Dairy farmers and new farmers face a divide

by Elizabeth Trail

NEWPORT — When Dave Simonds and Sarah Gardner slept at a “farm stay” bed and breakfast not too long ago, their host apologized for the dairy farm down the road.

“We’re trying to clean it up,” she assured them. Her special angst was reserved for the silage pit, which was covered in plastic weighted down with tires.

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“Dairy farms are a great resource for anyone looking at local food systems — some of them even remember when we had one,” the film says.

In the Midwest and California, industrial-sized dairy farms with thousands of cows are the rule. New England dairies are still mostly small and mostly family-owned.

New England dairy farmers struggle to survive on milk prices set by farms in areas of the country facing completely different challenges.

There’s a funny sequence in the film where one by one, a whole list of farmers and experts try to explain milk pricing. None succeeds.

Farmers also find themselves struggling to meet the costs imposed by new laws and regulations designed to protect the environment.

And as agricultural communities come to include a new style of farming, aimed at selling smaller quantities of high-priced organic and “boutique” foods, they find themselves increasingly at odds even among themselves.

In their own eyes, and with the public, there’s a growing divide among conventional dairy farmers and organic farmers, or between farmers who ship milk to a co-op and the ones who try bottling their own milk or making value-added products out of some part of their milk.

“The point of the film,” Mr. Simonds says, “is to see if there is any way to get these groups talking.”

And it’s not just traditional dairy farmers who need to talk to the new farmers and vice versa. Consumers need to understand the complexity of the questions surrounding food production. And city people who live or vacation in farming areas need to understand the needs of the farming community.

The anecdote about what Mr. Simonds calls the “faux farm” bed and breakfast owner (Continued on page 2B.)
Family farms, the original local food movement

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illustrates the divide that cuts dairy farms out of the local food conversation, he says.
And it seemed to resonate with the farmers in the audience.

Last Thursday afternoon when Mr. Simonds asked how many local farmers had gotten complaints from summer people about smells or noises or the appearance of their farms, hands came up and there were appreciative chuckles around the room.

Mr. Simonds is an actor, director, and film producer.

He grew up at the end of a dirt road surrounded by three dairy farms in Williamstown, Massachusetts. As a teenager he worked on one of those farms in the summers and came to appreciate the hard work and tremendously complicated skill set that a dairy farmer has to develop in order to survive.

“Was it a real joy to make the film,” he said. “Once you get close to them, it’s hard not to admire them.”

But as populations grow in farm areas, dairy farmers find themselves surrounded by people who are less understanding of what it takes to keep a farm going.

Mr. Simonds tells another story, about a young farmer who leased an old dairy property from some flattander owners.

“The next year,” he said, “the landowners came to him and they said: We like the look of hayfields, but we don’t like the look of the cornfields. Don’t grow corn anymore.”

“The new farmers have come to define agriculture in New England,” says Sarah Damsell of the Orleans County Conservation District, who introduced the film at the City Cinema in Newport on Thursday.

Once the infrastructure is gone that supports the farmers, the already difficult job of making a living on a family dairy farm can become impossible, she said.

To farm successfully — or at all — a dairy farm has to have access to feed suppliers, veterinarians, and equipment sales and services, just for starters.

The statistics for Orleans County — which has about 15 percent of the dairy farms in the state — illustrate the problem.

The area is third in the state for dairy. There are about 131 dairy farms left in Orleans County, according to the agricultural census.

The average net farm income around here is just under $33,000. Out of 638 farmers of all kinds who filled out the census, only 104 made more than that.

So the majority of area farms are very small, and the majority are not dairy farms. Almost half of the owners have another job that they consider primary.

About 10,000 dairy farms have been lost in New England in recent decades. Vermont has done a pretty good job keeping dairy farms in production, Ms. Gardner said.

Ms. Gardner has a PhD in environmental policy. She teaches land use, agriculture, and food system at Williams College in Williamstown, the first town over the Vermont line into Massachusetts on the western side of the state.

In addition to serving on a number of agricultural and land-use commissions in and around Williamstown, she’s been a leader in a passing a number of local farming initiatives, such as Williamstown’s right to farm law. The law assures farmers the right to keep farming as the town grows, protecting them from adverse zoning and neighbor complaints.

Part of her interest in local sustainable agriculture came from the need to make her skills translate from the city to rural life.

But she said that a lot of the impetus for the film came from teaching at Williams College, where her students are young, idealistic, and know very little about farming.

“One of my assignments is to have students go out in pairs and interview three local farmers,” she said. “They would come back with interviews with what let’s call the new farmers, completely ignoring the two dairy farms left in Williamstown.”

Most of the students drive past those farms every day, she said.

Part of it is class and familiarity. The students can relate to the young, idealistic, and educated people who grow kale or bake bread to sell at the local farmers’ market.

And part of it is to do with the exaggerated or faulty information out there about conventional farming — and about food in general.

Films often show dairy farming as the villain in water pollution, methane emissions, and other environmental issues, she said.

And she says there’s an increasing belief that food is the determining factor in health, which gets complicated.

“There’s a lot of magical thinking about food,” she said.

And there are myths about antibiotics and toxins persisting in conventional milk that simply aren’t true.

“There are people who believe that conventionally farmed milk isn’t safe to drink,” she said.

If there’s one thing that is true, it’s that it’s not possible to generalize about dairy farmers. But they all face increasing pressure from rising costs, increasing regulation, and a changing climate.

Mr. Simonds would like to see dairy farmers teaming up with some of the new farmers to share ideas and knowledge.

But going small-scale and high priced isn’t necessarily the answer either.

“If the questions were simple, we’d have the answers right now,” Mr. Simonds says.
Sidney A. Toll

Sidney A. Toll, 78, an amazing and devoted husband, a devoted grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, died peacefully in Bangor, Maine, on the morning of March 24, 2017.

