$40 midweek nine holes, \$69, 18 holes. Weekends/holidays, nine holes n/a, 18 holes, \$89.

Grandad's Invitational Course: School House Road, Newark. Par

Mountain View Country Club: 112 Country Club Rd., Greensboro. mvccvt.com, 802-533-7477. Clay tennis courts, pickleball, nine-hole golf course, par 35, 2,186 yards. \$27 nine holes, \$39 18 holes.

Newport Country Club: 590 Mt. Vernon St., Newport. newportcountryclub.com, 802-334-2391. 18 holes, par 72, 6,453 yards. Greens fees, \$25 nine holes, \$42 18 holes.

Orleans Country Club: 316 Country Club Lane, Orleans, orleanscc.com, 802-754-2333. Eighteen holes, \$39.62; nine holes, \$22.64. Par 72, 6,185 vards.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bethlehem Country Club: 1901 Main St. (Route 302), bethlehemcenhgolf.com, 603-869-5745. Par 70, 5,812 yards.

Blackmount Country Club: 400

Clark Pond Rd., N. Haverhill, Website blackmountcc.com, phone 603-787-6564. Nine holes, par 36.

Colebrook Country Club: 15 Abenaki Lane, 603-237-5566, colebrookec.com. Nine holes, including a par 6, par 36 course.

Maplewood Country Club: 2691 Main St., Bethlehem, N.H. maplewoodgolfcourse. Website com, phone 1-877-869-3335. 18 hole course, par 72.

Mount Washington Resort: Route 302, Bretton Woods, N.H. Website brettonwoods.com/activities/golf. Phone 603-278-4653. Eighteen holes, par 72, 7,004 yards.

Mountain View Grand Course: 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, N.H. Website mountainviewgrand.com/golf-course. Phone 855-837-2100. Rates: nine holes, \$30/pp with cart; 18 holes with cart, \$45 pp. Par 70, 5,846 yards.

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St. Johnsbury Full Of Shops, Restaurants, Events & Fun This Summer

BY GILLIAN SEWAKE Discover St. Johnsbury

If you haven't been to downtown St. Johnsbury recently, your next visit might feel different from what you've experienced in the past. Our town has gone through a totally transformational change over the past three years. Since the start of the pandemic, we can report a net gain of 31 businesses within the downtown district. That's 31 commercial units that were vacant and are now bustling with activity, many of them restaurants and shops that bring a lot of vibrancy to the town. Add to that a full season of events-most of them free, family-friendly, and definitely all fun-and you have a recipe for a fantastic summer in St. Johnsbury.

And there's even more to look forward to. The completion of the Lamoille Valley

Black

along the northern section of the state-is expected to bring thousands of new travelers to St. Johnsbury starting this summer. Stay tuned for more LVRT-related announcements and activities as the summer progresses.

Discover St. Johnsbury's website www.DiscoverSt-Johnsbury.com and social media pages on Facebook and Instagram are the best places to stay up-to-date about what's happening around town. Read on for a preview of some of St. Johnsbury's signature summer events, and make sure to save these dates:

74th Annual Pet Parade celebrates our community's love of pets of all kinds. This year's theme is "Pet Art on Parade," which celebrates the creative spirit of Vermonters and the animals who inspire

On Saturday, June 3, the

Rail Trail-stretching 93 miles a.m. and proceeds up historic Main Street and ends with a celebration at Four Seasons Park. To learn more and pre-register your pet, visit www.stjpetparade.com.

The Food Truck Popup @ the Pavilion returns with more dates and even more food vendors! Due to last year's epic demand, Discover St. Johnsbury has expanded the series to include the second and fourth Tuesdays of each summer month, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, and August 8 & 22, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Order dinner and dessert from the region's favorite food vendors, listen to live music, and play a game of corn hole on the lawn at the Trailhead Pavilion (195 Bay St.). Details and the vendor lineup can be found at www. discoverstjohnsbury.com/ foodtruckpopup

Partners Discover St. them. The parade starts at 10 Johnsbury, the Town of St.



The. St. Johnsbury Final Fridays events this summer will include free concerts downtown as part of the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series. (Contributed Photo by Harrison Creative)

Johnsbury, and Catamount Film & Arts are bringing back last year's popular St. J Final Fridays series on June 30, July 28, and August 25. From 4 - 7 p.m., Railroad Street will be closed to motorized vehicles and filled with free live art demonstrations, family fun activities, a gallery stroll, sidewalk sales, a beer garden, free food, and more. At 7 p.m., the night closes 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. Farmers Market is back at Johnsbury.com/calendar.

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. J locations. In addition to the St. J Final Fridays concerts, enjoy shows each Sunday at 5 p.m. at beautiful Dog Mountain (143 Parks Road) from July 9 through August 27. Dogs are welcome! For the full line-up of world-class performers featured in the series, visit www.catamountarts.org.

Plus, the St. Johnsbury

its summer location on Pearl Street & Eastern Avenue each Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The St. Johnsbury Town Band weekly concerts and free ice cream socials begin on Monday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Courthouse Park (1126 Main St.). Art exhibitions and live music takes place at venues all throughout town weekly, including at eateries, bars, and shops that are hosting trivia nights, concerts, art openings, and social meetups. You'll find details about all of these events and lots more at www.DiscoverSt-



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Festivals, Markets, Fairs Promise Lyndon Summer Fun

BY CHERYL MCMAHON

Lvndon Area Chamber

Whether you live here year round or are just visiting the Northeast Kingdom, we all agree that summer is a wonderful time to explore and experience the beauty of the area and all it has to offer! The summer dance card is filling up fast with all sorts of activities with something for the whole family to enjoy.

June 2-4 is Lyndon Institute Alumni weekend and there will be activities and tours on campus for all classes. For a full listing of all the weekend activities at LI, visit their website www.lyndoninstitute.org.

