

WEEK - THIS - WEEK

Thursday, Feb. 4

FAMILY LITERACY CLASSES for parents of children under 8 years old. Earn your high school diploma, GED or educational goals, while learning to help your young children read. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. With childcare and mileage. For information call Julia or Lucinda at Family Literacy Center, 888-6810.

AGENCY ON AGING for Eastern Vermont's Hardwick Office, 11 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. Enter through the rear door of the Merchant's Building. Call for an appointment at 252-2647.

AND KIDS PLAYGROUP, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Family Center, Shelburne County, 383 Sherwood, Montpelier. Information: 252-3292.

IT AND SOUL SINGERS, meet live evenings 6:30 - 8 p.m., River Council, Morrisville. Formal singing once not required. Information: 252-12 Rosemary or 476-8947 Donia.

LY SKI-INN (through March 11) at Highland Lodge. Meet at the Lodge at 3 free group ski. Please call ahead 476-2647.

WINTERFEST, presented by Lost Nation Theater, City Hall Arts Center, 39 Main St., Montpelier. "Rose" by Martin Sherman starring Mary Wheeler, 7:30 p.m. Information and tickets: 802-229-0492 or lostnationtheater.org.

SWAP, noon - 1 p.m., Hardwick Community Dinner, United Church of Christ, Main St. Share seeds and with your neighbors. Information: 472-8569.

CRAFTS: Books, cards and quilting, 6 - 8 p.m., with Tule River Arts Center, Morrisville. Information and information: 802-888-1111 www.riverartsvt.org.

ERY-KINDERGARTEN Open 4 - 5:30 p.m., Orchard Valley School, Rt. 14 N, E. Montpelier. Information: 802-456-7400 or @cvws.org.

SCHOOL STORY TIME, 10 a.m., Family Library. Stories, songs projects and fun! Information: 252-1233.

MICK PEACE VIGIL every 5-6 at the Hardwick Peace Park. Join us for any part of that hour. Led by the Hardwick Area Peace Coalition. Information: 533-3264.

INTERNATIONAL SPANISH - on Group, with Helen Beattie, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Buffalo Mountain Co-op Cafe, Main St., Montpelier. Information: Helen at 472-2647.

TEA HOUR, Greensboro Free Fridays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, crafts and fun. 53 Wilson Street, Montpelier. Information: 533-2531.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TEA Room at Danville Baptist Church, 11:30 - 4 p.m., each Friday March 26, 2010. Stop by for tea, scones, desserts and conversation. Donations for the Open Door Ecumenical self. For groups of 4 or more call 4096. Handicapped accessible.

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE 6:30 p.m., Highland Lodge, Montpelier. Information and to sign up: 252-2647.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6
WINTER SKI/SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE weekly through Feb. 27, for ages 10-18. 10 a.m. - noon, Highland Greensboro. Call Ahead by 302) 533-2647.

FOR CHILDREN with Kelly for children ages 4-7, 9:30 - 11 a.m., Room to Move, Threshold Space, Hardwick. Information: 802-3049 or kfairchild@vtlink.net to

PREPARATION FOR KIDS with Kelly for kids ages 8-14, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Room to Move, Threshold Space, Hardwick. Information: 802-3049 or kfairchild@vtlink.net to

Sunday, Feb. 7

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NORTHEAST FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION, noon - 5 p.m., VFW, Pleasant St., Morrisville. Fiddlers and public welcome. Information: Lee at (802) 728-5188.

POETRY READING and Open Mic with Cora Brooks and Merry Gangemi, 2 - 4 p.m., Jaquith Public Library, Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield. Information: 426-3581.

RECEPTION TO HONOR Bronwyn Potter on her retirement as organist and choir director of the Greensboro United Church of Christ, 3:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Information: 533-2223.

VERMONT PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Winter Concert, Barre Opera House. Pre-concert talk at 3:10 p.m. Concert at 3:30 p.m. Tickets at the door or call (802) 476-8188 or www.barreoperahouse.org or www.vermontphilharmonic.org.

