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Healing walk at Manitou

WILLIAMSVILLE — The Manitou Project will hold its next Healing Walk Friday, July 24, rain or shine from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The walk will be led by Fred Taylor and will include poems or other readings and chances to share about the experience.

Healing walks are held every second and fourth Friday of each month until October. The Manitou Project is at 300 Sunset

11 Lake Rd. Directions: go 1.4 miles up Sunset Lake Road from
12 Williamsville Village; the sign is on the right. Or approximately
13 5.6 miles over the top of Sunset Lake Road from Route 9 in West
14 Brattleboro. Meet at the parking lot at 4 p.m. For information,
15 contact Fred at 802-254-2675.

16 ***2X2 in concert in Athens***

17 ATHENS — The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee
18 in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society at
19 the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse, at 2 Meetinghouse Rd. (just off
20 Route 35), presents local favorites 2X2 in concert on Saturday,
21 July 25, at 7 p.m.

22 The quartet includes Athenians Valerie Kosednar and
23 Mark Grieco, along with longtime partners Betsy and Lee Rybeck
24 Lynd singing from a variety of world folk traditions. 2X2 will
25 perform songs of life, love, and hope in many languages and
26 vocal styles.

27 The concert is by donation, but no one will be turned
28 away. All proceeds go to support ongoing efforts to preserve the
29 Meetinghouse. For more information, contact Sherry Maher at
30 802-869-2141 or follow Athens Meetinghouse on Facebook.

31 ***MSA String Band concert in Saxtons River***

32 SAXTONS RIVER — As part of the Sunday Music in the
33 Park series, the Main Street Arts String Band will perform in a free
34 concert Sunday, July 26, at 3 p.m. in the small amphitheater at
35 Saxtons River Park, 40 Main St. on the corner of Main and
36 Westminster streets.

37 Led by Jill Newton, the String Band began more than 30
38 years ago as a fiddle class for children. It quickly grew into a
39 welcoming group of musicians of all ages who enjoy playing
40 together and learning new tunes. The band performs a mix of
41 traditional and contemporary fiddle music, including square
42 dance tunes, jigs, waltzes, and reels — the kind of music that has
43 been enjoyed in this area for generations.

Amphitheater seating and benches are available, and guests are also welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets. In the event of rain, the concert will be held across the street at Main Street Arts. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/saxtonsriverpark](https://www.facebook.com/saxtonsriverpark).

Brattleboro hosts Community Connection Night July 29

BRATTLEBORO — The town of Brattleboro's annual summer block party, Community Connection Night, returns Wednesday, July 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Preston Lot on Flat Street.

This event offers free, family-friendly opportunities to connect with neighbors and local organizations. The evening will feature free food, ice cream for children, a touch-a-truck area, bounce houses, basketball, street hockey, face painting, a dunk-an-officer booth, carnival games, and music.

Flat Street between Main Street and the Preston Lot will be closed to traffic during the event. Parking will be available at the Transportation Center via the Elliot Street entrance. Community Connection Night is presented by the town of Brattleboro and the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance. For more information, go to brattleboro.gov/blog/ccn2026.

Senior lunch in Dummerston

DUMMERSTON — Evening Star Grange and Senior Solutions will serve their next Senior Lunch on Wednesday, July 29, at the Grange Hall in Dummerston Center, with take-outs available between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., and in-house meal served at noon.

The menu for July 29 is baked chicken with barbecue sauce, rice pilaf, and summer squash casserole. Vegetarian option is cheese tortellini and spinach casserole. Dessert is pineapple-cherry crisp.

Reservations are highly suggested and can be made by calling the hall at 802-254-1138. Leave name, phone number,

78 number of meals desired, and whether the meals are for eating in
79 or taking out. The suggested donation is \$4 for those age 60 and
80 above eating inside, and \$5 for those age 59 and under and all
81 take-outs.

82 ***Seafood and chicken festival in Halifax***

83 HALIFAX — The Halifax Fire Company's 58th annual
84 Seafood and Chicken Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, from
85 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cody Farm (by the Whitneyville Cemetery),
86 1470 Old County Rd.

87 Serving starts at 1 p.m., with a seafood meal of lobster
88 and clams, a half-chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, potato
89 salad, and watermelon for \$60. A chicken meal with corn on the
90 cob, cole slaw, potato salad, watermelon is \$25. Children's
91 tickets for the chicken meal are \$10 for ages 6–12 and free for
92 kids under 6.

93 There will also be a Cow Flop contest, a local prize raffle
94 and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets for this fundraiser can be purchased
95 from the Town Office, from any Halifax firefighter, or call Wayne
96 at 802-368-7733.

97 ***FOMAG seeks singers for Labor Day Weekend*** 98 ***performance***

99 GUILFORD — Friends of Music at Guilford (FOMAG) is
100 putting together a group to perform at FOMAG's Labor Day
101 orchestra concert Sunday, Sept. 6, in the afternoon at the Guilford
102 Organ Barn.

103 Tom Baehr will be rehearsing the group, but not
104 conducting the piece. It is "To the Full Moon," by Guilford
105 composer Don McLean and poet Verandah Porche, third
106 movement, "Rest Before Frost." Organizers say it's short and easy
107 to learn, but some run-throughs in advance of the concert would
108 be best.

109 If you're interested in singing (and otherwise enjoying an
110 outdoor orchestra concert in a beautiful setting), email

111 office@fomag.org or tombaehr43@gmail.com, or call 802-387-
112 2796.

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