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WARDSBORO 70TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

BY THE 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE



The snow has melted and the warm summer days are ahead. Happily, the 70th annual Wardsboro 4th of July Street Fair and parade is just around the corner, this being our 70th year *and* the longest consecutive running 4th of July celebration in Vermont.

We are planning many surprises as well as the usual exciting events of years past. New this year will be a “Made in Wardsboro” room where you will find items by local artists and craftspeople displayed; it will be in the small meeting room on the 1st floor on the left as you enter Town Hall. Wander through the room and marvel at the hidden talents of Wardsboro residents. See more detail of this event in the informational box elsewhere in this issue.

Who says there’s no such thing as a free lunch? Enter the first ever Wardsboro 4th of July Hot Dog Eating contest and you can enjoy six hotdogs for your free lunch! The first to finish all six gets ‘bragging rights’ and a trophy! Ready to sign up? Call Lise or Russ at 896-6188.

At 9am the Street Fair Vendors will be showing off every type of handmade arts and craft as well as lemonade, baked bread and ice cream. You can count on our delicious offering of fresh Strawberry Shortcake in the vestry,

homemade pies and scrumptious baked items inside Town Hall. Sneak over to the hamburg and hot dog booth outside to the right of Town Hall.

White Elephant tables can be found next to MacMichael Park. “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure” is illustrated each year at this booth, which is not to be missed.

At 10am the parade will be going down Main Street to dazzle you. All is on schedule with unique floats now in the “working” stage but soon to be ready for display and judging for awards.

Wouldn’t you like to join the parade? You can march in costume or not, drive your vintage car, create a float, ride a horse, show off your prize cow or emu, or your pet dog, cat, canary or donkey. To join the parade simply arrive by 9am at the bridge on South Wardsboro Road where there will be someone to greet you and guide you to your place in the parade.

Parking, at \$4 per car, will be available in fields on roads entering the town center: on Rte. 100 entering from the north or south, upper Main Street from Jamaica, and on the South Wardsboro Road. Additionally there are four Handicap Accessible spaces provided by the Wardsboro General Store. A shuttle bus is available from some locations.

No amount of “thanks” is enough for the volunteers who continue to offer their time for this event, yet still more is needed. Think about being involved in this great celebration. An hour or two would be great, on the *evening before* to assist setting up tables, chairs, trash bins etc., or on *the day of during* or *after* the event to do what-

Town Business Meetings

Fire and Rescue

Business Meeting at Fire House

Monday	June 3rd	6:30pm
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Fire Department Training

Monday	June 17th	7pm
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Rescue Training

Thursday	June 27th	7pm
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Friends of the Library Meeting

Gloria Danforth Memorial Building

Wednesday	June 5th	7pm
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Library Trustees Meeting

Gloria Danforth Memorial Building

Monday	June 11th	7pm
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Planning Board

Check at Town Office for schedule

RVUSD Meetings

Monday	June 3rd	WES	7pm
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Monday	June 17th	DES	7pm
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School Board Meeting at WES

Tuesday	June 4th	6:30pm
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Select board Meeting

Tuesday	June 11th	7pm
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Tuesday	June 25th	7pm
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Select board Hazard Mitigation Meeting

Wednesday, June 5th	6:30pm
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Wednesday, June 26th	6:30pm
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Town Clerk's Office	896-6055
Hours: 9am to 12 noon, 1pm to 4:30pm, Monday through Thursday	
Elementary School	896-6210
Town Highway Department	896-6542
Public Library	896-6988
Listers	896-1001
Wardsboro Post Office	896-6361
West Wardsboro Post Office	896-6118
Town Constable - Joe Novick	896-9529

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ever is needed to “breaking down”. Contact Chairperson Katryna Fitzpatrick at 802 896-1047 to volunteer; she will find an area where you can help.

Mark your calendar for Thursday July 4th : Street Fair starts at 9am, Parade at 10am, BBQ service at 11am and the Skateboard Jam at **???**. Rain or shine, we will celebrate the 4th of July in Wardsboro.

Drop off for White Elephant

Items for the 4th of July **WHITE ELEPHANT** sale (which in good repair) can be dropped off on Wednesday evenings **June 12th, June 19th, June 26th** from **6 to 8:30pm** at the Town Garage next to the driveway entrance to the Wardsboro Public Library.

BOOK DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY BOOK SALE



Do you have books you would like to donate? This is a great way to recycle books to make room for new.

The Wardsboro Public Library trustees and volunteers run their annual 4th of July book sale fundraiser on the front lawn of the Library. Proceeds from the sale go toward library expenses not covered by the Town budget, such as the free children and adult programs, books and supplies.