Mr. Toll was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 18, 1939, to Morris and Clara Toll. In 1956 he married his high school sweetheart, Joan (Brown), who predeceased him in 2009. Life for him was never the same after she died. Mr. and Mrs. Toll spent the early years of their marriage in North Carolina where he served in the U.S. Marine Corps. They later returned to Pennsylvania where they lived until 1972 when they moved to Vermont. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981, after many years of hard work while also being a full-time dad and full-time employee. Mr. Toll worked for North Country Hospital for nearly 30 years, becoming its president and CEO in 1987. He was dedicated to recruiting and retaining doctors to serve the community, and led the hospital through an era of intense technological advancement and computerization, as well as many renovations and building projects. While he had high regard for his employees, he cared sincerely about their welfare and their families. He retired a well-respected leader in 2002, and moved to Belfast, Maine, in 2015 to be near his family.

Mr. Toll had a deep faith in God which pulsed through him and strengthened him. He was active at the United Church of Newport and the First Church in Belfast. He had many interests including boating, music, spending time with his family and friends, working in his shop, gardening, golfing, hunting, fishing, traveling, going to the movies, and volunteering in the community. Besides his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his brother Alvin Toll, and his infant grandson, David Boynton. Surviving him, and seeking to live up to the ideals he taught them, are his daughters and their husbands: Joy Toll-Chandler and Paul Chandler, and Karen and John Boynton; his grandchildren of their families: John, Mindy, and Dexter Boynton, Adam and Kim Palmer and their soon-to-be born son, Brian Boynton and Crystal Liley and Brayden; and Timothy Palmer and Jess Walley. He is also survived and memorialized by his brother Philip Toll and his wife, Kathleen; his sister-in-law Gladys Toll; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and by special friend Susan Solman, and by a host of other friends.

Friends may call at the Curtis-British-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home on 4070 Darling Hill Road in Newport, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20. A celebration of life—will be held at the United Church of Newport, at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 21. A reception generously hosted by North Country Hospital will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the East Side Restaurant in Newport.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the scholarship fund he established 26 years ago through North Country Hospital's annual golf tournament, which was recently named in honor of him: the Sidney A. Toll Scholarship Fund, North Country Hospital, attention: Development Office, 1899 Pine Street, Newport, Vermont 05855. Online condolences may be sent to curtis-britich.com.

A plaque dedicated to him at his retirement reads, “Grateful to you for your compassionate leadership, careful stewardship, and thoughtful planning for the future.” Although those words describe his leadership at North Country Hospital, they also apply to his devotion to his family, and his service to God. Mr. Toll exemplified the Marine Corps motto “Semper Fi,” — always faithful. Well done, faithful servant.

Lorraine J. Choquette


Family always came first. Lorraine made it a priority to host numerous gatherings no matter how large her family grew. Fond memories of good food and company are held by those who were dear to her.

She was employed by Columbia Forest Products for many years. Her retirement years were spent crafting, quilting, and knitting. She enjoyed spending time outside caring for her gardens. Mrs. Choquette was a hard-working woman who took pride in maintaining her independence. She is survived by her children: Sue Banville and her husband, Steve, of Newport Center, Tina Cochran and her husband, Richard, of Sanbornville, New Hampshire, Dennis Choquette and his wife, Kim, of Derby, Richard Choquette and his wife, Cindy, of Oceanside, California, and Anne Locke and her husband, Dan, of West Glover; by her grandchildren: Melissa Barr, Gretchen and Jason Bedard, Catrin and her husband, Richard, of Derby, Erin Choquette, Kaytlyn Choquette, Emma Downs, Brandon Locke, and Blair Locke; by her great-grandchildren: Rhilore, Madalyn, Colby, and Gwendolyn; by her brothers: Gerald, Roger, and Roland; by the rest of the Choquette family; numerous nieces and nephews; her neighbor and dear friend, Jane Hackett; and by her kitty, Peaches.

She was predeceased by her grandson Justin Cochran; her brothers: Bertrand, Raymond, Gilbert, and Donald; and her sisters: Bertha Coteau and Anita Fournier.

A Mass will be celebrated at St. Edward’s Catholic Church in Derby Line on Saturday, April 8, at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at a later date in St. Edward’s Cemetery in Derby Line. In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions be made in her memory to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, 502 Strawberry Acres, Newport, Vermont 05855, or online at www.frontieranimalsociety.com. On-line condolences can be shared at curtis-britich.com.
Charles H. Nadeau

H. Nadeau, 93, well-known businessman of Coventry, died peacefully on March 27, 2017, in Newport. He was born on March 31, 1923, in Coventry to Charles and Valentine (Benjamin) Nadeau.

Mr. Nadeau served in the United States Army during World War II from December 1942 to December 1945, in Burma and China.


He owned and operated Nadeau’s Auto Parts for many years, operated heavy equipment, and ran Nadeau’s landfill. He started the Can-Am Speedway.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #21 in Newport, the Elks Lodge #2155, where he was a charter member, the Eagles Club Fraternal Order #4329, and the VFW Post #798.

He is survived by his children: Kim Russell of Derby, Christina Nadeau and her husband, Floyd Kelley, of Derby, and Kerry Keevest and her husband, John, of Coventry; by his grandchildren: Douglas and Tracy Russell, Jennifer and Joshua Bowen, Ryan Kelley and his wife, Angela, Deianaira Kelley and her fiancé, Nick Prive, Jessica Pierpont and her husband, Ralph, and Ashley Chambers and her husband, Zack; by his great-grandchildren: Connor, Madison, and Parker Russell, and Peyton and McKenzie Pierpont. Elizabeth Duranteau, and Avery Chambers; and by his brother Robert Nadeau and his wife, Priscilla, of Ipswich, Massachusetts; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Alice Nadeau, in 1959; by his infant daughter Tracy Nadeau in 1965; by his brothers: Gaston, Andre, and Louis Nadeau; by his sisters: Mary Phillips, Georgette Parker, Luciene Conant, Francoise Brechelhanik, and Madeleine Bissonnette; and by his son-in-law Brian Russell.

A Mass was celebrated on April 1, at St. Mary’s Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newport.

Memorial contributions may be made in Charles’ name to the Disabled American Veterans: c/o Heather Dowland, 1461 Whittier Road, Derby Lane, VT 05830.

Online condolences may be shared at www.curtis-britch.com.
Obituary

Esther A. (Mixer) Rounds

Esther A. Rounds, 91, a resident of Maple Lane Nursing Home and formerly of the Norway and South Paris, Maine, area died on March 30, 2017, in Barton.