SLAVIC SOUL CONCERT, Vermont Philharmonic with pianist Sarah Durham, a junior at Spaulding High School, Barre Opera House. Tickets: at the Opera House or 802-476-8188.

Monday, Feb. 8

THE BARRE-TONES, women's chorus, 7 p.m., Alumni Hall, Barre Auditorium. Open to all women age 18 and over.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME, every Monday, 10 a.m. Stories, puppets and songs, Jaquith Library, Marshfield.

FIRST AID CLASS, 5:30 p.m., Copley Wellness Center. Information: 888-8369.

MOVIE NIGHT at Hazen Union School, 6 p.m., in the auditorium. "A Healing River", a collection of voices and stories that explores the issues of trauma, recovery and restoration of restorative justice processes. Appropriate for age 12 and older. Information: Carol at 866-928-9808.

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CLICK, CLACK, CHAT, Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., River Arts Center, Morrisville. Knitting, crocheting and felting: avid stitchers who love to share their art and the company of others to work on individual and group projects. No registration necessary, bring your own materials. Free. Information: 802-888-1261 or www.riverartsvt.org.

FIGURE DRAWING OPEN STUDIO, every Tuesday, 6 to 8:30 p.m., River Arts Center, Morrisville. Bring your own materials, model available. Information: 472-6908 or 888-1261.

INFANT/TODDLER STORY HOUR, Craftsbury Public Library, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, finger-plays and fun! Information: 586-9683.

LAMOILLE RIVER SWINGERS Square & Round Dance Club, learn to square dance, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Peoples Academy Cafeteria, Morrisville. Information: 888-5309, 644-2850, 635-2346, or 533-7122.

PRINTMAKING with Lin Warren, 6-8 p.m., River Arts Center, Morrisville. Registration and information: 802-888-1261 or www.riverartsvt.org.

CALEDONIA RIGHT TO LIFE, 7 p.m., St. John's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1375 Main St., St. Johnsbury. All who are interested in "Right to Life" are encouraged to attend. Information: Donna at 802-467-8369, Eric at 802-633-3203 or Sally or Bill at 802-748-3930.

NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION Workshop with Kathleen Landry, Clinical Mental Health Counselor, 132 S. Main St., Hardwick, across from the Elementary School, above Calderwood Insurance, Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Begins Feb. 9 and continues for 13 weeks. Registration and information: 802-595-5056 or email kathleenlandryvt@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

MARSHFIELD PLAYGROUP, Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Common during Community

SENIOR TROTTERS - Take Good Care of Yourself (Part I), 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Greensboro United Church, with Vicky Hill and Grace Johnstone. Chicken Pot Pie lunch. Information: Terrie at 533-7171.

END OF LIFE Health Care Decisions, 5 - 6:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Hardwick, with attorney Zarina O'Hagin. Registration and information: 472-3034.

INTRO TO TAROT with Sherri Glebus, 7 p.m., Buffalo Mountain Co-op Cafe, Main St., Hardwick. Registration and information: Sherri at 456-1407.

EXHIBITS

STUDIO PLACE ARTS, New Exhibits. In the main floor gallery: Art of Action Artists envision the future for Vermont. Second floor gallery: Art Save Lives by Suzy and Mark Markowitz. Third floor gallery: In Balance by Elizabeth Kendrick. through Feb. 20. Gallery Hours: Tues. - Fri.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat.: Noon - 4 p.m. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St., Barre. Information: (802) 479-7069, www.studioplacearts.com.

THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM ARTISANS Guild exhibition of stained glass artist Fred Varney and pen and ink drawings of Sarah Kinsella Waite. Exhibit on view through March 4: 430 Railroad St., St. Johnsbury. Hours: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday. Information: (802) 748-0158, www.nekguild.com.

VIRTUAL IRAQ: Illusion & Spectacle, featuring the work of Wafaa Bilal, through April 17, Helen Day Art Center, 5 School St., Stowe.