Please bring your book donations to the library, at 170 Main Street. Wardsboro during regular hours or call Jill to arrange alternate drop off time 802 896-6988.

SPRING CONCERTS

BY WEST RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

On **Friday, June 7, 2019 at 7pm** The West River Valley Chorus will present their spring concert in Wardsboro Town Hall, and on **Sunday, June 9 at 3:00pm** in the Townshend Church. The program will include gospel, swing, and even some by Johann Sebastian Bach. Admission is free and donations are accepted. A reception will follow after the concert.

ATTENTION ALL WARDSBORO ARTISANS!

BY DARLENE RUTNIK

The 4th of July Committee would like to celebrate the talent in our community during the **70th annual** 4th of July Street Fair and Parade. We know Wardsboro is home to artists, crafters, writers, cooks, gardeners and many other creative people. Some do sell or display their creations for others to see while others quietly enjoy their creations on a personal level and share with a close few.

We want to show how proud we are of all of you all. We are asking all interested Wardsboro residents to display a sample of their unique creations in Town Hall during our July 4th celebration.

Darlene Rutnik is compiling an email and/or telephone list so she can reach as many artisans as possible and to explain the details of this event. To join the display of creative talent, call Darlene at 896-6394 or email her at upperpodunk@myfairpoint.net.

WARDSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10am – 1pm
Tuesday	2pm – 7pm
Wednesday	2pm – 7pm
Thursday	10am – 1pm
Saturday	9am – 1pm

Please Note: Closed on major holidays

WARDSBORO LIBRARY NEWS

Jill Dean, Library Director

Nancy Dawson, Assistant Librarian

Jenn Finaldi, Youth Services

Library's web site: www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org Email: wardsboropubliclibrary@gmail.com

THEME FOR JUNE: TIME TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN!

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Jenn Finaldi, Youth Services Librarian, will be at the Wardsboro Public School telling the students about the summer reading program at the Library and handout surprises in each classroom.

Saturday, June 8, 10am. Summer Reading Kick-Off Party. Our Universe of Stories starts with the Constellations. Learn about the constellations and make a Big Dipper Star Clock. All ages welcome.

Friday, June 21, 7pm. Free Movie & Popcorn. Star Wars--Episode IV: A New Hope. Ages 7 years and up.

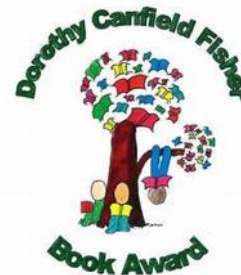
Saturday, June 22, 10 am. Glow in the Dark Program. Presenter: Christine Mix, Children's Author and Illustrator. A great opportunity to learn about moons, stars, and planets through old folk tales about constellations and the universe. Make your own glow in the dark art, featuring night skies and things that glow at night.



Egg Hunt Basket Winners. Wylie Sullivan & Winter Manzke. Congratulations!

The Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book (DCF) Award was created to honor excellence in chil-

dren's literature. Each year since 1957, Vermont students in grades four through eight have selected their favorite book from a list of 30 nominees. The 2019 winner of the DCF award is: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz.



Wardsboro Public Library is a VELI-STEM library-- VELI-STEM stands for "Vermont Early Literacy Initiative – Science Technology Engineering Math".

FREE ADULT PROGRAMS

Saturday, June 1, 1pm. China Slide Show. Carol and Dick Fay will present slides of their recent trip to China. Tea will be served.

NEW BOOK SELECTIONS

Adult Selections

The Other Woman by S. Jones; *Dear Mrs. Bird* by A.J. Pearce; *The Brightest Sun* by A. Benson; *Dark Sacred Night* by M. Connelly; *Tailspin* by S. Brown; *Button Man* by A. Gross; *Liar Liar* by J. Patterson; *Lethal White* by R. Galbraith; *Before We Sleep* by J. Lent; *Pursuit of Honor* (Audio book) by V. Flynn; *Revolution Song* by R. Shorto; *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs* by S. Brusatte; *The Allies* by W. Groom; *Wolf Pack* by C. J. Box.

Children Selection

Holding Up the Universe by J. Niven; *The Stars Beneath Our Feet* by D. Moore; *Looking for Another Earth* by E. Lawrence; *Pete the Cat: Robo-Pete* by J. Dean; *Star Wars: Death Star Battles* by S. Beecroft; *Curious George Discovers the Sun* by A. Meier; *The Universe* by M. Carson; *Who Was Neil*

Armstrong? By R. Edwards; *The Moon Seems to Change* by F. Branley; *Rocket Town* by Bob Logan; *Robots in Space* by R. Owen; *Spacecraft* by Mechanic Mike Machines.