She was born in Minot, Maine, on November 4, 1925, a daughter of Lewis and Ola (Downs) Mixer. She attended school in Maine.

She married Winfred Lavern Rounds and was predeceased by him in 1978. She had six children, including Calvin, who predeceased her. She leaves five children: Roberta Garvey of Newport, Claude Rounds and his partner, Martha Vinning, of Weld, Maine, Claudette Edwards of Norway, Maine, Clayton Rounds of South Paris, Maine, and Claudia Rounds of Lakeland, Florida.

She is also survived by her grandchildren: Sean Wedge of Oklahoma, John Meader of Lakeland, Valerie Rounds, Michael Bereault, and Patrick Edwards, all of Norway, Maine, T.J. Edwards of Lewiston, Maine, and Leiza and her husband, Dave, of Lewiston.

She loved playing bingo, watching television, and talking to her teddy bears. She was a devoted friend and family member, mother and grandmother. She was predeceased by two brothers: Edwin and Lewis Mixer Jr. and by four sisters: Ethel Kelley, Dora Fogg, Marion Milligan, and Phillis Mixer.

She will be buried beside her husband in Mechanic Falls, Maine, at the Maple Grove Cemetery with a graveside service in the spring. Online condolences can be shared at curtis-britch.com.
Fish and Wildlife seeks public input on fishing regulations

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife board is now in the process of seeking public input on a number of proposed fishing regulation changes that could go into effect starting in 2018.

Among the proposed changes are simplifying regulations on the Missisquoi River for muskellunge and year-round fishing; simplifying the Clyde River regulations and expanding its catch and release season for salmon to include September and October; establishing rules against snagging fish; creating a new definition of “immediate control” for ice fishing; moving existing language related to commercial angling into a new section; expanding the “legal method of take” for fish to include spear gun and cross bow on a limited number of species, and implementing new bags limits on bowfin, redhorse sucker and longnose gar.

In addition, an angling group is proposing that from September 1 to October 31 on the Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to the West Charleston dam, angling be restricted to float fishing with floating line, unweighted leader and one unweighted artificial fly with a single hook. The Board will be hosting four public hearings to gather comments on the proposals, and will accept written comments through May 17.

Locally, the hearing will start at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2 in Newport at the Emory Hebard State Office Building.

To submit questions or comments to the board, e-mail fwinformation@vermont.gov.

To learn more about the proposed regulation changes, the full public hearing schedule, or the Vermont Fish and Wildlife board, visit the Fish and Wildlife board page under the “About Us” section at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. — from Vermont Fish and Wildlife.

Orleans school wins Geo Bee

The Orleans Central Supervisory Union held its 27th annual Geo Bee Competition on March 29, 2017. After an eight-round match, Orleans Elementary School won by a slim margin. The Orleans team will move on to the regional Geo Bee contest on Saturday, May 6, where they will compete to go to the state finals. In the front row are: Duncan Lovegrove, Riley Blair, and Ashlyn Hicks. In the back row are: Baylin McCarthy, Samie Hinton, Annabelle Coburn, and Kyle Chadburn (coach). Photo courtesy of Orleans Elementary School.
Real Estate

By Jim Campbell, Principal Broker

Buying a Home at Auction

Real estate auctions are exciting and scary. Properties are sold at auction in the case of bankruptcies, foreclosures and estate settlements. These situations can provide real bargains, but along with the opportunities, there are substantial risks involved. Auctions are usually conducted on the courthouse steps, at the property, or at the professional auctioneer’s place of business. Some Realtors who are involved in buyer brokerage have added real estate auctions to the services they provide.

You need a substantial amount of cash in certified funds to bid on a house. If you make the winning bid, you basically have to buy the house or lose your deposit. Those who buy homes through ordinary transactions are “coddled” compared with those entrepreneurial individuals who buy houses at auction. At an auction you can forget about having a chance to get a structural contingency to bail you out. Sometimes you won’t even be able to see the inside of the house before you commit to the purchase. What you see and what you can’t see at the auction could cost you thousands of dollars.

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JCR 5578 ~ CHARLESTON: Private recreational lake, 23A, trails, views, pond. 2 BR, full bath, running water, septic, generator. $289,900. Nick. #44008781

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SUNDAY, APRIL 8
EASTER EGG HUNT IN JAY
The fourth annual Jay Community Recreation Center Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, April 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. for ages toddler to 11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds benefit the Jay Area Food Shelf. Please bring a donation of a nonperishable human or pet food item. For more information, contact Kelly at (802) 318-1206.

HAYDEN’S SEVENTH WORDS OF CHRIST IN NEWPORT
The octet will perform on Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at the United Church of Newport with donations benefiting the church food shelf. For more information, call Martha Peck at 334-6075 or e-mail mrtpeck@myfairpoint.net.

MONDAY, APRIL 9
EASTER EGG HUNT IN JAY
The annual Easter Egg Hunt held in North Troy has been cancelled this year.

Saturday, April 8
EASTER EGG HUNT IN WESTFIELD
The Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library on Route 100 in Westfield will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and Activity Party on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. Games and refreshments to follow. Bring a basket.

DABBLE DAY IN COVENTRY
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FROST AND FIRE BAND AT THE MUSIC BOX
The Music Box in Craftsbury presents the Frost and Fire Band on Saturday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 586-7533 or visit themusicboxvt.com.

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Friday, April 7
BLOOD DRIVE IN CRAFTSBURY
There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 7, at Craftsbury Academy from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.redcrossblood.org.

ST. PAUL’S SCHOOL FISH FRY
St. Paul’s Catholic School presents its 13th annual Fish Fry on three separate dates at the Barton Memorial Building. The final date will be held Friday, April 7, at 5 p.m. Due in or take out. No phone orders, please. Cost is $12 for adults, $7 for kids and includes a complete dinner of golden battered haddock, baked potato, peas, coleslaw, homemade rolls, and homemade desserts. For more information, visit www.stpauhatlantahighschool.org/fishfry.

