

# In The Region

## Bringing the Bronze: Girl Scouts Complete Projects

Troop 22515 Junior Girl Scouts from Amherst and Milford reached out to two groups of young people with their Bronze Award projects this year. They received their awards in June.

In one project, Amanda Fulton, Bella Kraus, Catherine Hinse, Hannah Noble, Sarah Levesque and Sylvia Weiher raised funds for materials and made 45 fleece blankets for children in foster care in New Hampshire. Some children will receive the blankets when they are adopted; others, when they first enter foster care, or at other transitional times. The girls wanted each child to have something of his or her own that can be taken along even when

moving to a new home. To each blanket, they attached a note of encouragement and support from the troop.

In another project, Ashley Fischer, Brianna Elliott, Chyanne Szot and Joely Brammer-DePuy raised funds, collected items and put together individual art supply kits. They donated each kit for use by a girl at the Sununu Youth Services Center in Manchester, a secure treatment facility for youth at risk. Each kit contains paints, crayons and sketch paper, and yarn for crocheting—a favorite activity among girls at the center—as well as a note of encouragement. The girls at SYSC, ranging in age from 13 to 17,



Junior Girl Scout Troop 22515 delivered 45 blankets for children in foster care to Department of Health and Human Services personnel in Nashua: Christine Kaltsas, back left, Tracey Gubbins, next to Christine, and Robert Lynch, back. The Scouts are, from left, Ashley Fischer, Amanda Fulton, Joely Brammer-DePuy, Sylvia Weiher, Sarah Levesque and Hannah Noble. Missing from the photo are project group members Bella Kraus and Catherine Hinse.



Junior Girl Scout Troop 22515 delivered art kits for girls at the Sununu Youth Services Center, in Manchester. The Scouts are, from left, Ashley Fischer, Chyanne Szot, Catherine Hinse, Joely Brammer-DePuy, Sarah Levesque and Hannah Noble. Missing from the photo is project group member Brianna Elliott.

can use these items to make gifts for family members or artwork for their living units, and to utilize as a coping skill if they are having a difficult day. Troop members wanted girls who may be facing some tough challenges to feel positive about themselves and their futures, and to know they have the support of the community.

The troop is grateful to SYSC Unit Manager Leticia Conrad and Foster Care Program Specialist

Kathy Companion, of the Division for Children, Youth and Families, for their help in making these Bronze Award projects successful. They took the time to meet with the Scouts and answer their questions, and they encouraged them and emphasized that their actions matter.

The troop is also grateful to the community for supporting the projects. Many generous people bought baked goods or candy bars to help the Scouts reach their goals.

## Girls on the Run Registration Set To Open on August 10th

Girls on the Run New Hampshire will host over 50 teams across the state for the Fall 2015 season. Local teams include: Amherst and Mont Vernon.

Girls on the Run® is a 10-week, curriculum based program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The program culminates with a 5K celebration event on November 15th in Concord, NH. Teams meet two times per week after school. The program is open to girls in grades 3-5 of all fitness ability. Prior running experience is not



necessary.

Program registration will open on Monday, August 10th at 7pm. For more information on team locations and registration, please visit the website: <http://www.girlsontherunnh.org/>. Scholarships are available.



Tamara Gonda - "Sunlight"

## Call for Art Entries!

HOLLIS – Wild Salamander Creative Arts Center's "Whitty Gallery" is looking for art for our new show "Defined". Join us in creating a tribute to visual interpretation of the human language. Artists are asked to select a word that inspires them beyond the literal. Each piece of artwork will be displayed next to the word that sparked its creation. The gallery walls will become a dictionary of sorts, spanning cultures and geography to visually define human communication. We are seeking original art, size 30" and under (including frame). All media are eligible, including textiles and hang-

ing sculpture. All artwork must be wired to hang on the wall and meet size restrictions. Artists may submit one piece for \$5.00, and is subject to jurying by the gallery manager. NEW art is preferred.

Drop off dates for artwork are September 5th and 8th or by appointment. Opening Reception will be Friday, September 11 from 5-7 pm and the show will run through November 1st. For more information visit our website at [www.wildsalamander.com](http://www.wildsalamander.com), or contact us with questions at [gallery@wildsalamander.com](mailto:gallery@wildsalamander.com).

## Benefit by Local Musicians of the 13 Steps Band at Hampshire Hills August 9th, 2 - 4 pm

MILFORD – The Band 13 Steps will play a benefit for the family of Chris Brown at Hampshire Hills Outdoor Event area on August 9th from 2 - 4 pm. Other events: tennis mixer, putting contest, cornhole and kids games begin at noon.