THANK YOU!

- **Erin Tkaczyk:** thank you for the display of your watercolor and oil paintings at the Wardsboro Public Library Art Show in June and July.
- **Darlene Rutnik:** thank you for sharing with us your needle punch expertise at the workshop.
- **Emma and Caiden Southworth and Nancy Frye:** thank you each for teaching the workshops on Beekeeping.
- **Mike Recca, Marie Fornuto, and Linda and John Gifkins:** thank you for donating new NYTimes Best Seller books.
- A huge thank you to the **anonymous donors** of the Museum bus trip in May.
- **AARP:** thank you for bringing the Fraud information to our library.
- **Anita Rafael:** thank you for the puzzle tray.

ERIN TKACZYK – JUNE AND JULY – LIBRARY ARTIST OF THE MONTH

BY LEE MILLER

Erin started her public art journey with watercolor and gouache in 2015. She has made images for enjoyment and believes that art should be loved, seen and touched.

She has painted on textiles such as pillows, tea towels, baby onesies and dinner napkins. She also uses acrylics to bring mason jars and pieces of wood to life and soon will be experimenting with oils.

Erin has always been fascinated by the way light and color interact in the natural world around her. She captures this interplay in her

landscapes, night skies and botanical images.

When she is not painting, she is raising her children with her husband, Mike and their dog, Bentley in Guilford, VT.

Erin's works can be seen at the Wardsboro Public Library, 170 Main Street, Wardsboro during library hours in the months of June and July. For more information, please call (802) 896-6988 or visit the library's website: www.wardsboropublic-library.org.



Chat & Chew Book Club



The next discussion night for the adult book club is **Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30pm**. This month's selection is an awarded novel, *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny.

No outsiders are ever admitted to the monastery of Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups, hidden deep in the wilderness of Quebec, where two dozen cloistered monks live in peace and prayer. But when the renowned choir director is murdered, the lock on the monastery's massive wooden door is drawn back to admit Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir of the Sûreté du Québec. There they discover disquiet beneath the silence, discord in the apparent harmony. One of the brothers, in this life of prayer and contemplation, has been contemplating murder. As the peace of the monastery crumbles, Gamache is forced to confront some of his own demons, as well as those roaming the remote corridors. Before finding the killer, before restoring peace, the Chief must first consider the divine, the human, and the cracks in between.

All adults are welcome. The group members take turns bringing in a dessert to share.



G.R.O.W. NOTES

BY LISE FORTIN

Are you ready to spring into summer? It's hard to believe we will soon be 'knee deep' in zucchinis and green beans. If you have a passion for gardening or, if you wish you had a greener thumb, join us for at our fun and educational G.R.O.W. events. All are welcome! We try to schedule two events a month, but sometimes weather or an unexpected gardening opportunity may cause us to adjust the schedule. If you have any questions or need directions to any event, send me a note at the email address below or call 896-6188.

Here are the events we have scheduled for June:

Thursday, **June 13 at 2:30pm** we will be meeting at Lise Fortin's house for a fun afternoon creating garden art! You will be able to make decoupage garden art or a hypertufa pot (hypertufa is a very light weight cement that makes beautiful pots for succulents and other small plants). Supplies will be provided but if you have an extra pair of rubber gloves, bring them for the hypertufa. No special skills are required for any of these projects. These are beautiful but simple projects that anyone can do. But, this might get a little messy, so dress appropriately. When we are done, we will have snacks and beverages on the patio. (Rain date will be Friday the 14th)

Thursday, **June 27th at 3pm** we will be touring Mike Cooney's gardens on Newfane Rd. The tour will be followed by tea sandwiches, sweet snacks and beverages. If you have driven past Mike's gardens, you know this is an event not to miss. Floating balls, a horse that shows up in the oddest places and beautiful flowers make for a

perfect early summer garden tour.

Looking ahead, on **July 11th** we will be visiting Erica Bowman's gardens. Look for more details in the July Bucketville News or email me at Lisef12@me.com to be added to our email list. Happy Gardening!



WARDSBORO CURTAIN CALL POT LUCK SUPPER & DANCE PARTY

On **Friday, June 21**, The Wyld Nightz Band returns for Wardsboro Curtain Call's annual dance party.