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EASTER EGG HUNT IN JAY
The fourth annual Jay Community Recreation Center Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, April 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. for ages toddler to 11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds benefit the Jay Area Food Shelf. Please bring a donation of a nonperishable human or pet food item. For more information, contact Kelly at (802) 318-1206.

HAYDEN’S SEVENTH WORDS OF CHRIST IN NEWPORT
The octet will perform on Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at the United Church of Newport with donations benefiting the church food shelf. For more information, call Martha Peck at 334-6075 or e-mail mrtpeck@myfairpoint.net.

MONDAY, APRIL 10
FREE CDL CLASS IN NEWPORT
There will be a free CDL (commercial driver’s license) class at the New England Community Learning Center on Main Street on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 10, and 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. These classes are being held to prepare people for the CDL learner’s permit. The class includes those who would like to drive a bus as well. All background and other necessary information will be covered for the learner’s permit is provided. For information and to register, call 334-2839.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11
NEWPORT ROTARY CLUB PROGRAM & GUEST SPEAKER
Ben Cadwallader of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra will be the guest speaker at the Newport Rotary Club’s program on Tuesday, April 11, at the Gateway Center in Newport. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m and program starts at 1 p.m. For more information, call Donovan Quarry at 334-1001 or e-mail dqarmby@comcast.net.

FREE FOOD SHARE IN ISLAND POND
Food in act of transition Will be shared on Tuesday, April 11, at the Island Pond Food Station from noon to 2 p.m., with the physically handicapped served first. Free food for those who need it. To volunteer or for more information, call 626-1212 or 963-3322, or visit www.fair.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
ORLEANS COUNTY SEED LIBRARY MEETING
The Orleans County Seed Library invites all gardeners, homesteaders and farmers to a session that begins with viewing a short inspiring video, “100,000 Beating Hearts,” that visits a farm that has transitioned from traditional agricultural practices to a diverse, sustainable culture. After the discussion of the movie, share ideas about planning your garden, preparing the soil, transplanting, companion planting, and crop rotation. Business meeting will take place at 4 p.m. and the program starts at 4:30 p.m. at the Barton Public Library. For more information, e-mail nevins.usm.edu or visit their Facebook page.

“WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: THE MYSTERY OF THE MASK – WHAT’S BEHIND IT” Osher Lecture
Osher Lifelong Learning Lecture series will hold a lecture on Wednesday, April 12, with Charles Colby presenting “William Shakespeare: The Mystery of the Mask – What’s Behind It” from 1 to 2 p.m. Lectures are held at the Emory Hebard State Office Building on Main Street in Newport in the second floor conference room. $5 walk-in or $40 for seasons pass (for couples). Dessert, coffee, tea, and conversation follows. For more details, visit www.learn.uvm.edu/osher or contact Suzi at 673-9499 or suzi_dt@sympatico.ca.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13
NATIONAL BIRD DOCUMENTARY SHOWING AT STERLING COLLEGE
A showing of the documentary National Bird will be shown on Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Sterling College’s Cushing House in Craftsbury Common. For more information, visit www.vermontarthouse.org.

IF YOU NEED ACCESS TO THE FULL DOCUMENT, PLEASE CONTACT ME.
GREATER BARTON ARTS FREE ART CAMPs FOR KIDS
Art Camp for Kids schedule for summer 2017 as follows: Elements Art Camp will be held June 24 to 28; middle and high school students, July 31 to August 4; and advanced youth art camp, August 14 to 21. All Art Camp curricula is focused on drawing for beginning and experienced learners using various media. The Advanced Youth Art Camp will emphasize painting and color theory in addition to application for more advanced students. For more information or to register, call Adriane Helm at adrianhelm@gmail.com or call (727) 459-6534.

HOW TO ACCESS LOCALLY GROWN FOOD
Pam Kennedy, community mentor from NOFA for Orleans and Caledon, will be giving a5 -to-10-minute informational sessions to let folks know how to access locally grown and processed foods. Please contact pam.kennedy.878@gmail.com or call 526-6700 to let her know about your CSA, farm stand, farmers’ market, or other relevant food business. Those sessions will begin in early April.

COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
The Focus Group, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is offering up to $500 Community Service Scholarship to a high school senior from Orleans County to enhance their future through continued education to aid with educational costs. Requires previous community service involvement. Application can be found online at www.jayvt.com and must be in before or on May 1, 2017. Winner announced May 15, 2017. Contact Jay Volunteer Fire Department.

TRIP TO BOSTON WITH BARTON SENIOR CENTER
The Barton Senior Center will sponsor a trip to Boston, Salem, and Cape Ann on June 8 through 12 for five days, four nights. This costs $440. The trip includes eight meals and guided tours of Boston, Coastal Mass., and Lexington and Concord. There will also be a visit to Salem. Call 525-4440 for more information and to sign up.

VENDORS WANTED FOR ANTIQUES & FESTIVALS UNIQUE
The annual Antiques and Uniques Festival in Craftsbury Common on Wednesday of each week. A vendor application is available online at www.townofcraftsbury.com/antiques- unique.htm. More information can be found on Facebook under antiquesuniques.

ONGOING EVENTS
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ADULT LEARNING CENTER FREE SERVICES
Northwest Kingdom Learning Services Community Education Center on 1 Main Street in Newport offers GED preparation and GEO coaching. High School Completion Plan for teens (16 years and older) and adults, preparation for standardized tests such as the Accuplacer for CVC or the Parapro for public school teaching; basic computer skills training; academic skills assessment in reading, writing and math; and instructions in most academic disciplines. Please call 525-4440 for an appointment to change of charge to the student. The tutorial program offers tutoring services at an hourly rate for grades K-12. The adult learning center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; tutorial services are scheduled by appointment. For more information, call 334-2835.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
AA meetings are held in Newport, St. Johnsbury, and most towns in the Northeast Kingdom. For detailed information call AA at (888) 334-1213 or visit www.aainc.org and click on “District 3.” Also visit www.aainc.org and click on “District 3” for a comprehensive schedule.

AL-ANON MEETING IN CRAFTSBURY COMMON
Thursdays at 6 p.m., at the United Church in Craftsbury Common. Discussion.

