

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

VT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF: 7 p.m. First Unitarian, 152 Pearl Street, Burlington. *Vermont Speaks for Itself* is a 1973 social justice multi-media documentary project produced and distributed by the Vermont Media Project in the mid-1970s. The documentary uses extensive interviews with Vermonters, and original photography to illustrate the economic and social hardships endured by Vermont's low-income and working people during that period with a traditional string band sound track recorded by local performers. Sponsored by the Vermont Media Project, the California Center for Media Arts and Democracy: Stories of Solidarity, the Peace and Justice Center, and the Economic Justice Task Force of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington. Free. For more information on the film: www.greenmountainhistory.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

AUDITIONS FOR CHILDREN'S ROLES: 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fusion 802, 1881 Williston Road. Lyric Theatre Company holds auditions for the children roles in their fall production of *A Christmas Story The Musical*. Auditions continue Sunday, August 20, at 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Auditioners must be registered by 8:30 am for morning sessions and by 1:30 p.m. for afternoon session. Adult auditions begin Monday, August 21. To register and for more information: www.lyrictheatrevt.org.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

UNSHACKLING AMERICA: 2 p.m. Ethan Allen Homestead Museum, 1 Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington. Presentation and book signing by Willard Sterne Randall, author of *Unshackling America: How the War of 1812 Truly Ended the American Revolution*. Randall documents an unremitting 50-year-long struggle for economic independence from Britain overlapping two armed conflicts linked by an unacknowledged global struggle. Free. For more information: www.ethanallenhomestead.org.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

LYRIC THEATRE AUDITIONS: 5:45-10 p.m. Fusion 802, 1881 Williston Road. Lyric Theatre Company holds auditions for the adult roles in their fall production of *A Christmas Story The Musical*. Auditions continue Tuesday and Wednesday at the same time and location. Visit Lyric's website for an audition form, character descriptions, to pre-register, and more: www.lyrictheatrevt.org.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

BACH-IN-CHURCH: 12:15 p.m. The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington. Hear works for strings at the wonderful St. Paul's Cathedral overlooking Lake Champlain, a lovely place to be on a summer afternoon in Vermont. Bach violin sonata no. 2, Jennifer Koh, violin. Schuloff duo for violin and cello featuring Jamie Laredo and Sharon Robinson. Part of the Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival. Free concert.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

SOUTH BURLINGTON ROTARY CLUB: 7:30-8:30 a.m. Sheraton Burlington. Program: Sophie and Jeremy, students, RYLA Program. For more information: southburlingtonrotary.org.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

SOLO CELLO CONCERT: 12:15 p.m. The Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel, Saint Michael's College, Colchester. Cellist Jonathan Tortolano, professor of cello at The Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and associate principal cellist of Pittsburgh Opera. Program includes The Fifth Suite, BWV 1011 by Bach and the first American performance of Psaume pour Violoncelle Seul, opus 5 by Canadian composer Antoine Ouellette. The concert is free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

FHTMS MEET THE COACHES: 6 p.m. Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset Street. Meet the FHTMS fall sports coaches in the cafeteria. FHTMS offers cross country, soccer and field hockey for grades 6, 7, and 8. To participate, online registration required. For more information: FHTMS Athletic Director Glen Button at Gbutton@sbschools.net.

ONGOING

RADIO AMATEURS OF NORTHERN VT: RANV is a club consisting of 100 radio enthusiasts. Members meet the second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Wheeler House, 1100 Dorset Street. The next membership meeting is September 12. Each meeting consists of a mix of technical and light-hearted topics, with a refreshment break for meeting friends and making new ones. Anyone with an interest in ham radio is invited to join. For more information, call Mitch at 802-879-6589 or visit the club's website at www.ranv.org.

SBFC FREE PLAYGROUPS: The South Burlington Family Center holds free playgroups throughout the week for families with children ages 0-6 years. New location is Ascension Church, 95 Allen Road. No pre-registration needed. For more information visit the South Burlington Family Center facebook page. **Playgroup Schedule:** Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Wednesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. **Toddler/Preschool Paced Hike:** Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. Join the SBFC and Hike It Baby South Burlington for a weekly toddler/preschool paced hike to the Whales Tails. Meet at the Planet Fitness parking lot on Community Drive. Check SBFC Facebook for weather cancellations.

CVAA TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS: Wednesday & Fridays, 10:15 -11 a.m. Heineberg Senior Center, 72 Heineberg Rd, Burlington. Part of Champlain Valley Agency on Aging's Tai Chi for Arthritis - Falls Prevention Program. Open to all age 50 and over. Free. Preregister by calling CVAA at 800-642-5119, x1019 or e-mail taichi@cvaa.org.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS:

Tuesday nights, 7-9:30 p.m. Saint Francis School, Winooski. Join men of all ages to sing a cappella, Barbershop style, on Tuesday nights and for holiday concerts. For more information: Dick Labreque, 802-864-5439.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY CHESS CLUB: Thursdays, 7 p.m. Lake Champlain Waldorf School, 122 Boswick Road, Shelburne. Novice and experts welcome. \$2. For more information: Dave Carter 802-324-1143.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY STAMP CLUB: Meeting every first Wednesday of the month at GE Healthcare, 40 IDX Drive, SB. 6:15 p.m. For more information: 802-660-4817.

SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS: VFW Post 782, 176 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington. Events open to the public. Line dancing every Thursday, 6-9 p.m., \$10, class at 6, dance at 7. Bar Bingo every Friday, 6-9 p.m. \$1 card. Dancing to live band every Saturday 7-11 p.m. \$6. For more information: 864-6532.

VT ADULT LEARNING: offers GED testing three times a month. For more information: 846-7245.

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