The Wyld Nightz Band was formed over ten years ago in Brattleboro. Founding members Michael McKinney (guitar, trumpet, vocals) and Jeff Brewer (guitar, vocals) have worked to emphasize dance music with exciting ensemble playing. Fred "Freighttrain" Epstein (drums) and Matt Martyn (bass guitar) anchor the rhythm section, while keyboard duties and vocals are covered by Tony Speranza. Anthony Speranza Jr. appears regularly on Alto & Tenor saxophones. With over 150 years of combined performing experience, The Wyld Nightz Band has won best band honors in 2015, 2016 and 2017 in the Best of Brattleboro Reader's Choice Awards. www.wyldnightzband.com

The Dance Party will be held in the Wardsboro Town Hall Café, Main Street, Wardsboro. BYOB. Pot Luck Supper will be served at **6pm**, before the show. Music begins at **7pm**. Bring your favorite dish to share. Admission is \$15 at the door. For more information, email kwkmdavis@yahoo.com or call 802-896-6810.

“DESSERT & LEARN” NIGHT

BY WARDSBORO ENERGY COMMITTEE

On **Tuesday, June 25th, 7:15 pm to 8:45 (approx.)** at the Wardsboro Town Hall from the Wardsboro Energy Committee will host our first *Dessert and Learn* event. This program is entitled **“Do it Yourself Home Efficiency Improvements”**

Jeff Manney from Efficiency Vermont will be with us to lead a discussion and has promised to bring “lots of props” that show strategies, methods and products that will lower our utility bills and make our homes more comfortable.

All are welcome; renters, owners, businesses, or home do-it-yourselfers and especially professional contractors. Learn about currently available incentives and rebates and share what you know.

Join some friends and neighbors to discuss no-cost and low-cost measures we can all make to lower the cost of operating our homes and businesses. Share a success story or get advice on a project you are working on or planning.

Neighbors helping neighbors – *and having dessert!* Dessert donations to share are welcome but not necessary. Please join us.

BACK ROAD BIKE RIDE - STRATTON MT. RESORT TO GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL

BY JACKI BROWN

Registration is open for the Tour de Grace Bicycle Rally, on **Saturday, June 29th 8-10am** at Stratton.

The scenic route is 19 miles, mostly downhill, from Stratton Mountain Resort to Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend. The route goes down country roads, through Jamaica Village, on the Old Route 30 trail, over the Townshend Dam and through the Scott Covered Bridge. Sturdy tires are recommended, and helmets are required. Busses return riders and bikes back up-

hill to Stratton.

Round up family and friends, enjoy the beautiful scenery, get some exercise, and support Grace Cottage Hospital. Registration is \$25 in advance, \$30 on the day of the ride. The event will be held rain or shine. More information, a route description and online registration are available at www.gracecottage.org/events or call 802-365-9109.

SOME FATHER’S DAY WISDOM

BY PASTOR PETE CARLSON

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.-- Jim Valvano

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it. -- Clarence Budington Kelland

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "“We're raising boys.”" -- Harmon Killebrew

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be."

Any man can be a Father but it takes someone special to be a dad. -- Anne Geddes

"Honor your father and mother....." Exodus 20:12

May God our Father bless our fathers.

Sign up for one or more of the following at the library website:

- Universal Class
- Vermont Online Library
- Heritage Quest
- Wardsboro Public Library catalog online.

SUMMER KNITTING

BY WARDSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Wednesday Knitting and Needlework Circle meet at the long trestle table in the barn wing of the Wardsboro Public Library on **Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 4 p.m.** This summer instead of “taking a break”, they plan to meet weekly throughout June, July, and August. The Library hopes the increased hours will attract additional local participants, summer residents and vacationers to the group. Added attraction: the Library is air-conditioned.

Over the past three years, the group has evolved to include not only knitters, but individuals who bring their crochet, needlepoint, and rug hooking projects. Several people who never knitted before joined the group to learn to knit and they are now making a variety of items on their own.

The circle is open to all adults and teens that enjoy working with or would like to learn to work with yarn and fiber.

A collection of new and vintage knitting and crochet pattern books are free to borrow. Participants are also offered access to a small “stash” of knitting needles and yarn in many kinds of fiber.

Last year, members of the knitting circle designed an original pattern for the official “Gilfeather Turnip Hat”. They then created individual interpretations of the pattern to knit and crochet. A pile of hats were donated to the Friends of the Wardsboro Library to be sold in the “Turnip Boutique” at the Gilfeather Turnip Festival, a fundraising event held annually in October. The hats turned out to be best sellers.

See www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org for details on this and other library programs. The Wardsboro Public Library is at 170 Main Street and is handicap accessible. Call 802 896-6988 for more information.

THE PERKINS FAMILY THANKS YOU

From Hospice at home to Jim’s death March 19th, the community has given us so much support it is hard to know where to start after the words Thank You. I guess it could start with thanking all those who brought food to us, and those who offered transportation, or time to sit with us, or general offers of help in any way. To the friends who thought we would appreciate a luncheon reception in the Town Hall after the funeral: thank you. It was huge and wonderful and created in a very short period of time. They were right, it was totally appreciated by over a hundred people as well as our family.