The Lyndon Farmer's Market will be in its new location in Power's Park. Make your farm to table connection with some of the 30 vendors who will be there on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. until October. Kids can enjoy the playground and bring their swimsuits because Fridays are also open swim afternoons at the pool.

The 52nd Annual Burklyn Summer Craft Fair takes place on Saturday, July 1 in beautiful Bandstand Park in downtown Lyndonville. Glorious crafts from over 20 artisans, great food and music and the event is dog-friendly.

Two weeks later on Saturday, July 15 is the 42nd Annual Stars and Stripes Parade and Festival, a much anticipated and celebrated summer tradition. A huge

parade starts the day off at 10 a.m. through downtown Lyndonville followed by a children's show by Pirate Man Dan, food, live music and vendors in Bandstand Park until 3 p.m.

Along with these special events, many activities provide something for everyone. Weekly band concerts start on Wednesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. in Bandstand Park and continue through Aug. 16.

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 1 and there are a ton of activities planned right through Aug. 4. 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 and fun at Power's Park, pick your own strawberry opportunities and of course, visit one of several local eateries for some delicious ice cream!

Wrapping up summer is the Caledonia County Fair, which runs from Wednesday, Aug. 23 to Aug. 27 in Mountain View Park.

Visit Lyndon this year and explore all the area has to offer. Get together with old friends or make some new ones and enjoy this sweet summer season! For more information, visit www.lyndonvermont.com or follow the Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook!

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Craftsbury, Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Craftsbury Common, 1422 N. Craftsbury Road

Danville, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Town Green, opens June 21 **Glover**, Sundays 11 a.m.-2 p.m., town green

Greensboro, Wednesdays 3-6 p.m., town green, 81 Lauredon Avenue, opens July 5

Hardwick, Fridays 3-6 p.m., Atkins Field, 140 Granite St.

Newport, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Gardner Park

Peacham, Thursdays 3-6 p.m., Peacham Academy Green, 555 Bayley-Hazen Road. Opens June 22

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bethlehem, Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Corner of Park Avenue & Main Street

Colebrook, Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon, Colby Street

Lancaster, Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon, Centennial Park, Main Street

Lisbon, Thursdays 2:30-5:30 p.m., rain or shine, Walter Young parking lot next to Sunoco

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It's Showtime Throughout Region With Dramatic Summer Theater Lineup

Original Plays Premiere At Haskell Opera House, Vermont Children's Theater

BY AMY ASH NIXON

Staff Writer

It's show time in the Northeast Kingdom and North Country - with a number of talented local thespians - from novice to seasoned - ready to deliver entertainment ranging from an original comedy based on local lore near the Quebec border at the Haskell Opera House later this summer to the annual fun happening in the red barn that's home to the Vermont Children's Theater in Lvndon-Burke line on scenic Darling Hill Road.

The summer show for the youngest actors at the Vermont Children's Theater features an original new play, by VCT alum and Millers Run music teacher Lydia Ham, with her premiere of Westward Home!

The show will be July 6-9 with evening performances and a Sunday matinee; two other children's theater productions will follow in July.

A special treat awaits theater-goers this summer when another locally-written, original production, the Bride of Memphre, is put up by the Borderline Players at the Haskell Opera House Aug. 18-20 and 25-27.

Borderline Players

Writer and director Ross Murray shared how the story transformed at his hand and the theater company's vision to be their summer production. He has shifted from community journalism to writing comic novels and a humor column that led to someone complimenting him on the quality of the dialogue.

That led him to decide to try his hand at play writing.

"In 2019, I wrote and directed All Together Now, which is built around the legend that the former Beatles almost reunited at the Haskell Library here on the border. (In researching this, I couldn't find any evidence that such a meeting was ever planned, but it's entered the local mythology.) The play also incorporated historic events, specifically Mac's Party up in Holland in the summer of 1973.

The show was a success and, from my perspective, one of the most satisfying artistic ventures I'd ever undertaken."

"I really enjoy the idea of legends. On the one hand, they are 'true' in the sense that everyone knows them, they are a part of our identity. But they are also stories, and stories can be retold or revised or bent or used to tell other stories. They are a great base on which to build something new," he said.

This summer's show is likewise inspired by the stuff of local border



The Genie (Rory Higgs) keeps Aladdin's ear (played by Henry Sipples) during the Vermont Childrens' Theater presentation of Aladdin on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

"For my new play, the legend in question is the Memphremagog lake serpent. Some swear it's real, some say it can't be, some believe it's unlikely but fun to imagine anyway," he shared.

Murray said, "The play opens with a wedding on Blueberry Point, on this side of the border. Just as the couple are saying their vows, a stranger emerges from the lake claiming he has had an encounter with the lake serpent. Then, shocking the wedding party, he gets down on one knee and proposes to the bride. Because of his brush with the lake creature, he is convinced that he must marry this girl or the world will end."

Memphre is at the centre of the piece, but it's really about how far we're willing to believe, whether it's in a mythical lake creature or that we're destined to be with the one we love. How do we believe in

something when there's no clear evidence?

"As with All Together Now, the characters are from Vermont and Quebec, English and French, again reflecting our border community. It's a fun summer comedy with some veteran Borderline Player actors and some newcomers as well, again from Vermont and Quebec. I'm very excited to share it, and I hope people enjoy it."

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

Vermont Children's Theater

Once again, the red barn on Darling Hill Road on the Burke/Lyndon line will come to life all summer long with the voices of happy young actors and actresses, who will perform plays in which everyone who auditions is guaranteed a place on stage - and a boost to their self-esteem!

This summer, the VCT will offer Westward Home, The Wizard of Oz (youth edition), and Boublil and Schönberg's The Pirate Queen

For Westward Bound, the show will be: July 6 at 7 p.m., July 7 at 7 p.m., July 8 at 7 p.m., July 9 at 2 p.m.

The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition

Performance dates: July 13 at 7 p.m., July 14 at 7 p.m., July 15 at 7 p.m., July 16 at 2 p.m.

