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Music for a Summer Evening

The Citizens Concert Band of St. Albans performed on Franklin’s town green on July 7. The concert was preceded by a cake and ice cream social hosted by the Franklin United Church and the East Franklin Union Church.

Photograph by Alison Dezotelle

Thankful for Summer at Lake Carmi

I know it’s not the fourth Thursday in November, but the weather and events of the past weeks certainly make me thankful for living at Lake Carmi.



By Peter Benevento, LCCA President

The fairer days have been stunning with their white puffy clouds and bright sunshine. Riding a bicycle around and near the lake, I’ve been able to take it all in from a terrific perspective. From the fields of corn and grass blowing in the wind to the mountains that loom majestically in the background, we are more than fortunate to call Lake Carmi our summer home. It was especially moving to see Old Glory flying in the wind among the many homes and barns throughout the Franklin

countryside. It made the July 4th holiday a little more special.

Speaking of bike riding, the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail is complete from Swanton to Sheldon, where it intersects with the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail. Whether you walk, jog, run, or bike, the rail trails are an excellent way to exercise and see the countryside. They are predominately flat, and you don’t have to be a world-class athlete to enjoy them. The Missisquoi trail runs 26 miles from Richford to St. Albans, while the Lamoille trail will eventually stretch 93 miles from Swanton to St. Johnsbury. There are several access points on both trails so you can cover whatever distance suits you. We are fortunate in that we are uniquely positioned as both trails are nearby. I’m sure you will enjoy the fresh air!

There was certainly no lack of fireworks this year on the lake. The nation’s 246th birthday party did not disappoint. There were several private

displays, spectacular in both cadence and color, and as my granddaughter described: “seemingly never ending.”

The many boats on the lake were also a sight to see. It’s not often the lake is illuminated with red and green bow lights; a sight not often seen on the lake except for the Fourth of July. Prior to the nightly fireworks, there were musical shows as well. Great thanks to the camp owners who presented the shows. They were enjoyed by many. There also was an unexpected Independence Day boat parade. Facebook posts attributed the parade to the Dewing shore. Kudos to those who took the time and effort to organize the event. It was nice to see.

The second annual concert on the green in Franklin was a resounding success. This year the concert featured the 50-piece Citizens Concert Band. The concert was once again preceded by an ice cream (and

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Best Management Practices Focus of New Lake Project

Hello campers.

I hope you're enjoying the lovely summer on Lake Carmi thus far! It's been particularly tranquil this year, especially with the sound of loons calling back and forth. We've been busy working to improve water quality on the lake at the Franklin Watershed Committee.

Franklin Watershed Update



By Julia Crocker, Coordinator, Franklin Watershed Committee

On June 29, we hosted the Lake Carmi Water Quality Project kickoff meeting with the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District (FCNRCD), Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Project team members, state government partners, campers, farmers, town representatives, and others all came together on a sunny afternoon in Franklin to discuss the new project to assess progress and create new opportunities to improve water quality throughout the Lake Carmi watershed.

This project focuses on Best Management Practices (BMPs) that reduce erosion and resulting phosphorus pollution to the lake. BMPs include planting trees and shrubs near streams and along the lakeshore, installing rain gardens and other home stormwater improvements, restoring and conserving wetlands and streams, and reducing erosion on dirt roads and driveways. These BMPs can be implemented on residential properties, roads, public lands, and farms.

This summer, FCNRCD will create an inventory of existing and future BMP projects around the lake, and they are asking for your help. If you've made lake-friendly improvements to your land, participated in the Lake Wise program, or would like to do so in the future, FCNRCD would love to come take a look. During your site visit, you'll learn more about which BMPs are working well on your property and get information about opportunities to further improve and restore your land.

Email info@franklincountynrcd.org to request a site visit. Include your name, address, the best way to contact you, and a brief description of the improvements you've made or the areas you're concerned about. Participation in this project is 100 percent free and non-regulatory, and team members will never go onto your property without permission. For more information and updates about this project, visit franklincountynrcd.org/lakecarmi.

With these upcoming shorefront projects in mind, it's important to remember that some lakefront construction projects require zoning permits from the town of Franklin. Projects that require permits include garages, porches, decks, sheds, and tree removal. If you're considering building any of these types of structures, it's a good idea to check in with the town to make sure that you do not need a permit for your project, and if you do, that you have the correct one.

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Start Planning for 2023 Ice Out Contest

Let's take a break from summer and focus on when Lake Carmi is frozen over. Some folks may wonder why we're thinking about winter in July, but it all makes sense.