The generosity of spirit continued through the burial service in Fairview Cemetery on May 18 when many folks joined us. Honor Guards from American Legion West River Post #16 participated in the closing ceremony, as well as uniformed members provided by U.S. Naval Funeral Honors

Pastor Pete. We can’t thank you enough for your patience and your prayers and guidance. And thank you to Roxanne for last minute, often-changed, information for the programs. They were exactly right. Thank you.

Nancy Perkins, Thane and Jodi Perkins, Monti and Michelle Perkins, Kendi Perkins and Jaree and Earl Barber.

Wardsboro Township Volunteer Health Clinic
2nd & 4th Thursday; 5-6:30pm Wardsboro Town Hall
If overflow of patients we will accommodate all.

Thursday June 13th - Thursday June 27th

Volunteer caregivers are
Sue Clark (RN) and Bob Backus (MD)

No charge for services.

Blood pressure check can be taken anytime during clinic hours

Donations accepted for heat & utilities.



(l to r) Icabaud, Owen, James, Peter, Scott, Kyle, and Trevor at the start of their 20 mile hike on May 18th.

SCOUT BSA TROOP 428

BY JENNIFER MATHESON, SCOUTMASTER

Over the past year, six of the scouts in Troop 428 have been working on the Hikers Merit Badge. This badge has a few requirements, most importantly the completion of six separate hikes. Starting with a 5 mile hike, followed by three 10 mile hike, a 15 mile hike and ending with a 20 mile hike. Each hike had to be completed in a single day.

On May 18th, these six scouts, the Senior Patrol Leader and four adults, hiked along the Appalachian Trail between Woodstock and Killington to complete their task. Starting at 6:30am, they returned just under 13 hours later to Gifford Woods State Park. The rest of the troop had a hot meal of spaghetti and beef stew waiting for them.

Congratulation to James, Kyle, Icabaud, Trevor, Peter and Scott for accomplishing this task.

Troop 428 will be leading the Wardsboro 4th of July parade as Color Guard again this year. After the parade, please stop by the Troop's game booths, meet the members and volunteers, win a prize or take a chance at dunking a Scout.

Scout BSA Troop 428 is composed of boys ages 11 to 17 from throughout the West River

Valley. If your son is interested in joining, please contact Jennifer Matheson, Scoutmaster at jmatheson1971@gmail.com.

If you have a son or daughter between the age of 5 and 10 years old, interested in joining Cub Scouts, please contact Jeremy Schrauf at vtschrauf@gmail.com.



(l to r) Owen, Scott, Peter, Trevor, Kyle, Icabaud and James "Thank goodness, we made it all 20.7 miles"

NEWFANE COMMUNITY TAG SALE: RE-SERVE YOUR SPACE

BY MOORE FREE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Moore Free Library are now reserving spaces for their Community Tag Sale to take place on the Newfane Common on **Saturday, June 29th from 8am to 2pm.**

The Friends of the Moore Free Library raise funds to help support the functions and activities of the Library, a private institution that serves as a public library but without benefit of federal, state, or town money.

To reserve a space, please contact Julie at 802-365-7278 or julielavorgna@gmail.com or pick up a reservation form at the Library, 23 West Street, Newfane. The Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1pm to 5pm, Thursday from 2pm to 7pm, and Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

STEAM CURRICULUM IS COMING TO WARDSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BY RVUSD BOARD

On April 4, 2019, Wardsboro Elementary School Principal Tammy Bates, along with Valerie Bills, teacher grades 3/4, and Samantha Bovat, teacher grades 5/6, visited the Gilsum S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Academy in Gilsum, New Hampshire. The purpose of their visit was to assess the program as a possible focus for the Wardsboro students in the future.

Later that day, Tammy Bates said, “The visit to Gilsum Academy today was an important step in the research process of becoming a STEAM school because it affirmed to me that we are heading in the right direction. The similarities between our schools were striking and visiting Gilsum helped me realize that integrating STEAM at Wardsboro is an achievable goal.”

On Monday, May 6, 2010, the River Valleys Unified School District (Wardsboro + Dover) met at Wardsboro Elementary School. After a presentation by Wardsboro Principal Tammy Bates about research she has done over previous months about STEAM, the board voted unanimously to approve transitioning the educational theme of the Pre-K through Grade 6 curriculum to STEAM learning. The board requested Principal Bates to work with her teaching team, her administrators, and the educational professionals at the Windham Central Supervisory Union to develop a “roll-out plan” for the STEAM curriculum.