Boublil and Schönberg's The Pi-

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Must Visit Cultural Institutions In NEK & North Country

east Kingdom lies St. Johnsbury, a charming town rich in history and culture. St. Johnsbury and the surrounding areas offer a variety of cultural institutions that reflect the history, art, and natural beauty of the region.

One of the most renowned institutions in St. Johnsbury is the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium. Founded in 1889 by Franklin Fairbanks, this museum showcases natural history, with exhibits featuring regional flora and fauna, as well as a fascinating assortment of global artifacts. Its centerpiece is the only public planetarium in Vermont, where visitors can enjoy star shows and explore the universe in an immersive experience.

Down the street from Fairbanks Museum, you'll find the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum and Art Gallery. This stunning architectural gem, with its Victorian library and art gallery, was gifted to the town by industrialist Horace Fairbanks in 1871. of regional culture that defines and The Athenaeum's art gallery hosts an enriches the Northeast Kingdom of

In the heart of Vermont's North- impressive collection of 19th-century American art, including works by renowned artists like Albert Bierstadt and Hudson River School painters.

> A short drive from town you'll find Dog Mountain. Home of Stephen Huneck Gallery, in St. Johnsbury is a unique cultural institution devoted to dogs. The 150-acre property features a chapel, a gallery with works by the late Stephen Huneck, and trails and ponds for dogs and their owners to enjoy. Huneck's whimsical, heartfelt artwork celebrates the bond between humans and their canine companions, contributing a distinct flavor to the cultural milieu of the region. Website dogmt.com, phone 1-800-

> These cultural institutions in and around St. Johnsbury provide a variety of enriching experiences for locals and visitors alike. Each place tells a unique story – about nature, art, history, spirituality, or community - creating a vibrant tapestry



The Fairbanks Museum (File photo)

Be Sure To Visit

St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Museum, 421 Summer Street, St. Johnsbury. Website stjhistory. org, phone 802-424-1090. Hours Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.4 p.m. Nonprofit organization, acquires and preserves historic collections and conducts purposeful educational programs that interpret the rich heritage of St. Johnsbury.

NEK Artisans Guild, 430 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury, Website nekartisansguild.com, phone 802-748-0158. Hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Back Room Gallery, located within NEK Artisans Guild, same hours.

Cobleigh Library, 14 Depot have stopped in to see the shows. Street, Lyndonville. Website cobleighlibrary.org. phone 802-626-5475. Hours: Monday noon-5 p.m.; Tuesday noon-7 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday noon-7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. An inviting community center, providing programs, services, books and materials, public space, and information to all residents in the Lyndon area. The library connects people of all ages with opportunities to explore personal growth and develop a life long love of reading.

Satellite Gallery & Community Space, 71 Depot Street, Lyndonville. Phone 802-229-8317, website thesatellitegalleryvt.weebly.com. Hours Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, noon-4 p.m. or by appointment. A Lyndon Downtown Revitalization Corporation 501.3c organization designed to enhance the downtown. Hosts a variety of events that involve art, music, more. The Satellite has held monthly shows featuring Vermont artists since August 2019. Visitors from all over

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MAC Center for the Arts, 2158 Main Street, Newport. Phone 802-334-1966. Email macartscen-Website ter&gmail.com.

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Editor's Note: Please verify event details, which were compiled in May and subject to change. Also, be sure to check out the stories in the rest of this guide for a wide variety of additional events.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Powers Park Pickleball - Adult open/round robin play every Saturday through Sept. 30; 9 a.m.-noon (rain date on Sunday); Powers Park, Lyndon, Vt.

John Gorka Concert — New Folk movement singer-songwriter. 7 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts Main Stage; Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Spring Wildflower Walk — With Matt Peters, free and open to the public; 1-4 p.m.; Weeks State Park, Lancaster, N.H.; www.weeksstateparkassociation.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Powers Park Pickleball — Adult open/ round robin play every Monday through Sept. 30; 3-6 p.m. (rain date on Tuesday); Powers Park, Lyndon, Vt.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Powers Park Pickleball — Adult open/round robin play every Wednesday through Sept. 30; 3-6 p.m. (rain date on Thursday); Powers Park, Lyndon, Vt.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Shemekia Copeland Concert — Award-winning blues, soul and Americana singer; 8 p.m.; Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, N.H.;

https://bethlehemcolonial.org/

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Lunenburg Open Mic — Family-friendly, relaxed, small-town atmosphere. Attendees encouraged to bring a finger food. 6-8:30 p.m.; Congregational Church, Top of Lunenburg Common, Route 2; www.topofthecommon.org

Bob Marley Comedian — Two shows from the winner of the Superbowl of Comedy. 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https:// highlandartsvt.org/

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Flea Market — Hosted every second Sunday by the Lancaster Historical Society; 226 Main Street, Lancaster, N.H.; 7 am-2 pm; www.LancasterHistoryNH.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

St. Johnsbury Town Band Concert - Free and open to the public, with ice cream social; 6:30 p.m.; The Health & Rehab Center, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; https:// www.stjohnsburyband.org/

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Free Movie Night — "Harvey"; South Lawn at United Community Church, St. Johnsbury, Vt. (rain location inside); 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Steve Harmann Concert --- Vt.-based singer-songwriter; 7 p.m.; York Street Meeting House, Lyndon, Vt.; www.catamountarts.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Annual Power to the Park Community Day - Annual fundraising day with vendors, food, swimming, bounce house, pickleball; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Powers Park, Lyndon, Vt.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Summer programs begin - Swimming and tennis lessons through Aug. 11; Powers Park, Lyndon, Vt.; www.powerspark.org

St. Johnsbury Town Band Concert - Free and open to the public, with ice cream social; 7:30 p.m.; Courthouse Park Bandstand, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; https:// www.stiohnsburvband.org/

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Green Mountain Indie Folk Festival — Showcase of rising stars. 7 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

Zach Nugent's Dead Set — Summer concert series at Jay Peak; https://jaypeakresort.com/summer/music-series.