LCCA board members are committed to improving water quality at our One Happy Lake for current and future generations, and we are excited to share that we're planning the 2023 Ice Out Contest!

After ice out expenses are covered, 50 percent of the money raised from ticket sales benefits the LCCA Water Quality Fund. The other half is awarded to whoever guesses closest to the date and

time of the ice out, without going over.

Ruth Ann Kraysky of Camp Road was the 2022 winner of

winnings to the Lake Carmi Community Foundation, minus your ticket purchase of \$100.

Past ice out dates were March 29, April 5, April 9, and April 13. Do your homework, determine your strategy, and then you'll be ready to purchase your tickets when we wander down your shoreline before the end of the season.

The deadline for ticket purchases is March 1, 2023, and tickets will be available at various local businesses and at lakecarmivt.com.

Good luck to everyone, and happy camping! Now get back to thinking about summer.



\$802.72, with an ice out prediction of April 4 at 12:23 p.m. The actual time of ice out was April 4 at 12:25 p.m. Thank you, Ruth Ann, for your generosity, donating all

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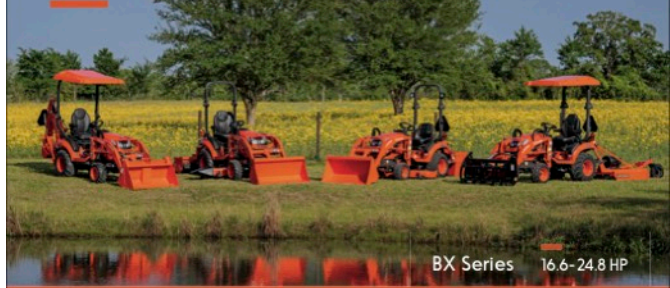
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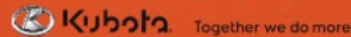
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What a Catch!

Sawyer Billado, of Franklin, seen here with his uncle Adham Kelley, caught a whopper of a pike on Monday, July 4. He and his dad, Chris Billado, were fishing at the south end of Lake Carmi at around 7:15 p.m. when Sawyer hooked the fish on a crank bait.

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Viva Lake Carmi

By Suzi Hull-Casavant

Elvis – as I call the eagle or any of the eagles that reside in my front yard – are in full "show" mode.

The fact is, it is quite rare for three eaglets to survive in the same nest, according to the research I have found. Now they are "branching," hopping from branch to branch and taking short flights. They also seem to be perfecting their landing skills.

I saw one a week ago crash into a branch by the nest. I grabbed my binoculars and saw he was hanging by one leg. He managed to flip himself up and sit on the branch, as if to say, "If anyone saw that, I meant to do it."

They are also very loud. When their eagle eyes catch an adult out and

about, they all start screeching, anticipating the coming meal. No matter the time of day or night. In consultation with my neighbor who also gets woken up by the eagles, 4 a.m. seems to be a popular time! For the time being, the adults still fly in the meals as the juniors learn the finer points of flight, landing, and hunting.

Boaters still flock to the area to check on the eagles' progress and share the joy of showing guests our resident act. Soon as they grow and strike out on their own, I will announce that Elvis has left the "building." But only 'til next year. Eagles often return to a successful nest, and this year has been extraordinary.



Commune Memories Sought

Do you remember when the commune movement of the 1970s came to Franklin?

If you have memories of the Franklin Commune, please join local historian, teacher, and author Jason Barney on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 4 p.m. at Franklin Town Hall.

Barney is gathering stories about the commune for an upcoming project and would love to hear from you. Former commune members will join him.

The event is sponsored by the Franklin Historical Society. Email historical@franklinvt.net for more information.

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cake) social. There was much more to taste than just the music, and it made for a very pleasant evening.

The Franklin Watershed Committee (FWC) is entering an unprecedented grant partnership that anticipates meaningful changes for the Lake Carmi Watershed. The FWC will work with the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District (FCNRCD) and a private environmental firm, Fitzgerald Environmental. Together they will evaluate the watershed to implement protective enhancements for the lake. On June 29, there was a kick-off meeting at Franklin Homestead, where parameters of the grant and its ensuing activities were outlined.

Essentially, the grant will examine shorelines, culverts and streams to determine where changes may be made to prevent unwanted erosion. Participation is strictly voluntary. It was also stressed that the grant is totally non-regulatory in nature. No government involvement. The objective is strictly to make recommendations to help the lake. I urge all lake shore owners to take advantage of this grant. More information and sign-up information is contained in the FWC article appearing in this issue.