The intent is to create a focused curriculum for the Wardsboro Elementary School that would benefit the students there, similar to the way the current International Baccalaureate (IB) benefits the students at The Dover School.

Principal Bates said, “The next steps are to meet with the teachers to develop a plan. I hope

to set up a schedule for possible work sessions over the summer months. Together we will want to determine methods to integrate STEAM into our classrooms that best suits our students and school culture, to set up future professional development, to take part in some online conferences, and to more deeply investigate our options to see if we want to pursue certification. We’ve got a lot to do before we can fully launch.”

Principal Matt Martyn at The Dover School said, “In the River Valleys Unified School District, we strive to provide a world class education with Vermont values. The Dover School is the first elementary school and the only public school in Vermont that is authorized to deliver the International Baccalaureate program. Having two distinct educational opportunities right here in our small towns is a wonderful asset to local families.”

WCSU Superintendent Bill Anton added, “I am excited for the students in the River Valleys district that in the future they will have the choice of two focused curricula, STEAM or IB.



(l. to r.) Teacher Valerie Bills, Principal Tammy Bates, and Teacher Samantha Bovat from Wardsboro Elementary School learning about some of the resources used in an elementary level STEAM/ STEM program during their visit to the Gilsum S.T.E.A.M. Academy in Gilsum, NH, on April 4, 2019.

This kind of dual programming moves this entire region to the forefront of education in Vermont, and it provides evidence that the school governance unification process can lead to some very positive outcomes for small towns.”

The students are excited, too, as they are already doing certain STEAM activities in school, and after school, too. One of the current sixth grade students, Carter Teitelbaum said, “I already want to be a robotics engineer, and I’d just love to do more STEAM activities because they’re so different and cover so many topics.” A classmate, Brett Thorpe agreed, and he said he thinks that doing more STEAM activities would mean he



Pictured here, Trenton Frost, Craig Ballantine, Joshua Fletcher, Ella Meeks, and Principal Tammy Bates.

could apply for better jobs someday.

A 5-minute video recap of what they saw and learned at Gilsum is linked on the school’s website, www.wardsboroschool.org.

For details and to keep informed of the planning stages as the Wardsboro Elementary School builds its STEAM programs, attend the board meetings held monthly on the first and third Mondays at Wardsboro Elementary School and Dover School respectively. These are open public meetings. Meetings are also videotaped and can be viewed at www.brattleborotv.org or

on YouTube. The BCTV video of the May 6th meeting in Wardsboro includes the presentation by Principal Tammy Bates.

On May 10th, the students at Wardsboro Elementary School split into teams and competed in an All-School STEAM Challenge. The 4-minute video of this event is posted at www.wardsboroschool.org. No sign in or app is needed. The teams were required to pool their science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills to build sturdy “houses” which the “big bad wolf” would not be able to blow down.



Pictured here, Carter Teitelbaum, Dillon Burke, Addison Ballantine and Nolan Sullivan.

TAI CHI CLASS

BY JANE DOUGLAS

Come join our class for Tai Chi for Arthritis and Balance, and learn the ancient Chinese exercise form, which has been approved for the relief of pain and stiffness due to arthritis. It's also proven effective for helping prevent falls, which are a leading cause of injuries as we age.

We meet every Wednesday morning at 10:30am in the Wardsboro Town Hall. Class is free, sponsored by Senior Solutions!

Call if you have questions - Jane Douglas - 802-348-7454.

PUBLIC HEARINGS—REVIEW HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

BY WARDSBORO SELECTBOARD

On **Wednesdays, June 5 and June 26**, the selectboard will host 2 public hearings at the Wardsboro Town Office to discuss updates to the Town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, last approved in 2014. The purpose of the plan is to assist the town in identifying all natural hazards facing the town and then to identify strategies to reduce risks.

This plan must be approved by FEMA in order for the town to receive funding for federally declared disasters. The town received a grant to help pay for the update and has hired the Windham Regional Planning Commission to assist in updating the existing plan.

The selectboard seeks public input and encourages anyone wishing to participate to come to the hearings which are scheduled for June 5th and June 26th at the Wardsboro Town Office from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Comments will be accepted in writing at any time or verbally at the hearing.

Copies of the current plan are available at the town office during normal business hours Monday thru Thursday from 9am to noon and 1 to 4:30pm. Please call the town office at 896-6055 if you have questions.

Free Passes to Borrow from the Library

- ♦ Retreat Farm www.retreatfarm.org
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- ♦ Vermont State Park Pass
- ♦ Vermont Historic Sites Pass

INCLUSION CENTER



Inclusion Center is a free drop-in activity center by and for all people with disabilities, medical concerns and interested community members. At

Inclusion Center we decide what activities to pursue and then we make it all happen--while also sorting out how to make each activity accessible for all.