Proceeds will go to the family of Chris Brown a personal trainer at Hampshire Hills who is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital. Chris is a young father of two girls that along with his wife are facing this challenge with the same spirit that Chris lives daily making him a well respected and revered member of the Hampshire Hills

fitness team.

13 Steps is a band formed about 10 years ago in the Milford/Amherst area that often plays for the benefit of local charities. The Band has performed past benefits for Juvenile Diabetes, home heating assistance for returning military veterans, Nashua Soup Kitchen, Opportunity Networks, and the Brain tumor assistance group of Massachusetts. Band members include Wendy Mace of Milford, NH, Arthur Brault, Gary Polio and John Wilbur all of Amherst, Chris Maheras of Londonderry and Bob Doyle of Salem, NH. The music features mostly classic rock with some

contemporary tunes highlighting vocal harmonies and instrumentals from all of the members who have extensive experience from playing "back in the day". The group has also performed at various places including the Milford Pumpkin fest, Onset Pub at Crotched Mountain, Pasta Loft, Milford VFW, Jasper Valley Swim & Tennis club, Johnny Bad's, The Mad Hatter, Ayer Billiards Club and a number of private venues.

Please join us in supporting Chris and his family as they face this new challenge. Details are on the Hampshire Hills website: [www.hampshirehills.com](http://www.hampshirehills.com)

### WADLEIGH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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To register for these FREE programs (partial list) call the library or email [refdesk@wadleighlibrary.org](mailto:refdesk@wadleighlibrary.org) or sign up on the online library calendar at [www.wadleighlibrary.org](http://www.wadleighlibrary.org).

**\*\*The Wadleigh Library is closed Sundays through Labor Day Weekend.\*\***

### Adult Summer Reading Program: Escape the Ordinary!

Our Adult Summer Reading program runs until August 12

This summer's challenge is to "Escape the Ordinary" by exploring heroes, superheroes, and extraordinary people, places and activities. Who we define as a hero depends on who we are and how we see the world. Challenge yourself to read some books you wouldn't normally read. Sign up on our website, or at the Main Desk, and then fill out a raffle ticket for each book you read for the chance to win a prize.

### Wednesday, August 19 History Book Club 6:30 p.m.

Our selection this month is Imperial Cruise: a secret history of empire and war by James Bradley. Copies are available at the Main Desk. Newcomers welcome.

### Wednesday, August 26 Welcome to Frost Heaves with Fred Marple 6:30 p.m.

Fred Marple, the Garrison Keillor of New Hampshire, takes his readers on a delightful romp through the imaginary but oh-so-familiar New England town of Frost Heaves—from the town dump to the Town Meeting—and all the people who make it special.

Fred — also known as humorist and songwriter Ken Sheldon — has been on New Hampshire Chronicle, in the pages of Yankee Magazine, and New Hampshire Magazine, and on the radio. He has appeared at town halls, church basements, and the homes of most of his friends, usually right around dinner time. Fred is a graduate of the Frost Heaves Academy and the

East Coast School of Knife Sharpening and Carburetor Repair.

Copies of his new book Welcome to Frost Heaves will be available for purchase and signing.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

#### 1st and 3rd Monday of the month

**Knit 1, Crochet 2  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Are you looking for other yarn addicts? Do your Monday nights seem dull? Look no further! Don't have a project in mind? Can't seem to finish that scarf for Grandma? Or are you a complete beginner without an itch to stitch? Bring your project in & be inspired; if you're a beginner, your local craft store can help you select a project & requisite supplies. There will be no formal instruction but 'knitwits' are a helpful bunch and love to indoctrinate the uninitiated into the cult of knitting.

#### Tuesdays Spanish Conversation Group 7 – 8 p.m.

Do you want to practice your Spanish? Here's your opportunity with this new, drop-in group that is just starting up. Join Sandra Pleisch to brush up on your Spanish language skills or have a chance to use your Spanish. If you have an interest in using the Spanish language, you're just the person we're looking for, so come on down!

### TEENS & TWEENS

For more information on teen programs, email [wadleighya@gmail.com](mailto:wadleighya@gmail.com)

#### Tuesday, August 4 Dr. Who Fan Club 3:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy time travel? Do you know what a tardis is? Then here's a club for you!! This club is for Doctor Who fans! Join others for snacks, discussion, and trivia.

#### Thursday, August 6 TAG: Teen Advisory Group 3:30 p.m.

What's the science behind those roller coaster loops? We'll be building mini roller coasters for marbles to see if we can make a marble go fast enough to travel upside down

through a loop without falling. All materials provided.