The 2023 LCCA Ice Out Contest has just been announced. Tickets will be available soon. The Ice Out Contest is a major fund raiser for our water quality fund, so please support our efforts.


The first annual Lake Carmi Community Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 29. The foundation was founded several years ago to provide a funding vehicle for our water quality efforts. The golf tournament is shaping up to be a fun day with family and friends. Prizes will be awarded, and silent auction items will be available. To enter a team, call (802) 233-9207 or (802) 495-9030.

The LCCA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday evening, Aug. 13. Due to lingering COVID concerns, we will again not have the traditional potluck supper. The meeting will be a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting. More details and an agenda will follow.

As we go through the summer, we regularly find that we need volunteers for various activities. Whether it's to chair a committee to present an event or to deliver newsletters or directories, nothing gets done without you folks around the lake. If you wish to volunteer and/or have ideas about activities that would enrich our lake and town, please contact me at president@lakecarmivt.com.

As we reach the midpoint of our summer sojourn, please stay safe while boating and driving in and around the lake and community. And remember to get out there and enjoy this unique and wonderful environment we call home. We have a lot to be thankful for.


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Boat Parade & Fireworks at Lake Carmi

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Franklin History Corner

Summertime Entertainment at Old Lake Carmi

By Dave Bennion

From *A History of Franklin (1789-1989)*:

For many years during my youth and middle age the day was ended by a dance at Pinecroft, a dance hall on Lake Carmi run by Mrs. Miller. In the 30's, 40's, and 50's dances were held at the Lake Carmi Pavilion run by Kenneth Waite and later by Chester Marston.

– Martha Towle

The Lake Carmi Pavilion, also known as “The Crystal Ballroom,”



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was sold by Raymond and Nettie Garret in 1932 to Kenneth Waite. Kenneth operated the pavilion as a dance hall.

In 1939, Mr. Waite sold the Pavilion to Sterling Weed, who had a “dance band,” *Sterling Weed and His Imperial Dance Orchestra*. Mr. Weed was also a music educator who taught in St. Albans, Enosburg, Franklin, Milton, and Swanton.

In 1948, Sterling sold the pavilion to Chester and Alice Marston who continued to operate the pavilion into the 1950s.

Sterling Weed continued to perform with his orchestra locally, including a “Memory Dance” at the Franklin Town Hall on August 12, 1989. Mr. Weed continued performing until just before his passing at the age of 104 years in 2005. His death was covered in the *St. Albans Messenger*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Times*,

and on *Vermont Public Radio*. St. Albans correspondent Ann Hawksby said of Sterling Weed that he was, “Known as Vermont’s ‘Music Man of the 20th Century,’ Weed taught more than 4,000 students, and performed before an estimated 1 million people.”

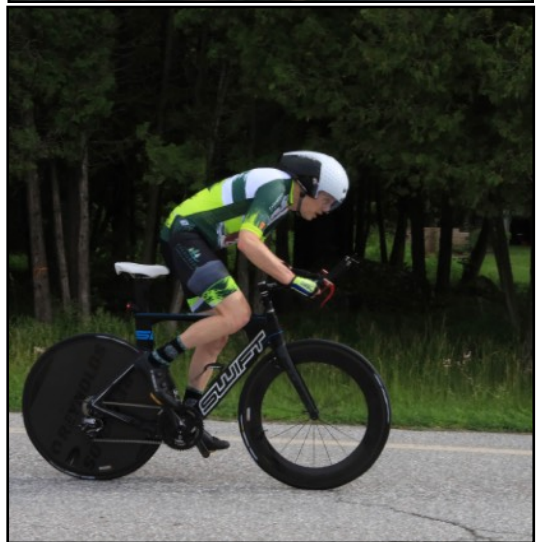
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The Lake Carmi Campers Association, Inc., is dedicated to conserving our unique natural resources, improving and enhancing the quality of life and the environment, for all Lake Carmi residents and visitors. In cooperation with local and state authorities, the association shall provide educational, cultural, and recreational activities, as well as water quality management and safety education initiatives. Further, the association will provide a medium through which information and educational programs and materials may be distributed throughout the community.



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The Shoreland Protection Act regulates shoreland development within 250 feet of the lake’s mean water level. The act’s intent is “to prevent degradation of water quality in lakes, preserve habitat and natural stability of shorelines, and maintain economic benefits of lakes and their shorelands.” If you are planning a project on your shoreline, makes sure that you check in with the town and the state to protect yourself and your shores. For more information about the Shoreland Protection Act visit dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/permit/shoreland.