Location: Inclusion Center is located at 16 Bradley Ave., Brattleboro (lower level St. Michael's Episcopal Church).

Hours: Monday 9am to 2pm and Friday: 9am to 3pm.

Contact: call 802-387-528 or email at inclusioncenter2013@gmail.com.

Programs at Inclusions Center: Meet and Greet. New participants and interested community members come to see what Inclusion Center is all about on the First Week of each month 1pm to 2pm.

Drop In Activity Sessions: Monday 10am to 2pm and Friday 10am to 3:30pm.

Face to Face: A teaching program for those interested in learning about Disability.

Buddy Program: We set you up with a Buddy to have coming to Inclusion Center more comfortable for you.

Work Group: We discuss advocacy, new programs, and all things related to Inclusion Center.

****Check out our Spring Newsletter! At icspring2019newsletter.webs.com.**

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IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS C. COBURN

1947-2019



Francis Clement “Clem” Coburn, 71, of VT Route 100 West Wardsboro passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family Tuesday Morning, May 7, 2019, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center following a brief illness.

Clem was born in Springfield, Vermont on October 15, 1947, the son of Donald and Jean (Ingraham) Coburn of Windham. He was raised and educated in Windham and was a graduate of Chester High School, Class of 1966. He went on to complete coursework for his CDL license at Community College of Vermont.

He worked all of his career as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator employed at Brattleboro Haulage, Cersosimo Lumber company. He was also a Selectman, Cemetery Commissioner and volunteer firefighter for the town of Wardsboro. Clem also operated his own logging truck for several years. He was known for his strong work ethic.

He liked to fish and hunt and was a proud member of the National Rifle Association. Clem also enjoyed camping, traveling the back roads of Vermont of which he visited every town in the state. He loved listening to music especially “The Oldies”.

A devoted family man, he cherished time spent with his family and close friends. He was also a very social person who enjoyed drumming up a conversation with anyone he met up with from an acquaintance to a complete stranger. In addition to his spirit of friendship, he was a generous and giving man lending assistance to anyone in need,

On November 4, 1967 he married the

love of his life Cheryl Ballantine who survives. The couple exchanged wedding vows during a simple ceremony for family and friends in Jamaica.

Besides his faithful and devoted wife of 51 years he leaves one son, Clement Coburn of Stratton; two daughters, Carrie Coburn of West Wardsboro and Colleen Boutin and husband Gary of Middlebury; four brothers, Roy Coburn, Butch Coburn, Rick Ballantine and Roy Ballantine; two sisters, Dolly Osterman and Tracy DeCell; two grandsons, Trenton and Wilder’ and many nieces and nephews. A sister Donna Beers predeceased him.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Rescue Inc., P.O. Box 593, Brattleboro, VT 05302.

To sign an online register book or to send messages of e-condolence to the Coburn family please visit www.atamaniuk.com.

A NOTE FROM THE FLAG COMMITTEE ...

BY LEE MILLER



The summer season begins with raising flags that commemorate our loved ones and important causes. The Flag Committee has installed 150 flags along the streets and roads of Wardsboro, South Wardsboro and West Wardsboro.

These flags will remain displayed until Columbus Day. The flags that have expired after a 3-year term will be decommissioned and disposed of with reverence and respect.

The names of our sponsors will be published in the August issue of the Bucketville News.

Many thanks to Steve Agin who single-handedly hung these flags. He certainly deserves praise. Thank you Steve.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

BY BETTE PARSONS

The Community Lunch will be at Noon on June 15th. We will be serving Roast Pork. For more information call Bette Parsons, 896-6202

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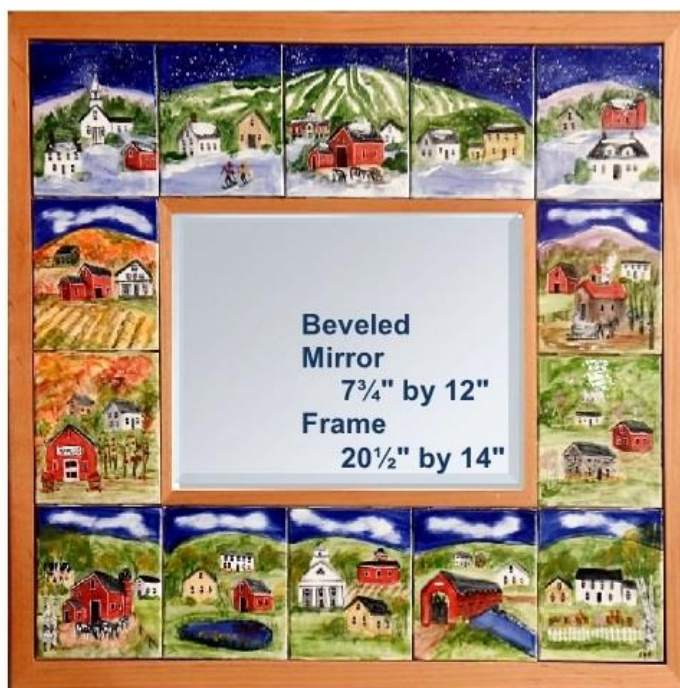
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2019