RECENT WORKS of Ariel Elizabeth Churin, The Red Mill Gallery of Vermont Studio Center, Pearl St., Johnson, through Feb. 4. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information: Kate at 802-635-2727 ext. 210 or www.vermontstudiocenter.org.

6TH ANNUAL JOHNSON Community Art Center Senior Artists Exhibit, through Feb. 20, Red Mill Gallery: Artist reception: Saturday, Feb. 6, 1 - 3 p.m. Information: 802-635-2727 ext. 210 or www.vermontstudiocenter.org.

FABULOUS FIBER FEBRUARY at the Blinking Light Gallery, Plainfield, with over a dozen Vermont Fiber Artists, through Feb. 28. Opening Reception: Sunday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. - noon. Gallery hours: Thursdays, 2 to 6 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information: (802) 454-0141 or www.blinkinglightgallery.com.

COMMUNITY MEALS - **COMMUNITY DINNERS**, Thursdays, noon, Hardwick United Church, donation. Sponsored by the Buffalo Mountain Co-op. Information: 472-6020.

FREE WEEKLY COMMUNITY SUPPERS, Wednesday, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Marshfield. Old School House Common.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNERS, Plainfield Community Center, 4th Tues. of the month.

FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER, open to one and all, third Wednesdays at 6 p.m., United Church of Craftsbury, on the Common. Information: (802) 586-8028.

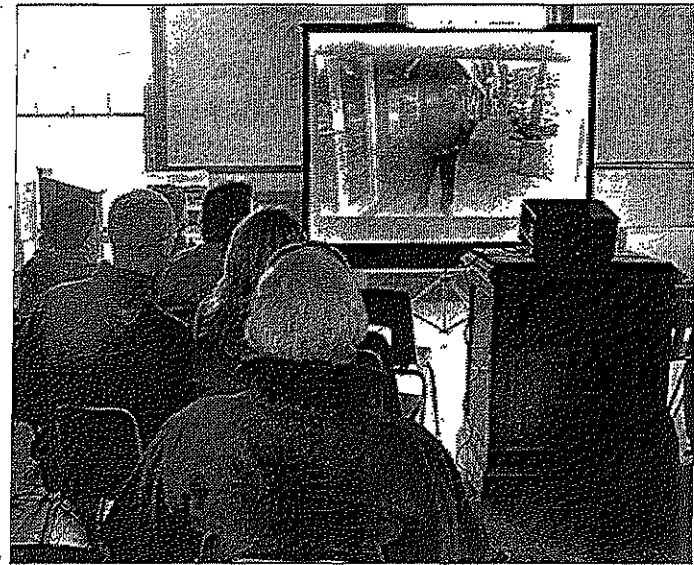
HARDWICK AREA FOOD PANTRY, West Church Street, adjoining St. Johns Church. Open Mon. noon - 2 p.m.; Thurs. and Sat., 9 - 11 a.m. Information: 472-5940.

MISC.

TWIN VALLEY SENIORS, of Old Schoolhouse Common, Marshfield. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We cook on site every Monday, and meals are prepared by New England Culinary Institute on Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for each meal is \$3. We deliver Meals on Wheels to our homebound friends. Information: 426-3447.

BOOK SALE: Every day at the Jeudevine Library, Hardwick. Library hours: Mon. & Wed., 1-7 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., 1 - 5 p.m. Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to noon. 472-5948.

THE VERMONT BOTANICAL GARDEN, a place of beauty for reflection and gardening inspiration; a place for research, demonstration and education about gardening for food and health; the history and diversity of local growing practices and protecting and enhancing the environment as well as providing a beautiful place for community interaction



Celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse strolls on the screen during a showing Saturday of his television program "Emeril Green," which filmed the local agriculture scene last September. Twenty-one people gathered to watch at the Memorial Building in Hardwick, following a showing last month that drew over 100 viewers.

(photo by Vanessa Fournier)

Family Contra And Square Dance

DANVILLE - The Danville Family Contra and Square Dances is celebrating 28 years of dancing. Chip Hedler will be the prompter for a dance at 8 p.m., Friday at the Town Hall.