AL-ANON MEETING IN DERBY
Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the United Church of God, Crawford Road in Derby. If your life is affected because someone you love has an addiction, Al-Anon can help. Offering understanding, support, and a community that understands how you feel.

AL-ANON MEETING IN NEWPORT
Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church parish hall, Second Street in Newport. Discussion meeting is open to anyone whose life is affected by someone’s additions. Newcomers welcome.

ALZHEIMER’S CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP
For those dealing with family members or friends diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or other related dementia. Informal gathering. All welcome.

NEWPORT – Caregivers support group meets every fourth Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at North Country Hospital in Newport, 2nd floor waiting room (Room 221). For further information, call (800) 272-3900 or e-mail jill.wahlstrom@vtr.net.

ST. JOHNSBURY – Caregivers support group meets last Wednesday of each month at Northeast Kingdom Regional Hospital, room 244, St. Johnsbury. For further information, call Mary at the NEK Council on Aging at 748-5182, or 1-800-642-5119.

AMERICAN LEGION BARTON POST # 76 MEETINGS
Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Legion Hall in the Barton Memorial Building.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETINGS
The American Legion Auxiliary of New York offers a full schedule of events and training each Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Legion Hall in the Barton Memorial Building. For more information, call Patsy Tompkins at 525-4416, patsyttompkins@gmail.com.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT POOL TOURNAMENT
The American Legion in Newport is hosting an 8 Ball Pool Tournament on Mondays. 6 p.m. practice; 7 p.m. play. Double elimination, Blind draw, pay two places. Winner plays more, pay three places. For more information, call 334-2374.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ORLEANS VOLUNTEER DISASTER ACTION TEAM MEETINGS
The American Red Cross Orleans Volunteer Disaster Action Team holds meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Legion Hall at the Barton Memorial Building. If interested in volunteering or for more information, call Mickey Richards at 525-4416.

BARTON SENIOR CENTER
Located downstairs at the Barton Memorial Building. Square dance/Games each Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.; Breakfast Club meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.; Bingo/Boardings class at 10 a.m. 525-4440, bartonseniorcenter@gmail.com.

BINGO IN LOWELL
Bingo is held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Ignatius Hall on Hazen Notch Road in Lowell. Sponsored by the Troy and Area Lions Club. Progressive jackpot starting at $500. Dinner available.

BOBBIN MILL PLAYERS MUSIC JAM SESSIONS
The Bobbin Mill Players will hold music jam sessions every Wednesday morning from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Lowell St. Ignatius Parish Hall. Other music events include: First Friday evening of the month at the Robert H. Jackson Branch Library from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Second Sunday afternoon at the Glover Town Hall from 1 to 4 p.m.; First Friday evening at the complexity School from 6 to 9 p.m.; Fourth Friday evening at the Derby Town Hall from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Fifth Friday evening (when there is a first Friday) at the Barton Memorial Building from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Millie at 334-2598.

BONE BUILDERS BALANCING & STRENGTHENING CLASS
An RSVP Boys Builders Balancing and Strengthening Class meets weekly on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Troy and Area Lions Club weekly community meals facility on Farmington Road in Northfield. For more information, call 744-2484.

BRIDGE LEAGUES IN BARTON & NEWPORT
BARTON: Meets Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at the Barton Chambers Apartments. Come with a partner. Newport: Meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Gateway Center. Everyone must come with a partner. Team’s Group continues Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the library in Newport, and all are welcome to drop in. For more information, contact Pat Hunt at pat.hunt@kingcon.com.

CCV JOB HUNT HELPERS TO OFFER CAREER SERVICES
Community College of Vermont (CCV) Job Hunt Helper Amber Minnie is available at the Goodrich Memorial Library in Newport for six hours a week to offer career services to library patrons and job seekers. Find employment opportunities in the area, write a resume and cover letter, apply for jobs online, assess skills and interests, use the Internet to explore career opportunities, and learn about education and training programs. Ms. Minnie will be available Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., and Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 334-7902.

MEAL ROOM AT THE GARDEN HOUSE
We will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Garden House, 150 Main St., Newport, VT. Open to all, no reservations. Cold soup, and hot sandwich. Call 802-334-4034.

GRANDPARENTS ‘N’ KIN RAISING “GRAND” KIDS
The Diabetes Support Group will meet on the third Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room at North Country Hospital in Barton. For more information or to confirm your presence, call Barbara Grant at 334-4159.

CRAFTSBURY COMMON
Common will offer free evening supers on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the meeting room at North Country Hospital in Barton. For more information or to confirm your presence, call (619) 876-2021.

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DO DROP IN MEAL SITE IN NEWPORT CENTER
The Do Drop In Meal Site in Newport on Cross Road is open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays are set aside for lunch, lunch at noon, bingo played after. For more information or reservations, call 334-6443.

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION
The EAA meets every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia County Airport in Lyndonville. All are welcome. At that all you need is an interest in aviation. Each meeting begins with a short business session where we discuss the minutes and reports from our chapter’s previous meeting, plus our past and future events. We then move on to something educational, such as aircraft maintenance, safety, members’ projects, or special and documentary movies from EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

FIRST STEPS WOMEN’S GROUP
Meets on Fridays at 9 a.m., at 55 Seymour Lane, Newport, in the Community Justice living room. A warm, safe place where women can find support for facing challenges and learn some self-defense techniques, including: complications and problems. All welcome. No qualifications or criteria.

GRANDPARENTS “N’ KIN RAISING “GRAND” KIDS
Grandparents “N’ Kin raising “Grand” Kids meets second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at North Country Career Center, room 308, in Newport. For more information and to notify of your attendance, contact group leader Angela Bliss at Head Start/Early Head Start in Newport at 334-4159. Dinner provided. Childcare provided upon request.

DERBY COMMUNITY MEMBERS INVITED
Derby Elementary School SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FUNDRAISER SATURDAY APRIL 14, 7:30 a.m. Enjoy breakfast at school. Pancakes, cinnamon roll, sausage, home fries, eggs, and beverage. $3.50 adults, $1.50 child.

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**NEK MULTIPLE SCHizophrenia SUPPORT GROUP**

The NEK Multiple Schizophrenia Support Group will meet the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at North Country Hospital in the meeting room next to the library. For more information, call Babe at 766-0103.