PLEASE READ RELATED ARTICLE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TOWN BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR DATES

China Trip Slideshow	Saturday, June 1st, 1pm	Wardsboro Public Library
Review Hazard Mitigation	June 5th, 6:30pm-8:30pm	Wardsboro Town Office
Spring Concert West River Valley Chorus	Friday, June 7th, 7pm	Wardsboro Town Hall
Children's Summer Reading Program Kick Off	Saturday, June 8th, 10am	Wardsboro Public Library
Spring Concert West River Valley Chorus	Sunday, June 9th, 3pm	Townshend Church
GROW Garden Art Workshop	Thursday, June 13th, 2:30pm	112 Kent Road, Wardsboro
Wardsboro Township Volunteer Health Clinic	Thursday, June 13th, 5-6:30pm	Wardsboro Town Hall
Community Lunch	Saturday, June 15th	Wardsboro Town Hall
Chat & Chew Book Club	Wednesday, June 19th, 6:30pm	Wardsboro Public Library
Movie & Popcorn for 7years and up, Stars Wars Episode IV: A New Hope	Friday, June 21st, 7pm	Wardsboro Public Library
WCC presents Dance Party Wyld Nightz Band	Friday, June 21st, 7pm	Wardsboro Town Hall
Children's Glow in the Dark program	Saturday, June 22nd, 10am	Wardsboro Public Library
Quilt & Craft Fair	Saturday, June 22nd, 10am-3pm	Athens Brick Meeting House
Saints & Liars Roadhouse String Band	Saturday, June 22nd, 7pm	Jamaica Town Hall
Do it yourself Home Efficiency Improvements	Tuesday, June 25th, 7:15pm	Wardsboro Town Hall
Review Hazard Mitigation	June 26th, 6:30pm-8:30pm	Wardsboro Town Office
Food Pantry	Wednesday, June 26th	Wardsboro Vestry
GROW Tour Mike Cooney's gardens	Thursday, June 27th, 3pm	Newfane Rd, Wardsboro
Wardsboro Township Volunteer Health Clinic	Thursday, June 27th, 5-6:30pm	Wardsboro Town Hall
Grace Cottage Annual Backroads Bike Race	Saturday, June 29th, 8am-10am	Stratton to GCH
Newfane Community Tag Sale	Saturday, June 29th, 8am	Newfane Common



Jamaica/Wardsboro Community Food Pantry 2019 Schedule 6:30pm – 8pm



June 26th July 31st August 28th
September 25th October 30th

*Special dates are necessary to schedule for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Advance sign up is required.

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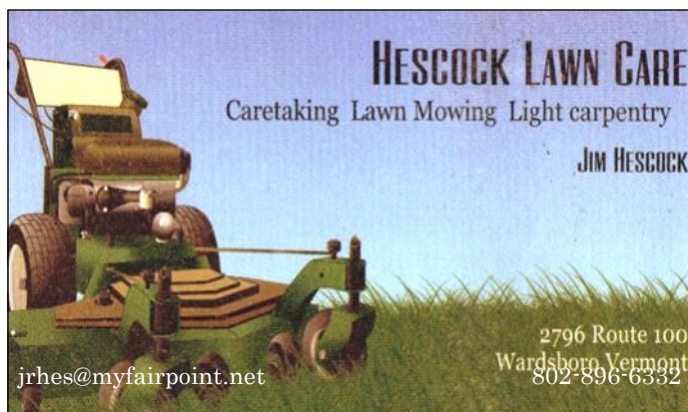
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Valley Lions Club Meetings	2nd Tuesday of each month	NewBrook Fire House
Wednesday Knitting & Needlework Circle	Wednesdays, 2:30pm-4pm	Wardsboro Public Library
Tai Chi	Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:30am	Wardsboro Town Hall
70th Annual Street Fair & Parade	Thursday, July 4th	Main Street, Wardsboro
Tour Erica Bowman's Garden	Thursday, July 11th	
WCC presents the Stockwell Brothers	Saturday, July 20, 7pm	Wardsboro Town Hall



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