Carpenter leads the Hull's Union Victory String Band. Other assorted musicians are expected to join with the band.

The dances are taught. Contra

and square dances are traditional Vermont and New England social dances that have been danced for many generations in the town halls, barns and kitchens around Vermont.

The Danville Family Contra and Square Dance is held on the first Friday of the month through May.

For more information, contact Carpenter 563-3225 or email samlyman@sover.net.

A Fair Collection

ORLEANS - Calling all collectors! Swap, sell, and shoot the breeze with other collectors and the general public at the Collectors' Fair from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Orleans Elementary School.

The annual Collectors' Fair is sponsored by the Old Stone House Museum. In previous years there have been old tools, postcards, bottles, sparkplugs, small engines, books, radios, clocks, Star Wars

memorabilia, keys, toys, belt buckles, costumes, stuffed horses, you name it. Collectors have ranged in age from 10 to over 80 years old.

Collections of anything (except firearms and weapons) are welcome. Food will be available, and there will be door prizes.

This event is free for exhibitors and free for the general public. To reserve a space to display a collection, call the museum at 754-2022.

Game Day Gains Speed Fast

by Will Walters

CABOT - Game Day at the library started with 15 attendees on its first day three weeks ago and jumped to 35 at only its second session. Game Day is held at the public library each Tuesday from 3-4:30 p.m. and is geared for kids 8 to 12 years of age. Everyone, however, is welcome, according to librarian Kathleen Hoyne.

Several adults mixed with the youngsters to play 10 new games from Woodbury Mountain Toys in Montpelier, which were purchased by the library through its programming budget. The games, mostly educationally based, include Clue, a new form of Scrabble, Settlers of Catan and Stragg. Some bring their own games, said Hoyne.

Game Day also has some 500 piece puzzles for people to put together. Hoyne said everyone who works on one of the puzzles will put their name into a box when it is completed and the name drawn will win the puzzle.

Hoyne said there were some snacks available and "we're looking to get some snacks through the food shelf."

The program will follow the school calendar. She is also looking to develop a comic book club.

Hoyne said she wants to say "thanks to the adults who came out to help," and in light of the increasing turnout, hopes they will continue to return and interact with the kids.

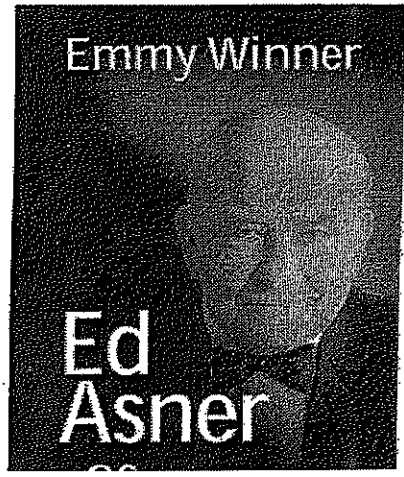
Grammy Winner Attends Goddard

PLAINFIELD - Thirza Defoe, a creative writing student in the master of fine arts program at Goddard College, won a Grammy Sunday for Best Native American Music Album.

Defoe started to compose the music and lyrics to her Grammy Award winning performance on Come to Me Great Mystery Native American Healing Songs when she started attending Goddard. Defoe worked with Grammy Award winning producer Tommy Wassinger and several other Native American singers. Some of the music from the album was also in a film Defoe worked on called "The Only Good Indian," starring Wes Studi, about the Native American boarding schools in the United States. Called an "outstanding revisionist western," the film played at Sundance Festival in 2009.

Defoe, 28, recently co-wrote Drum is the Thunder, Flute is the Wind, a nationally touring show fusing traditional Native American

dance and song with contemporary music, theatre, and dance. Drum was awarded the American Masterpieces, a dance grant for excellence in traditional/contemporary crossover dance. The project is funded by the New England Foundation for the Arts.



Emmy Winner

Ed Asner