#### Tuesday, August 11 Teen Anime Club 3:30 p.m.

Hang out and discuss your favorite anime or manga series, participate in related games and activities, and create sketches of your favorite characters to share.

#### Friday, August 14 Young Adult Writers' Group 3:30 p.m.

If you like to write and want to share your work, this is the group for you! We will have an informal discussion about our current projects, then write for about half an hour (I'll have writing prompts if you get stuck!), and share our work at the end (optional). This group is for young adults - high school students & recent grads. Bring a notebook or laptop, whichever you prefer, for writing.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Monday, August 3 Book Bingo 6 – 7 p.m.

Join us at 6pm to try your luck and win some books! Registration required. Registration open July 20th, 2015. This event is for children entering Grade 5 and under. If you have registered and are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so we can free up space for another child.

#### Wednesday, August 5 Lego Party 6 – 8 p.m.

Join us at 6pm for a Lego party! We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination! No registration required.

#### Thursday, August 6 Ice Cream Social 6 – 8 p.m.

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with us from 6-8pm with some ice cream and games! Registration required. Registration opens July 23rd, 2015. This event is for children entering Grade 5 and under. If you have registered and are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so we can free up space for another child.

## Village Harmony Youth World Music Ensemble Final Summer Concerts in NH

Village Harmony, the acclaimed teen world music singing ensemble, presents their final concert program of the summer in four New Hampshire locations:

Sunday, August 9 at 7:30 PM in Keene at Ahavas Achim Synagogue, 84 Hastings Ave. 899-3249; Monday, August 10 at 7:30 PM in Concord at the Unitarian Church, 274 Pleasant Street. 717-6086; Thursday, August 13 at 7:30 PM in Alstead at Orchard Hill Breradworks. 835-7845; and Friday, August 14 in Waterville Valley Town Square at the Rey Center at 7:30 PM.

Suggested admission at the door is \$10, \$5 for student and seniors. Call the local number for more information.

Led by Larry Gordon, Carl Linich and Su Hart, the group includes 24 teen singers from seven states as well as Switzerland, UK and Caucasus Georgia. The program includes music of the Baka Pygmies from central Africa, traditional sacred and secular songs from Caucasus Georgia, traditional South African songs and dances, American shape-note singing, and the Litanies for the Virgin by French baroque composer Antoine Charpentier.

Village Harmony is an umbrella organization based in Vermont dedicated to the study and performance of ethnic singing traditions from around the world. Each summer they sponsor ten ensembles like this one, both in New England and in numerous foreign countries, involving both teen and adult singers. Each group develops its own unique sound with a different international team of leaders, but all share common traits: a powerful, natural, unrestrained, vocal sound; a remarkable variety of vocal styles and timbres, as appropriate to the many varieties of ethnic and traditional music; and the visible, vibrant community among the singers and audience as they share in a joyous celebration of music.

Larry Gordon is the founder and co-director of Village Harmony.



He has been leading community music in Vermont since the early 1970s, and his patient and relaxed, yet demanding, teaching style and his collaborative approach have shaped the welcoming atmosphere of the Village Harmony community since the beginning. Though his first love was medieval and renaissance music, he is a vital figure in New England shape-note singing. Larry has led Onion River Chorus in Montpelier since the late 1970s, and is well known across the US and internationally for leading stunning periodic ad hoc incarnations of Northern Harmony, a semi-professional tour group made up largely of veteran Village Harmony singers.

Carl Linich has been a scholar, teacher, and performer of traditional Georgian polyphonic singing since 1990. A fluent Georgian speaker, Carl lived in Georgia for 10 years, and received two prestigious merit awards from the Georgian government in recognition of his work to promote and preserve Georgian folk music.. Carl has been

leading Village Harmony camps since 2000, and toured with Northern Harmony in 2001 and 2002. He currently directs the Supruli Ensemble in New York City and a Georgian choir at Bard College, and sings in a family trio with his two young sons, both of whom are part of this group.

Su Hart currently living in Bath, UK, is a trained singer and teacher who performs music inspired by the music of the Baka Forest People of Cameroon with the internationally renowned Baka Beyond, the group that she founded with Martin Cradick in the mid nineties. She has learned forest yodeling—thought by some anthropologists to be the first human singing—directly from the Baka women in the forests over the past 20 years. She is highly respected internationally as a charismatic, engaging and inspiring workshop leader with a passion for encouraging people to develop their innate vocal and rhythmic skills.