**NEWPORT AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

This year, the Newport Area Community Orchestra will be held at the NEK Cultural Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE) in Hardwick from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month and will include a short meat and cheese platter. Please leave no trace in this special place. Pack it, pack it, Leash your dog, bury dog waste away from trails. Respect other users. No motorized vehicles. No fires of any kind. As this is a big hunting area, it is advisable to wear orange. Enjoy at your own risk!

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING**

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) offers a 12-step program of recovery for the physically, emotionally, and spiritually overweight. Meetings are held every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Barton Public Library. For more information, call Mary King, RN, BSN, at 525-2011 or Mary@BetterBonesNEK.org, or visit www.BetterBonesNEK.org.

**Osteoporosis Education & Support Group**

The National Osteoporosis Foundation Better Bones of the Northeast Kingdom group meets on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the Community National Bank in Derby (accessed from Carolyn Road). Free and open to the public. Light refreshments. Learn about a variety of guest speakers and medical specialists. To register or for more information, contact Mary King, RN, BSN, at 535-2011 or Mary@BetterBonesNEK.org, or visit www.BetterBonesNEK.org.

**PLAY WORLD & NEKCA PLAYGROUP IN BARTON**

Play World, sponsored by Building Bright Futures, and NEKCA Barton Early Head Start Playgroup, is held Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Central Orleans Family Education Center (COFFEC). For more information, call 525-6211.

**RSVP BONE BUILDING & STRENGTHENING CLASSES**

Offered twice a week at the Jay Community Center on Tuesdays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and at the Westfield Community Center on Thursdays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A free exercise class to prevent or reverse osteoporosis. Classes consist of a variety of exercises to improve balance and increase strength. Participants start out using very light weights which are gradually increased as strength improves. Materials and refreshments provided. For more information, contact Maureen Mcquire at 534-7746 or mamcquire77@gmail.com.

**Senior Dining in Glover**

Lunch is served at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays on the lower level of the Gloor Town Hall, 1318 Glover Street. Suggested donation for seniors is $3.50, for those younger than 60, $5. For more information, call the NEK Council on Aging’s Nutrition Coordinator Lallie Mambourg at 1-800-642-5119.

**SQUIRES LUNCH AT ST. MARK’S IN NEWPORT**

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church on Second Street in Newport holds a free community Squarer Luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

**Squarer dinning in Barton**

Dining will be held every Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Barton Senior Center. Judith Clifford will be the call-instructor. Call 525-4400 for more information.

**STAMP CLUB IN NEWPORT**

The Memphremagog Stamp Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. at CAILICO, 326 Bluff Road, Newport. All stamp collecting interests are welcome. For more information, call 334-6001.

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP**

Thurs Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Faith Lighthouse Church on Route 105 in Newport (105 Alderbrook). A support group for those who have lost someone to suicide and wish to have a safe place to talk, share, and spend a little time with others who have had a similar experience. For more information, call Mary Butler at 744-6284.

**TAI CHI CLASS**

A Tai Chi Class (Buddha meditation) will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Call Marc Bourdelais at 525-1234 for locations and more information.

**TAI CHI IN BARTON**

Leader Brenda Leesher is teaching Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention at the Barton Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., led by Dr. Paul Lam. For more information, call Brenda at 525-3685. 

**TOPS MEETING AT BARTON LIBRARY**

TOPS VT #82 Barton meets every Monday at Barton Public Library. Meeting time is 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Barton Public Library. For more information, call 525-4400.

**TOPS MEETING AT ISLAND POND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

TOPS VT #135 Island Pond meets every Monday at Island Pond Public Library. Meeting time is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Island Pond Public Library. For more information, call 525-3685.

**Van Service from Westmore to Barton**

Westmore Community Van Service, 10:30 a.m. pickup at the old Town Clerk’s office; 1:30 p.m. return trip to Westmore. Free to residents age 60 or older. For more information, call Mary at 525-4214 or the Area Agency on Aging at 334-2190.

**Van Service to Senior Meals in Barton**

Every third Tuesday of each month there will be van service from Westmore to Barton. For more information, call the NEK Council on Aging’s Nutrition Coordinator Lallie Mambourg at 1-800-642-5119.

**Wednesday Poets**

The Wednesday Poets, a poetry writing workshop, will continue for its fourth season at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at the Barton Public Library. Weekly sessions run until 8:30 p.m. This workshop features writing and sharing (or not) in a relaxed and supportive space. Veteran and beginning poets make up the group; no prior experience is required. Materials and refreshments provided. For more information, call Adrien Heim at 525-3740.
WESTFIELD COMMUNITY MEAL SITE:

Every Thursday at noon at the Westfield Community Center (North Hill Road). Free meal. Suggestion $4 with tax. Donation of $4 with tax and Thursday of the month free. Free RSVP Bone Builders Balancing and Strengthening Class meets weekly before the meal from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Following lunch, join the fun and play Bingo! Sponsored by the Troy and Area Lions Club. For more information, call Therese Stone at 525-3412 or 467-3423.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES:

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ALBANY TOWN LIBRARY:

Located on Route 14 in the back of Albany Town Hall on Main Street. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 755-6107.

BARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY:

100 Church Street, Barton. Open Mondays from 1–7 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1–7 p.m., Fridays from 1–7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday Movie Mondays as well as Monday Morning Meet and Greet! Scrabble players meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. After School Story Hour on Wednesday at 4 p.m. throughout the school year.

COLEBIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY:

70 Depot Street, Lyndonville. Hours: Monday, noon–5 p.m.; Tuesday, noon–7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. For further information and programs, call 334-7902 or visit www.coalebighlibrary.org.

CRAFTSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Church Lane, Craftsbury Common. 586-9863. craftsburylibrary@gmail.com. www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org. Hours: Monday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m.–noon; Wednesday, Thursday, 2–6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon; Sunday, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Friday Story Time: 10 a.m., up to age 6. Friday Lego Club for children 5 to 12 years old, 3–4:30 p.m. Story Hour: for children born to 5 years and families on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

DAILEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

101 Junior High Drive, Derby Center. Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Family Movie Night: Third Friday of the month at 6 p.m. For more information, call the library at 766-5500 or visit www.dailymemoriallibrary.org or check Facebook page.

GLOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY:

51 Bean Hill Road, Glover. 525-6524 or 525-4365. www.gloverlibrary.org. Hours: Monday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m.–noon; Thursday, 2–6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon; Sunday, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Story Hour: 10 a.m., up to age 6. Friday Lego Club for children 5 to 12 years old, 3–4:30 p.m. Story Hour: for children born to 5 years and families on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

1 Water Street, Orleans. 754-6660. Hours: Monday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon. Closed Sunday. Tuesday Story Time: closed; Thursday Story Time: 10 a.m.; Saturday Story Time: 10 a.m., up to age 6. Friday Lego Club for children 5 to 12 years old, 3–4:30 p.m. Story Hour: for children born to 5 years and families on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

LEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY:

1302 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-2372. Hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon. Story Hour: 10 a.m., up to age 6. Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon. Story Hour: 10 a.m., up to age 6. Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon. Story Hour: 10 a.m., up to age 6. Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon. Story Hour: 10 a.m., up to age 6. Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

535 Dufferin Street, Stanstead, Quebec. 1-819-876-7322. Two exhibitions: Remembering our Soldiers of the Great War and Rural Medicine in Stanstead County.

CRABSHOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY:

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CATAMOUNT ARTS CENTER

115 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, Masonic Temple building. 748-2660. www.catamountarts.org. Open Monday through Friday, 1–6 p.m. and before and after each movie screening. Gallery admission free. For the public fee of charge.

CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

For more information, call 723-4833 or 855-2001.

CHUCK GUEST GALLERY:

Featuring over 130 paintings of abstract imagery. Located at 205 Vermont Route 114 in East Burke. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 526-9011 or visit www.chuckguest.com.

COLBY CURIUS MUSEUM & STANSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

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GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
29 Brezzy Avenue, Greensboro, 533-2457.
www.greensborohistoricalsociety.org. Open Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Check out our powerful new tool for researching Greensboro families stored in our unique Genealogical Permanent Exhibit: Hill Homestead: The Story of Greensboro: Faces of Our Towen has been updated and displays tools and ledgers, kitchen gadgets, and farm implements, and partor furniture from the 19th century.

LOOKING GLASS MUSEUM AT CLAN OF THE HAWK
479 Hardwick Inn, 4 South Main Street, Hardwick. Call 472-9933 for information. Works by Marie LaFeGraber will be on display through May.

THE KINGDOM CALENDAR

MILLER’S THUMB GALLERY
14 Brezzy Ave., Greensboro. 533-2045 or eve@millersthumbgallery.com.

NEPTUNE NATURAL CAFE GALLERY
194 Main Street, Newport. 56 Church Street in Newport Center. 334-6770. Open from 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday, closed. No admission fee.

MOUNTANION ARTS GALLERY

NEWPORT NATURAL CAFE GALLERY
93 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-0158. www.nevertangs.com. Hours: Open Monday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Impruneta Surfaces. Paintings in Mixed Media by Kelly Doyle, on display until April 22. Also featuring Newport’s forever changing history and landmarks.

NEWPORT CENTER AND GIFT SHOP
287 East Main Street, Newport. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The Art Gallery at the Newmont contains one of America’s unique collections of 19th century American paintings. Admission fees: $8 for adults, free for age 12 and under. St. Johnsbury residents, and nonresident patrons. Second floor gallery features exhibits by local artists.

THE 99 GALLERY AND CENTER
The 99 Gallery and Center on School Street behind 316 Main Street in downtown Newport. Work by Seattle surrealist Donald Peal and Northeast Kingdom artists, free classes, movies and community events. Open most afternoons till 5 p.m. 323-7759. Whimsical sculptures and drawings by Newport’s Matthew Rieder now on display.

THE ART HOUSE GALLERY
5 River Street by the bridge, East Hardwick Village. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (bring lunch). Quilter’s circle meets the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission by donation. Self-service museum, open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Mondays.

THE VIEUX FORGERON ART GALLERY
248 Dufferin St., St. Lawrence, Quebec. All are welcome! Hours: Thurs.–Sun. 11 a.m.–6 p.m. at the vieuxforgeron.com.

WOODEN HORSE ARTS GUILD (WHAG)
P.O. Box 502, North Troy 05863. 885-4300. www.woodenhorsearts.com. Wooden Horse Arts Guild is a 501c3 charitable organization composed of artists, crafters, writers, photographers, and musicians who live and work throughout Vermont and beyond. They support and encourage artistic excellence in the literary, visual, and performing arts. Their virtual gallery gives members an individual web page on www.woodenhorsearts.com. To read the news of members and arts around the area, visit http://blog.woodenhorsearts.com and Like them on Facebook.

THE THIRD FLOOR GALLERY
Hatherly Inn, 4 South Main Street, Hardwick. Call 472-9933 for information. Works by Marie LaFeGraber will be on display through May.

THE VIENNEDER DESIGN CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING & GALLERY
287-440 South Main Street, Newport. Call 472-9933 for information. Works by Marie LaFeGraber will be on display through May.

THE MUSEUM OF EVERYDAY LIFE
348 East Main Street, Newport. Call 334-1966. Hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Sundays from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. or call for an appointment anytime. New Exhibit: “Dust” on display south of Shadow Lake Road. Clare Dolan: 626-4409. www.museumofeverydaylife.org. New Exhibit: “Dust” on display now. Admission by donation. Self-service museum, open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