Strawberry Shortcake Drive-by -Homemade biscuits and fresh berries: 4-7 p.m.; Presbyterian Church, Ryegate

Kick Off To Summer Car Show -Hosted by American Legion Brighton Post 80; Island Pond, Vt.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Flea Market - Hosted every second Sunday by the Lancaster Historical Society; 226 Main Street, Lancaster, N.H.; 7 am-2 pm; www.LancasterHistoryNH.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

St. Johnsbury Town Band Concert — Free and open to the public, with ice cream social; 7:30 p.m.; Courthouse Park Bandstand, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; https:// www.stjohnsburyband.org/

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Molly McFolly and the Littlest Leprechaun - Presented by UNH Little Red Wagon. 1 p.m.; Kaufmann Theater, Tillotson Center, Colebrook, N.H.; https:// www.tillotsoncenter.org/

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Kelly J & The Wonders Concert — On the Catamount Stage, 6 p.m.; Lakeside Park, Island Pond, Vt.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Funky Fourth Celebration — Featuring Mallett Brothers Band followed by dance party with Glorious DJ. 5:30 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

Grace Kelly Concert — Singer-saxaphonist-songwriter-composer and jazz band leader. 8 p.m.; Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, N.H.; https://bethlehemcolonial.org/

Island Pond Independence Day Celebration — Parade - 11 a.m.; Chicken Barbecue at American Legion - noon until gone; Scavenger Hunt at Welcome Center - 1:30 p.m.; Jamie Lee Thurston Concert at Lakeside Park - 6 p.m.; Fireworks - 9:30 p.m.

Circus Smirkus Big Top Tour - A Midsummer Night's Circus; 1 & 6 p.m., The Circus Barn, Greensboro, Vt.; www. smirkus.org

MONDAY, JULY 3

St. Johnsbury Town Band 4th of July Concert — Special patriotic gala, free and open to the public, with ice cream

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Kingdom Trails policies and their Ride With Gratitude campaign are both outlined on the KT website.

The Kingdom Trails Welcome Center is located at 478 VT Rte 114 in East Burke and open Wednesday-Monday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. When the center is closed, information and hard copy maps can be found at the Welcome Center kiosk at the same location.

Because of the extensive trail network and wide variety of available ability levels, Kingdom Trails experiences both local riders and tourists. Information on how/where to rent equipment and local attractions and restaurants can be found on the KT website.

Throughout the season. Kingdom Trails hosts many clinics, group rides, camps, races and youth programs offered by third party organizations. While KT manages the permission for those organizations, they are not Kingdom Trails events.

Kingdom Trails does host a variety of events of its own, including volunteer trail work days, KT community chats, KT kids ride, and many more. A full list of Kingdom Trails events can be found online.

Tour de Borderlands 2023

Tour de Borderlands is returning for the first time since 2019.

From May through October, each network in the Bike Borderlands collaborative will host an event; with each event being different and ranging from group rides to scavenger hunts, to food trucks and community spirit.

There are seven stops on the tour, including: Circuits Frontières, East Hereford, QC, May 20; Coös Cycling Inland Woods + Trails, Bethel, ME, June 16; Kingdom Trails, East Burke, VT, June 23; Craftsbury Outdoor Center, Craftsbury, VT, July 22; North Country Tricycle, Littleton, Franconia, Bethlehem, N.H., Sep. 16-17; Carrabassett Region NEMBA, Carrabassett, ME, Oct. 21.

The Kingdom Trails event on Friday, June 23 will feature group rides, with both beginner/intermediate and advanced routes from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The trail route is yet to be decided.

From 5:30-8 p.m., there will be a gathering at Hazel's Taproom in East Burke for pizza, brews, lawn games, trivia and giveaways.

The next day, from 8:45 a.m.-noon, will be KT Volunteer Trail Work Day. There are usually 20 slots open for this workday, with sign-ups being optional and on a first come, first serve basis. A Club, Gorham, N.H., June 3; pizza party with seltzers will

Performance dates: July 20 at 7 p.m., July 21 at 7 p.m., July 22 at 7 p.m., July 23 at 2

Westward Home is an original musical written by VCT alum and director Lydia Ham specifically for VCT's youngest cast.

Westward Home directed by Dan O'Reilly and Lydia Ham, music direction by Dave Tis-

Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition directed by Crenshaw Lindholm and Micheal Lamontagne, music direction by Dave Tisdell.

Pirate Queen: directed by Crenshaw Lindholm and Lydia Ham, music direction by Mark Violette.

For more information, visit https://www.vermontchildrenstheater.com/

The Weathervane Theatre

The award-winning Weathervane Theatre kicks off its 58th season on June 9 with the international musical phenomenon Jersey Boys.

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.

Titles include Jersey Boys, Stones in His Pockets. Mamma Mia!, Honky Tonk Laundry, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Meteor Shower, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Guys and Dolls, and Primary.

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Weathervane presents its family (and pet) friendly Picnic with Patchwork series outside the Weathervane every Friday in July and August at 11 a.m. Pack a lunch, bring a blanket (and the dog) for this beloved Theatre for Young Audiences series.

Weathervane's summer theatre day camp, Windsock, returns July 31 - Aug. 12. Offering 1 and 2-week camp options, these sessions provide the building blocks of theatre with all the fun of the typical summer day camp experience, culminating in a camp show Weathervane's outdoor stage.

Rounding out Weathervane's programming are special events.

From FREE Shakespeare in the Park (June's North Country Shakes) to our entertainment series (July's Nights of Northern Lights Series) to the enhanced Patchwork production on the Mainstage (The Old Man and the Old Moon), there is truly something for everyone at the Weathervane this season.

Any current student enrolled in a Coös County high school is eligible to receive (1) FREE ticket to the Mainstage production of choice between June 28 and Oct. 14. To redeem email a copy of your student ID to jorge@ weathervanenh.org. Subject to availability.