Along with these projects, the Watershed Committee is monitoring the levels of cyanobacteria in the lake. We’ve begun submitting weekly reports to the Lake Champlain Committee and thank those who have expressed interest in helping us report blooms. This reporting is crucial for Lake Carmi to get the help it needs and to prevent future blooms.

Many of you may have noticed that there have been some early patches of cyanobacteria around the lake. Rest assured that we are aware and doing everything we can to slow the blooms. The aeration system is now working at full capacity, so fingers crossed that it keeps future blooms at bay.

If you would like to submit your own cyanobacteria report you can follow the instructions and fill out the form at lakechamplaincommittee.org/get-involved/volunteers/cyanobacteriamonitors/new-cyanobacteria-monitor-reporting-form. Thank you in advance for your help!



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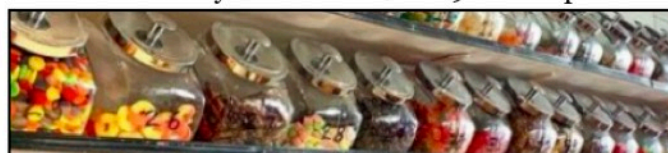
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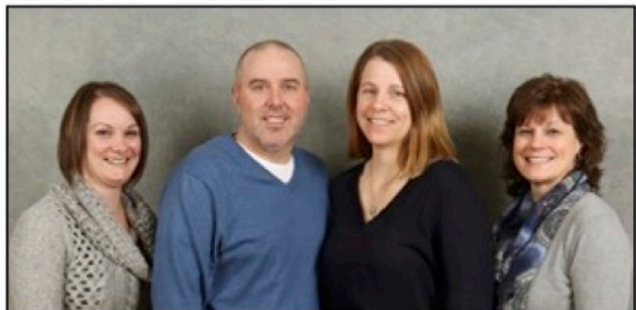
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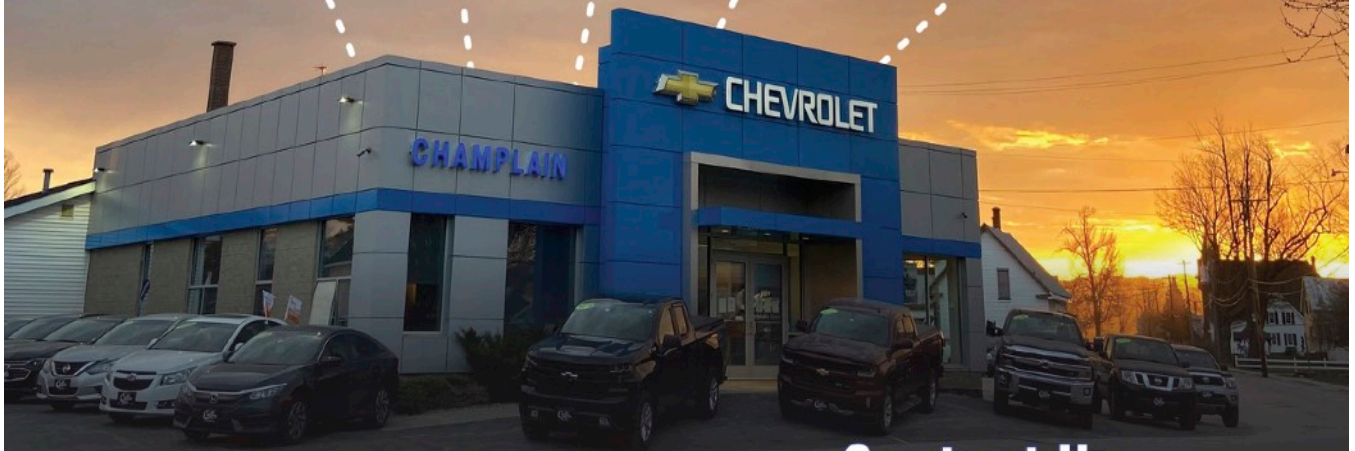
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In Memoriam



Daniel J. Durenleau (July 5, 1936-June 28, 2022)

Daniel J. Durenleau, 85, formerly of Patton Shore, passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

For a full obituary, please visit gossfs.com/obituaries/daniel-durenleau.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Members of the LCCA who are current with their dues are permitted a free classified ad in all five issues of our newsletter. Merchandise ads are only run for two issues, unless renewed. Camp rentals can run for the entire season, but if you have no more availability, please notify the editor.

COTTAGE FOR RENT: Mullen Shore; May thru Oct – Call (802) 373-1173 for details.