THE VIEUX FORGERON ART GALLERY
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WHITE WATER GALLERY
5 River Street by the bridge, East Hardwick Village. Open from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. or by appointment. Call Watergate at 563-2037. http://whitewatergallery.blogspot.com. THE VIEUX FORGERON ART GALLERY
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Also in need of wait staff. Call 802-266-3678. Ex. family restaurant opening in Island Pond, Vermont. is passionate with a strong drive, to work in a new - cook experienced with high volume, who $11.30 per hour. Call 802-323-2599. Ex. 4/12 someone from the area. Background check required. nights & weekends. No experience necessary, prefer HOME CARE ATTENDENT NEEDED - in Barton area, adoption. Adoption fee includes shots, worming, of wonderful cats, kittens, dogs & puppies ready for www.loveishomecare.com to do just that! We are looking for caring, reliable people to help us. Learn more and apply online at Love is…LLC is helping seniors in your community - to help a senior age at home? WOULD YOU LIKE - Custom rods, spin - Mountain River Trout Rods - Custom rods, spin & fly rod repairs. Red building class, Personal building instruction. Customkeyzrods.com, 813- 830-8890. Ex. 4/19 WANTED WANTED: Newfane Farmer’s Market seeking free musicians and all vendors, especially food vendors, perennial & annual vendors, cheese, veggies, & others. For info., call Judy at 274-8296. Ex. 4/25 WOODLOTS WANTED: large or small lots for clean, selective cutting, hardwood, softwood. Cedar. One man, one small machine only! Let your land pay the taxes. 525-6659 or 673-3451. Ex. 4/5 HELP WANTED WOULD YOU LIKE! to help a senior age at home? Love is…LLC is helping seniors in your community to do just that! We are looking for caring, reliable people to help us. Learn more and apply online at www.loveishomecare.com. Ex. 4/26. HOME CARE ATTENDENT NEEDED - in Barton area, nights & weekends. No experience necessary, prefer someone from the area. Background check required. $11.30 per hour. Call 802-323-2599. Ex. 4/12 WANTED - cook experienced with high volume, who is passionate with a strong drive, to work in a new family restaurant opening in Island Pond, Vermont. Also in need of wait staff. Call 802-266-3678. Ex. PETS POPE MEMORIAL- Frontier Animal Shelter has lots of wonderful cats, kittens, dogs & puppies ready for adoption. Adoption fee includes shots, worming, spay/neuter, complete vet health check & leukemia testing. Call 754-2228 or visit www.frontieranimalsociety.com. FIREWOOD/PELLETS FOR SALE- 16-17 inch dry, mixed hardwood firewood, delivered in local area for $225. Call 525- 6927 or 525-3666. Ex. 4/26 FIREWOOD FOR SALE- rock maple, cut, split & delivered for $225 per cord. Call 802-673-5555. Ex. 5/10 FIREWOOD - custom split, green hardwood. Cord measure guaranteed with stacked loads. No dirt or junk! $14” $215, 16-24” $190. 525-1087, 673-5854. Leave a message. Ex. 5/10 FIREWOOD FOR SALE- Green hardwood. Cut, split, delivered. Call for prices, 802-754-2915, 802-673- 3241. Ex. 4/12 MISCELLANEOUS DANCE- every Saturday, 7-11 p.m. at the Beebe Town Hall in Beebe, Quebec. Light refreshments, - every Saturday, 7-11 p.m. at the Beebe DANCE WANTED - Photo e-mailed: Please mail this form with your payment to: ALL PREPAID CLASSIFIEDS ARE ALSO LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE! Payment for words over 25, 125 ea. x week(s) = $________ Payment for photo, $3 x week(s) = $________ Payment for words over 25, 125 ea. x week(s) = $________ Payment for photo, $3 x week(s) = $________ Total enclosed $________ Propayment is required, non refundable. *Finds ads are listed free of charge. Please mail this form with your payment to: the Chronicle, P.O. Box 660, Barton, VT 05822
by Paul Lefebvre

It is spring when the eyes start dripping before the sun has ascended the morning sky. It is spring when the snow in the driveway turns to slush and you can hear the passing snow machines scrape across the bare spots on a back road that bends by the house and ices over, as it continues over the mountain heading north.

You can tell it is spring when the water you lost on an unforgettably cold day in March returns, hissing through a faucet you forgot you had left open half-a-turn when it was still winter. You know spring is coming any day when there is no longer any maple syrup left and you refuse to go out and buy another gallon of last year’s syrup. You know spring is coming when the town road crew starts punching holes in snow banks large enough to park a car or city people start shoveling off their lawns and throwing the snow in the traveled portion of the highway. You know spring is coming when the obscure objects start poking through the snow on lawns otherwise unadorned.

Your sense spring is near when you look in the mirror and decide you need to get a haircut or trim your beard. You can tell spring is just around the corner when a thaw starts to emerge in an affair of the heart you thought you were over and done with. You know spring is coming when you no longer worry if you’ll get home before dark. You will know that spring is here to stay when there is still snow on the ground and the trees start to bud. You know that spring has arrived when you begin sweating over the April 15 deadline for filing taxes. You know spring is coming when obscure objects start poking through the snow on lawns otherwise unadorned.

How will you know when it’s spring?

How will you know when it’s spring? You will know that spring has arrived when your bird feeder turns up missing. You know spring has arrived when a cop pulls you over because your license plate light is out. And you’ll know that spring is just messing with you when rain turns first to hail and then into snow before transforming into a storm of ice pellets at higher elevations, followed by an ascending curtain of fog. You will know when spring has arrived when no one takes daily weather forecasts seriously any more. Or glugs water or rigorously washes their hands to protect their health.

You will know it is spring when you no longer search the house for a missing glove or hat, or wonder if there really is a God. Or when there is more water in the basement than there should be. Or when your dog, if it’s a male, disappears for long stretches of time.

You will know that spring has finally found you when you stop swearing at the nightly news and step out for a breath of air. It doesn’t matter if health costs are skyrocketing or climate change is accelerating. All that counts is that it is no longer winter.

You will know and be certain it is spring when black ice covers the highway on Good Friday or it snows on the Memorial Day Parade. Spring can be as murky as a shadow. If you fail to pinch yourself while sitting outside in your overcoat and long underwear under a blazing sun in April, spring will be over and gone before you know it. And then what? Summer?

You know it is spring when the Red Sox are on a winning streak, when tourists inquire where’s the town that has the flying fish, and when the homemade highway signs come down, warning of frost heaves or banning log trucks from using gravel roads. And finally, you know it’s spring when mud is the topic of the day. Some people say the length of a spring in the Upper Kingdom is measured by mud. When people in my town once asked the road commissioner what he thought about the pending mud season, he was ready with a quick reply.

“It’s going to be a good one,” he said.