Producing Art Director Ethan Paulini in his welcome for The Weathervane's 58th season, wrote, "In my 11 years associated with the Weathervane, I have never been more optimistic about what lies ahead. From a robust and eclectic array of programming choices to the unmatched company of artists and technicians we have assembled from all corners of the country, this will be a season for the history books, literally!"

"Starting with the record-breaking Jersey Boys and ending with Weathervane's first ever commission, Primary, the Weathervane is here for all of us," shared Paulini. "From the nationally recognized artists who create the World Class productions to the students who will attend our numerous school day matinees, we are working to give you an experience that makes coming to the Weathervane unforgettable from start to fin-

Paulini went on, "Frankie Valli, Steve Martin, Dolly and Reba, Shakespeare, Abba, Miss Adelaide and a whole host of unforgettable characters and voices, are primed and ready to entertain the North Country ... And stay tuned for some surprises!"

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

Colonel Town Players

Also in New Hampshire's

North Country, Colonel Town Players in Lancaster has a long, proud history of theater.

This summer, John Quigley, a board member and co-director for the summer show, shared the company will present School of Rock.

Most of the shows for the play have already been enjoyed, but you can still catch one today or tomorrow, June

Based on the Paramount movie by Mike White with Book by Julian Fellowes and Lyrics by Glenn Slater as well as New Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, will be presented by Colonel Town Players on May 26, 27, 28 and June 2, 3, 4.

Performances at the Lancaster Town Hall, located at 25 Main Street, Lancaster,

All are welcome at Colonel Town Players Annual Meeting on June 25th at 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Town Hall. Follow Colonel Town Players of Lancaster, Inc on Facebook for more information on upcoming auditions and productions.

For more information, visit https://colonel-town-players-of-lancaster-inc.square. site/

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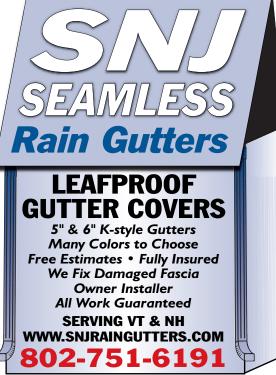
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Fish

Continued from Page 10 low Murphy Dam is a general fishing regulations stretch, but also very cold and with the main trout species.

Even further down the Connecticut River, because of the cold water, anglers are able to do floating drift trips

"There's miles and miles of river and we're fishing throughout the season for rainbows and browns and some brookies," said Starring. "It's beautiful."

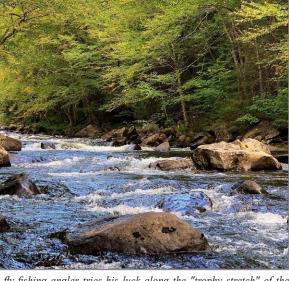
For those who want to leave the beaten path, there are also some remote ponds that are stocked with brook trout as well as what are called the "blue lines," the tributaries and small streams that have little brookies, he said.

As for big fish, the stretch below Murphy Dam and Lake Francis is known for its large brown trout that can get more than 20 inches, and sometimes up to 30 inches, long.

"They are very wise, very finicky, and they get big for a reason," said Starring.

Salmon, especially the ones moving upriver to spawn, can be in the 20-inch range.

Lake Francis and the first three Connecticut lakes are also popular for anglers troll-



A fly fishing angler tries his luck along the "trophy stretch" of the Connecticut River headwaters in Pittsburg. (Contributed photo)

ing for salmon or lake trout.

"The nice thing is they're not very developed lakes," said Starring. "They're not like the Lakes Region lakes. There's a very different feel here."

Along with being a guide, Starring serves on the board of Trout Unlimited's Ammonoosuc chapter, which promotes fishing and wisely managing the resource.

While the headwaters has the two tail-water dams, it also has a dam at the Second Connecticut Lake that is not a

tail-water, and so that stretch warms up in the summer.

"We leave it alone," said Starring. "As guides and anglers, watching the water temperatures is a really big thing, just for the conservation aspect. If you get into the higher 60s, you start catching these fish and stressing them out. If you hold them out of water too long, they die. We try to be very aware of water temps throughout the season so we're not putting unneeded pressure and maybe even killing fish."

In southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts, some trout waters can become too warm even in June, prompting anglers there to head north and spend the weekend in Pittsburg, said Starring.

"It's still very wildernessy up here, but you have everything you need, and there's the shops and the restaurants," he said.

Anglers can bring their own gear, buy it there, or visit an outfitter and rent gear, such as waders and rods as well as boats and kayaks.

Lopstick is an outfitter with rental equipment, but also has cabins and offers other forms of recreation.

Starring has been a guide with Lopstick for six seasons and has been a member of Trout Unlimited for the same amount of time.

As for the trophy stretch, he said, "2.3 miles doesn't sound very long, but when you're fly fishing that's a lot of water to cover within a few days. If you're taking your time, you might fish 200 yards."

While the southern Connecticut River is wide, the headwaters, with their elevation changes, offer ripples and pocket-waters with big boulders and are shallow and narrow, allowing those fishing to wade across and cast across.

And the many acres of conservation land and state land limit development, making for a wilderness experience, said Starring.

"I've taken people nine miles on logging roads to a stream and they get in the water and feel like they're 10 years old again," he said. "It's about the adventure. It's not just about trophies, it's about the experience and just being out there. That's what I love and what we as guides try to pass on to other people —having fun and the experience. If you're going to go fishing, go out and have a good time and enjoy everything."



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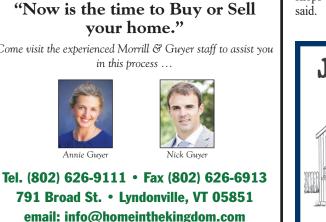


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Music

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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 30, July 28 and Aug. 25).