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MAPLE SYRUP (all sizes), Raw Honey, Apples and Apple Cider (during season), Call Charlie Magnant: 285-2290.

LCCA DIRECTORY NOTICE

A few errors have been found in the membership listings of the 2022/2023 LCCA Directory. Please review your directory listing, and if you find an error, please contact Polly Gadbois at gads@rpgadbois.com.

Corrections will be printed on a pullout sheet in the September issue of the LCCA newsletter, for insertion in the 2022/2023 directory.

To date, corrections are being made to WSR 401, VC 112, PSR 889, and LR 3124. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and support.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY JULY/AUGUST 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Phil Graziano

6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Enosburgh.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Sheldon Old Home Day

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sheldon Creek. Exhibits, music, parade, BBQ & more.

Cornhole Tournament

10 a.m., Highgate Arena. Boy Scout Troop 823 fundraiser. \$30/team. bsatroup0823@gmail.com.

Summer Mash-Up Festival

4:30 p.m., Fairfax Community Rec Park. Music, food, local vendors. fairfaxrecreation.com.

Rusty Dewees: The Logger

Comedy & Music Show
6 p.m., Highgate Arena. \$25. 5 p.m. teacup auction.

Poetry by Machine

6:30 p.m., Cold Hollow Sculpture Park, Boston Post Rd., Enosburgh. Prof. Dan Rockmore on the human/machine divide.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

St. Mary's Church Brunch

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 145 Square Rd., Franklin.

Mark Shelton

5:30 p.m., Highgate Arena.

MONDAY, JULY 18

Magician Alix Hilshey

2 p.m., Franklin Town Green (Town Hall if raining).

Blackwolf

5:30 p.m., Lincoln Park, Enosburgh Falls.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Citizens Concert Band

7 p.m., Little White Church, Highgate Springs.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Swimmer

6 p.m., Montgomery Rec Center.

Lake Carmi Community Foundation Golf Tournament



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Friday, July 29, 9 a.m., Enosburgh Falls Country Club.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Franklin Historical

Society meeting
6 p.m., Franklin Town Hall.

*Nobby Reed
& Missisquoi Slim*

6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Enosburgh.

*Jimmy Branca's Blooz and
Beyond Revue*

6:30 p.m., Opera House at Enosburgh Falls. \$15.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

The Thunderballs

5:30 p.m., Highgate Arena.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

*Southern VT Natural
History Museum*

Noon, Franklin Town Hall, Franklin. Presentation on Watershed Wildlife.

LCCA Meeting

6:30 p.m., Franklin United Church fellowship hall, Franklin.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Matthew Mercury

6 p.m., Montgomery Rec Center.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Lake Carmi

*Community Foundation
Golf Tournament*

9 a.m., Enosburgh Falls Country Club.

Bryce Bachelder

6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Enosburgh.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Jig In the Valley

Noon-dusk, The Meeting House green, East Fairfield. Music, food & more. \$10/person, \$25/family.

Troy Millette

& the Fire Below
5:30 p.m., Highgate Arena.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4

The Vermont Panhandlers & Mansfield Mountain Band
6 p.m., Montgomery Rec Center.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5

Laura Rasco

6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Enosburgh.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

Citizens Concert Band

7 p.m., Town Green, Bakersfield.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

Julia Parent

6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Enosburgh.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

LCCA Annual Meeting

5 p.m., Franklin United Church fellowship hall, Franklin, also Zoom.

Kisa Sauer

6:30 p.m., Cold Hollow Sculpture Park, Enosburgh. German kite-maker leads kite-making & flying workshop.

ONGOING

*Traveling in the Mind
in the Time of COVID*

Through Aug. 4. Haston Library, Franklin. Franklin County artists Barbara "Bobbie" Flack & Orah Moore present their photographs.

Cold Hollow Sculpture Park

Opens June 11, Thursday-Sunday + holidays, noon-6, 4280 Boston Post Rd., Enosburgh. coldhollow-sculpturepark.com.

Enosburgh Falls Town Band

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Lincoln Park, Enosburgh Falls.

Live at McLurg's

Fridays & Saturdays, 7 p.m., McLurg's Scottish Pub, 303 Main St., Enosburgh Falls.

St. Albans Bay Farmers Market

Thursdays, 4:30-7:30 p.m., St. Albans Bay Town Park, St. Albans Bay.

Richford Farmers Market

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 21 Main St., Richford

*Montgomery Farmers
Market*

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon, Pratt Hall, Montgomery.

Northwest Farmers Market

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Taylor Park, St. Albans City.