

Springfield Neighbors

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You would think that with Old Home Day behind us, I would be twiddling my thumbs and wondering what to do next. No way. The heat and watering of the garden with our sap tank made the garden take off, so now it's time to start harvesting. My favorite time of year. Always a great sight to watch the freezer fill up, knowing that next winter we will have delicious food to put on our table.

Upcoming Meeting

Thursday, August 2

Conservation commission, 7 p.m., Protectworth Room, town office.

Traffic alert

On Sunday, Aug. 5, 7:30 a.m. to noon, traffic into New London may be affected due to the 35th Annual Hospital Day Triathlon. Please leave extra time if your destination is New London or seek alternate routes such as taking I-89 to Exit 12 or Exit 11.

250th celebration update

The wagon that was set up at Old Home Day for the 250th booth will now be located at the post office on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, to sell merchandise, tickets and provide information about upcoming events. Come chat, say hello or offer advice or volunteer for an event.

Think about purchasing the beautiful commemorative coins for a child or grandchild for a gift. The coins are a keepsake (I still have mine from the bicentennial that I look at periodically) and will be cherished for decades. Keep in mind the silent auction and ice cream social on Saturday, Aug. 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Meeting House. Great

items to bid on have been donated by local businesses. Enjoy a hotdog followed by a delicious ice cream sundae. All proceeds go to the 250th Charitable Trust.

On Thursday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m., Gary Robinson will be entertaining us with a classical guitar concert. Gary is donating his time for the concert. Tickets cost \$15 and are available for purchase at the town office, online, Morgan Hill Bookstore and the information booth in New London across from the New London Inn. Unsold tickets will be available at the door, but quantities will be very limited.

On Sept. 15 Twin Lake Villa is donating a golf tournament and cook-out. The tournament can accommodate 13 foursomes and will cost \$50 per person. Signup sheets are available online at www.springfieldnh.org, at the town office or by emailing a request to springfieldnh@gmail.com.

Raffle tickets for 250th quilt and donated rug

The 250th quilt, a stunning museum quality piece, was made by local resident Polly Fritts. This queen size quilt sports the 250th logo as the center piece (painted by Sara Ellis) with watercolor paintings of Springfield scenes then transferred onto the fabric with quilted squares surrounding the paintings. The quilt was all hand quilted by Polly. Two hundred fifty tickets will be sold, and the cost is \$10 each.

Also tickets for the handwoven rug, woven and donated by Springfield resident Cynthia Bruss are available for \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing for both items will take place on Jan. 6. Visit the town office to purchase your tickets.

The blueberry field was visited by a bear in broad daylight. Not many blueberries remain as the turkeys have also been helping themselves. Guess we will have to wait until next year to assess the yield. A friend has been sharing some raspberries with me. I love to eat them with a little sugar and heavy cream. Hope my daughter and I can start climbing some mountains soon so I can wear off the excess. *Have a great week.*



THE SEARCH FOR MEMPHRE – Vera Rivard is the youngest person to complete the 25-mile international swim from Newport, Vt., to Magog, Quebec. Below is Rivard before her adventure, above shows her during the swim; at right is after her journey. (Courtesy Photos)



Vera Rivard makes swimming history

SPRINGFIELD – Vera Rivard, 14, of Springfield became the youngest person ever to cross Lake Memphremagog from South to North on July 18.

She completed the 25-mile international swim called “The Search for Memphre” in 16 hours, 24 minutes.

Despite a strong headwind for much of the swim, Rivard’s mother

said she was able to complete the crossing with a smile on her face.

“I’m so glad to have this opportunity and to be swimming in such a beautiful place,” Rivard said.

She trained for this event for over a year.

“It just proves that hard work pays off and no matter your age, you can set a goal and accomplish it!” Rivard said.

The swim was organized by Phil White and Kingdom Games and was Rivard’s biggest swim challenge to date. She also trains with the Upper Valley Aquatic Club (UVAC) in White River Junction, Vt.

The swim started in Newport, Vt. and finished in Magog, Quebec. Her support crew was named Team Rivard and included: kayaker Darcie Rivard, mom, support boat crew with Kevin Rivard, dad, and Margaret Rivard, 11-year-old sister.



Warner Neighbors

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Blood pressure clinic

The Lake Sunapee VNA will have a nurse at the Warner Senior Room on Wednesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m. to noon, for a free blood pressure clinic. No appointment is necessary; walk-ins are welcome.

The senior room is in the CAP/Old Graded School building located at 49 W. Main St. and is handicapped accessible. Sponsored by the Mt. View Senior Center in Bradford, folks gather at the senior room to play board and card games, make crafts and be social. Bring a bag lunch, tea and coffee are provided.

Curator talk

Gerald Roy, curator of this summer’s Upton Chandler House Museum exhibit, will give gallery talks starting on Friday, July 28, 10:30 a.m. The exhibit is “Celebrating the Art of Warner’s Charlie Brown.” Brown had the unique artist’s eye of picking ordinary topics such as railroads, bridges, homes, solitary trees and long view landscapes for his subjects. Nearly all the original sites have disappeared over time, making these paintings and sketches a precious look back into Warner’s past. Roy’s curator’s lens provides depth and focus for the viewer to fully understand the techniques and growing skill of this self-taught artist. Entrance to the UCHM is free.

4th Phriday Series: history walk

The 4th Phriday Series is normally a sit-down lecture series, but this evening the New Hampshire Tele-

phone Museum and the Warner Historical Society have come up with a venue to breathe life into Warner’s history. On Friday, July 27 start at 6:30 p.m. at NHTM’s 1 Depot St. location to view this summer’s exhibit “theurgetoconnect: Party Lines to Social Media.” Then at 7 p.m. stroll through the village to hear Warner’s past come alive through local actors. Revealed will be the stories of a telephone operator, a spiritualist, women writers and poets, prominent business men and African-American soldiers.

The history walk ends at the Upton Chandler House Museum with light refreshments. View the current exhibit “Celebrating the Art of Warner’s Charlie Brown.”

Tickets for the history walk are \$7 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Entrance to the UCHM is free. Call NHTM at 456-2234 for more info. Funding provided by the law offices of Upton & Hatfield.

Tracker workshop

The Nature Discovery Center, which shares the campus of the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum at 18 Highlawn Road, presents “Become a Tracker!” on Saturday, July 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The workshop is intended for ages 10 and up and the fee includes entrance to the museum. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Call 746-6121 to register. or more info, go to www.ndcnh.org.

Tory Hill Author Series

The second in the series will feature Thatcher Hurd on Saturday, July 28, 7 p.m., at the Warner Town Hall. An author and illustrator of children’s books including “Art Dog,” “Mama Don’t Allow,” “Mystery on the Docks” and “Zoom City,” Hurd has recently published “Bongo Fishing” for middle school readers. Tickets are \$10.

THAS is an annual series showcasing local and nationally known authors reading from and talking about their books and personal experiences. Each event includes an opportunity for the guest author to field questions from the audience, a dessert social and book signing by the author. MainStreet BookEnds will have copies of the author’s books on hand for purchase. The next THAS will present Jay Craven’s tribute to the late Howard Frank Moser on Aug. 11. Visit www.warnerhistorical.org for more info.

Seniors field trip

The Mt. View Senior Center in Bradford has an upcoming summer excursion. On Aug. 15 the group will travel to Portsmouth to board the MV Leighton for a day cruise to Star Island among the Isles of Shoals. The cost is \$34. An RSVP is mandatory for this trip. Call Phil at 938-2104.

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