This year's lineup includes Dwight & Nicole (soul and blues), Hans Williams (Vermont singer songwriter), Albannach (Celtic tribal), Joe Samba (reggae soul), Adam Ezra Group (classic folk rock), B2Wins (pop violin duo), Mobley (electronica), Fox Royale (indie rock), Taylor Ashton singer/songwriter). Diana DeMuth (country and folk), and the Low Down Brass Band.

For more info visit https:// www.catamountarts.org/ shows-and-events/levittamp-st-johnsbury-music-series/

ROCKIN' THE PARK July TBA

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

A full lineup and schedule will be posted to https:// www.facebook.com/rockintheparkLancaster/

JERRY JAM July 14-16

New Hampshire, the threeday Jerry Jam music festival will move across the border to the Pransky Farm in Cabot, Vt.

Jerry Jam 26 takes place from July 14-16 and will feature a mixture of new acts

and familiar faces such as the Jerry Garcia Band (featuring Melvin Seals), Pink Talking Fish, Kung Fu, and Dogs In A Pile (featuring Jerry Jam veteran Hayley Jane).

For more information go to www.jerryjam.com

NORTH COUNTRY **CHAMBER PLAYERS July 15-Aug. 13**

The North Country Chamber Plavers will hold its annual summer music festival July 15-Aug. 13.

The five week classical music performance series will feature a different weekly theme and rotate through eight locations in seven communities.

It opens with favorites by Bach, Haydn and Mozart at Franconia's Dow Field and concludes with work by musicians of African heritage at Whitefield's Mountain View Grand.

For a full schedule and weekly show descriptions https://northcountrychamberplayers.org/

MAPLE ROOTS **FESTIVAL** July 22

Catamount Arts co-sponsoring The Maple Roots Festival at the Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks in Montpelier on July 22.

Established in 2021 by After a quarter-century in a coalition of independent musicians to benefit the regional music scene/community during the pandemic, the day long, family friendly festival features live music, local food and beverages, and more.

Confirmed performers in-

clude funk act Soule Monde and the 17-member Vermont Jazz Ensemble.

For more info visit https:// www.maplerootsfest.com/

CABOT ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL July 28-29

The Cabot Arts and Music Festival on July 28-29 will feature 10 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 Kat Wright, Vance Gilbert and Barika.

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

MOUNTAIN MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Aug. 11-13 The Mountain Music &

Arts Festival takes place Aug. 11-13 at Melody Mountain Farm in Warren.

The packed lineup features UPROOTED, Roots of Creation, Joe Samba, Kat Wright, and more.

For the full lineup and schedule visit https://melo-

dymountainfarm.com/

PAMFest Aug. 12

Following news the Peacham Acoustic Music Festival would not continue. PAMFest will return as scaled-down, one-day event on Aug. 12.

It will be staged by a new organization, Peacham Arts and Music Plus, and feature concerts, jam sessions and workshops.

For more information including the TBD performance lineup and schedule — visit https://pamfest.org/

AUGUST WEST FES-TIVAL Aug. 12

The 19th Annual August West Festival takes place Saturday, Aug. 12 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 Redington & The 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

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social: 7:30 p.m.; Courthouse Park Bandstand, St. Johnsbury, https://www.stjohnsburyband.org/

Powers Park Pickleball — Adult open/round robin play every Monday through Sept. 30; 3-6 p.m. (rain date on Tuesday); Powers Park, Lyndon, Vt.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Wednesdays on the Waterfront — Concert by Mike Goudreau. 6-8:30 p.m.; Waterfront Gazebo, 100 Main St., Newport, Vt.; www.wednesdaysonthewaterfront.com

Storyteller Simon Brooks -Simon is like a traveling one-man show with his wit, his physical antics, comedy and pathos. 1 p.m.: Kaufmann Theater, Tillotson Center, Colebrook, N.H.; https://www.tillotsoncenter.org/

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Preposterous! — A Happenstance Clown Circus. 6:30 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

8th Annual Jeezum Crow Festival — Summer concert series at Jay Peak; https://jaypeakresort. com/summer/music-series.

Littleton's 8th Annual Independence Day Celebration Vendors, music, fun and games all afternoon, followed by fireworks; Remich Park, Littleton, N.H.; 2 p.m.-dusk; https://www.facebook.com/

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SATURDAY, JULY 8

Fellow Pynins Concert — Award-winning contemporary folk duo; 7 p.m.; York Street Meeting House, Lyndon, Vt.; www.catamountarts.org.

Lunenburg Open Mic - Family-friendly, relaxed, small-town atmosphere. Attendees encouraged to bring a finger food, 6-8:30 p.m.; Congregational Church, Top of Lunenburg Common, Route 2; www.topofthecommon.

Dirty Cello Concert — 5-piece string ensemble blending blues, bluegrass and world music. 6:30 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https:// highlandartsvt.org/

Honeysuckle Concert — Progressive folk act that blends older influences and traditional instrumentation with modern effects and inspiration. 6 p.m.; Kaufmann Theater, Tillotson Center, Colebrook, N.H.; https:// www.tillotsoncenter.org/

8th Annual Jeezum Crow Festival - Summer concert series at Jay Peak; https://jaypeakresort. com/summer/music-series.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Back Road Readings - Featuring authors Melanie Finn and Gish Jen. 3 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

Flea Market — Hosted every second Sunday by the Lancaster Historical Society; 226 Main Street, Lancaster, N.H.; 7 am-2 pm; www.LancasterHistoryNH.

MONDAY, JULY 10

St. Johnsbury Town Band Concert — Benefit concert for the St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center, free and open to the public, with ice cream social; 7 p.m.; St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; https:// www.stiohnsburyband.org/

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Wednesdays on the Waterfront — Concert by Maple Run Band. 6-8:30 p.m.; Waterfront Gazebo, 100 Main St., Newport, Vt.; www.wednesdaysonthewaterfront.com

FRIDAY, JULY 14

Shawn Mullins Concert -Grammy-nominated and chart topping singer-songwriter. 8 p.m.; Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, N.H.; ttps://bethlehemcolonial.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Fairy Festival - An enchanted afternoon for magical creatures. 1-4 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

Northeastern Speedway 64th Anniversary Celebration Guest appearances by former drivers and VIPs from NASCAR past and present, New England Antique Auto Racers parade lap at noon. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Northeastern Speedway, Route 18, Waterford, Vt.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

LSC Foundation Rock 'n Roll Fundraisers — Live music by The History of Rock 'n Roll, buffet by Barefoot Gourmet, cash bar by St. J Distillery and Red Barn Brewery; 5-10 p.m.; 174 Emerson Falls Road; St. Johnsbury, Vt. MONDAY, JULY 17

St. Johnsbury Town Band Concert — Free and open to the public, with ice cream social; 7:30 p.m.; Courthouse Park Bandstand, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; https://www.stjohnsburyband.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Free Movie Night — "The Music Man"; South Lawn at United Community Church, St. Johnsbury, Vt. (rain location inside); 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Paint and Sip - With Britt from Native Art Portraits. 6-8:30 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https:// highlandartsvt.org/

Wednesdays on the Waterfront — Concert by Tritium Well. 6-8:30 p.m.; Waterfront Gazebo, 100 Main St., Newport, Vt.; www.wednesdaysonthewater-

Live animal presentation — By Wildlife Encounters Ecology Centerhttps://www.tillotsoncenter.org/. 11 a.m.; Kaufmann Theater, Tillotson Center, Colebrook,

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Mamselle Ruiz Concert — A unique blend of Latin American rhythms, traditions, Mexican legends and Quebecios cultural influences. 8 p.m.; Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, N.H.; https:// bethlehemcolonial.org/

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Old Time Music and Barbecue — Fundraiser for Danville Meal Site, vocals, guitar, mountain dulcimer, fiddle; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Danville, Vt., Meal Site.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Back Road Readings — With author Baron Wormser and poet Ron Padgett. 3 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

Flea Market — Hosted every second Sunday by the Lancaster Historical Society; 226 Main Street, Lancaster, N.H.: 7 am-2 pm; www.LancasterHistoryNH.

MONDAY, JULY 24

St. Johnsbury Town Band Concert — Free and open to the public, with ice cream social; 7:30 p.m.; Courthouse Park Bandstand, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; https://www.stjohnsburyband.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Wednesdays on the Waterfront Concert by Dave Keller Band with guest Johnny Rawls. 6-8:30 p.m.: Waterfront Gazebo, 100 Main St., Newport, Vt.; www. wednesdaysonthewaterfront.com

SATURDAY, JULY 29

The Feeble Fantastical - Performance presented by The Vermont Suitcase Company. 7 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

SUNDAY, JULY 30

Back Roads Readings — With author Ellen Bryant Voigt. 3 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts; Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

MONDAY, JULY 31

St. Johnsbury Town Band Concert — Free and open to the public, with ice cream social; 7:30 p.m.; Courthouse Park Bandstand, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; https://www.stjohnsburyband.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Wednesdays on the Waterfront - Concert by Studio Two. 6-8:30 p.m.; Waterfront Gazebo, 100 Main St., Newport, Vt.; www. wednesdaysonthewaterfront.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

The Great Bake Off Tasting Treats from Chef Charlotte and other local bakers. 1-3 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

The Ballroom Thieves - A seductive, bluesy, folksy singer-songwriter sound. 8 p.m.; Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, N.H.; https://bethlehemcolonial.org/

Old Home Day — Annual town celebration with activities for all ages. Vendors, demonstrations, food, music, parade, etc. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., On and around Lunenburg, Vt. Common, Route 2. www.topofthecommon.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Back Roads Readings - With poet Didi Jackson and author Kerrin McCadden. 3 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.

Flea Market — Hosted every second Sunday by the Lancaster Historical Society; 226 Main Street, Lancaster, N.H.; 7 am-2 pm; www.LancasterHistoryNH.

Dixie Land Worship Service — 10 a.m.; United Community Church, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

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Vacation Bible School — Aug. 7-10 for ages 3-12; 9 a.m.-noon; South Wheelock Freewill Baptist Church.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Free Movie Night — "101 Dalmations"; South Lawn at United Community Church, St. Johnsbury, Vt. (rain location inside); 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Wednesdays on the Waterfront
— Concert by Kyle Chadburn &
The Earthbound Spirits. 6-8:30
p.m.; Waterfront Gazebo, 100
Main St., Newport, Vt.; www.
wednesdaysonthewaterfront.com

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band — "Greatest front-porch blues band in the world." 8 p.m.; Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, N.H.; https://bethlehemcolonial. org/

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Lunenburg Open Mic — Family-friendly, relaxed, small-town atmosphere. Attendees encouraged to bring a finger food. 6-8:30 p.m.; Congregational Church, Top of Lunenburg Common, Route 2; www.topofthecommon. org

19th Annual August West Festival — Summer concert series at Jay Peak; https://jaypeakresort.com/summer/music-series.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Joe Russo's Almost Dead — Summer concert series at Jay Peak; https://jaypeakresort.com/summer/music-series.

Vermont Cheesemakers Festival — Cheese, wine, beer, cider, spirits, tastings, etc. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

Paint and Sip — With Britt from Native Art Portraits. 6-8:30 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https:// highlandartsvt.org/

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Circus Smirkus Big Top Tour

— A Midsummer Night's Circus;
6 p.m., The Circus Barn, Greensboro, Vt.; www.smirkus.org

Mipso Concert — North Carolina bred 4-piece band. 8 p.m.; Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, N.H.; https://bethlehemcolonial.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Midsommar (without the murders) Dance Party — Featuring Glorious DJ. 8 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

Circus Smirkus Big Top Tour

— A Midsummer Night's Circus;
1 & 6 p.m., The Circus Barn,
Greensboro, Vt.; www.smirkus.
org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Flea Market — Hosted every second Sunday by the Lancaster Historical Society; 226 Main Street, Lancaster, N.H.; 7 am-2 pm; www.LancasterHistoryNH. org.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Zach Nugent: Dead Set — Touring guitarist and de-facto Garcia expert. 7 p.m.; Highland Center for the Arts, Greensboro, Vt.; https://highlandartsvt.org/

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Duo Kayo Concert — A dynamic pairing of cellist Titilayo Ayangade and violist Edwin Kaplan. 8 p.m.; Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem, N.H.; https://bethlehemcolonial.org/

Vermont Symphony Orchestra String Quartet — 1 p.m.; Essex House & Tavern Pavilion, Island Pond. Vt.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

Soggy Po' Boys Concert — On the Catamount Stage, 1 p.m.; Lakeside Park, Island Pond, Vt.

The Party Crashers Concer — On the Catamount Stage, 5 p.m.; Lakeside Park, Island Pond, Vt.

Powers Park Pickleball — Adult open/round robin play every Saturday through Sept. 30; 9 a.m.-noon (rain date on Sunday); Powers Park, Lyndon, Vt.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Flea Market — Hosted every second Sunday by the Lancaster Historical Society; 226 Main Street, Lancaster, N.H.; 7 am-2 pm; www.LancasterHistoryNH.org.

Pondathon 2023 — 5.5 mile bike or run loop hosted by Brighton Recreation; 9 a.m.; Island Pond Town Beach.

The Great Island Pond Canoe Race — 11:30 a.m.; Island Pond Town Beach.

Human Foosball Tournament — 12:30 p.m.; Island Pond Town Beach.

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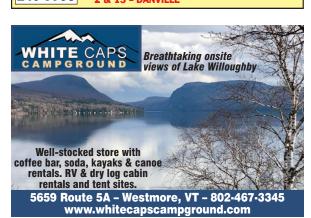
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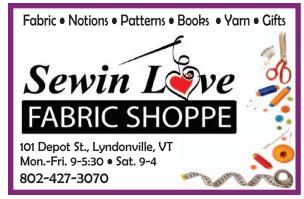








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STJCC

Continued from Page 14 house - but it's essentially the same front nine holes today Park envisioned.

And it's a "memorable" experience to play, said Mc-Gregor. Multiple "memorable holes" are built into the front nine.

The par 3 number 7 is his favorite, he said, and he's not

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alone in that appreciation. McGregor said PGA Professional Bob Murphy once played the course and called number 7 "one of the best par 3 holes in North America."

Before Park arrived to design the nine hole course or was even hired to do so, the club's founding body knew they had a spot where an 18-hole course could exist. The July 7 Caledonian-Re-

cord notes, "There is abundant room for a fine 18-hole course which will compare with any in the country."

It took another 69 years, but the course finally became the 18-hole course that it is today. In 1992, golf course architect Geoffrey Cornish with assistance from longtime country club member Jim Havers designed a new nine to "cradle the original nine,"

notes information found on the St. Johnsbury Country Club website, which points out the need for different playing strengths. "While the older holes require finesse, the new nine demand power. Bring your best up-and-down skills to par the outward half, display placement and clear thinking on the way home."

McGregor acknowledged the late St. Johnsbury dentist

Dr. Fred Silloway as an important driver in getting the club to act on expansion.

Having a full course complement of 18 holes brought added exposure to the club as it became a tournament destination.

In 2017, the club experienced its first ownership change, going from a share-holder held corporation with a board of directors to the private ownership of partners Doreen Holl and Chris Mc-Laren.

Their arrival brought needed capital to the club and a plan to invest in upgrades.

Golf is underway at the club this season, and plans are in place to celebrate the milestone century mark with a gala weekend. McGregor is joined on the celebration planning committee by Mark Breen, Danny and Brenda Lane, Jennifer and Paul Barone and Tom Manges.

Among the plans will be a celebration dinner. A slide presentation that recounts moments in history will "set the stage to start people talking" about their club experience and appreciation, McGregor said.

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Culture

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Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village, 109 Old Stone House Road, Brownington. Website oldstonehousemuseum.org. Phone 802-754-2022. Thirty rooms with more than 75,000 objects that tell the story of Orleans County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A featured stop on Vermont's African American Heritage Trail, the museum tells the story of African American Alexander Lucius Twilight, the first African American college graduate and state legislator in the United States and he built the museum's namesake Old Stone House, which he called Athenian Hall.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Littleton Historical Museum, 2 Union Street (Opera House). Website littletonnhmuseum.com. Email lhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Phone 603-444-6435. Caretakers and keepers of Littleton's past. Hundreds of artifacts on display as well as carefully planned exhibits.

Crane's Snowmobile Mu-

seum, 172 Main St., Lancaster NH, cranesnowmobilemuseum.com, 603-443-7272. Visitors see the evolution of riding through the years, from Ski-Doo machines first introduced in the 1960s, to the newer sleds of today. More than 100 snowmobiles with no duplications, and another 40 unique machines in storage.

Lancaster Historical Society Museum, housed in 1780 Wilder-Holton House, 226 Main Street, 603-788-3004. Website lancasterhistorynh. org. Email TheLancasterHistorical Society@gmail.com.

John Wingate Weeks Historic Site, 200 Weeks State Park Rd. (Route 3), Lancaster. Set at the summit of Mt. Prospect, the house and grounds provide a 360-degree panorama of mountain splendor. Visitors can climb the old stone fire tower for even better mountain views. The estate was built in 1912 at the direction of John Wingate Weeks, leading conservationist, U.S. congressman, U.S. senator, and Secretary of War under Presidents Harding and Coolidge.

The Frost Place, 158 Ridge Road, Franconia, NH. Phone 603-823-5510. Website frostplace.org. Email frost@ frostplace.org. A permanent home & museum for poets and poetry. On the National Register of Historic Places.



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