

Chandler Readies For 'King And I'

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RANDOLPH - Chandler Music Hall in Randolph saw its share of activity last week as a cast of over eighty teens and youth from the Central Vermont region prepared for the musical production of Rogers and Hammerstein's "The King and I."

The hard work of daily rehearsals began after school ended. The entire production came together in a span of just over two weeks.

Performances start Thursday, July 2 and will run again on July 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 5 at 2 p.m.

The King of Siam will be played by Randolph student, Jacob Zani, while the role of Anna will be portrayed by Sarabeth Hamberlin, a familiar face to Chandler from last year's "Sound of Music", where she played Maria.

The story is based on a book about a real-life Anna, although historians question just how authentic her version of actual events was! She was an English schoolteacher, hired by the King of Siam (Thailand) to teach his children. That's no mean feat, as he had many wives, and therefore many children. In Chandler's production the King's children will be played by an elementary chorus of thirty-seven youth!

The relationship between Anna and the King is richly textured, as his chauvinist attitude does not sit well with her, and is gradually softened as he recognizes Anna's strength and gifts as a human being.

The king's wives hail from all over central Vermont. The #1 wife, Lady Thiang, is played by Marissa Achee of Rochester. Other wives include Emma Brooks of Quechee (also the female understudy), Megan Farley from Northfield, Abigail Sargent of East Barre, Lauren Spencer from Berlin, Hannah Doughty of Rochester, Montpelier's Sinead O'Mahoney and Claire Goldworthy from Randolph.

Anna learns of a romantic relationship between Tuptim, a "gift" to the King of Siam, and Lun Tha, her actual love. While the end result is tragic, we are reminded of the joy and wonder of being young lovers. Emily Sargent of East Barre plays Tuptim, and Thornton Raskovitz is Lun Tha.

The production's centerpiece is generally thought of as the

highly staged production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin", presented by the wives and children to show they can understand western ways. Choreographer Kim Nowlan is looking forward to a genuine opportunity to showcase her talents in this scene.

The show ends with the scepter of power being passed on to the king's son, the prince. Veteran audience members can look forward to the return of Ben Hayslett, who carved his place in Chandler history with his cameo appearances as an elementary chorus member in Oklahoma and Grease as the vivacious young dancer. Soon he'll be the king!

The concept behind Chandler's fourth of July productions is the power of community and the talent of our young people.

Veteran staff include producer Betsy Cantlin, choreographer Kim Nowlan, music director Marjorie Drysdale, and director Charlie McMeekin. Joining the staff this year as assistant director is Sarah Wolfe of Strafford, a student majoring in theater at Wesleyan University. Nina Gaby returns as the director of costumes and Ramsey Papp is the essential addition as props manager. Mimi Bursstein, Chandler's technical director, and alumni Joe Gasque direct a team of teenage tech hands for this show. Sound will be covered by Seth Stoddard from Backroad Productions. Anthony Fiorillo, a new graduate from Randolph High School, is the stage manager.

The final production features a full orchestra, a professionally designed set built by parents and conceived by Greg Crawford of Gaysville, and a cast of more than eighty young people from Lebanon to Montpelier. "The Chandler 4th of July productions have actually become a vacation destination for folks from as far away as Pennsylvania, who saw a show, got the message, and vowed never to miss another!" enthused McMeekin.

Tickets may be reserved at the Chandler box office weekdays between 3 - 6 p.m. at 802-728-9878.

"The King and I" is presented with special permission from Rodgers and Hammerstein Theatricals.



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Norwich Makes Presentation To Northfield

President Schneider of Norwich University presented two checks to Northfield last week, one for \$61,800 for emergency services, EMT, fire and police, the second for \$36,000 as the second payment to the town on Norwich's pledge to help defray the cost of the building of the new police station. Pictured are Jim Baraw, director of the Northfield Ambulance, left, Nanci Allard, town manager, Jim Dziobek from the police department, President Schneider of Norwich, Chris Algier, assistant fire chief.

Northfield Graduates Recognized At UVM Honor Day Ceremonies

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BURLINGTON - The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Vermont recognized students receiving awards and scholarships at an Honors Day Ceremony held in April. Local students were among the 65 students honored.

Jennifer M. Fricke of Northfield received the Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award while Lydia A. Petty, also of Northfield received the American Society for Horticulture Sci-

ence Collegiate Scholars Award.

Chartered in 1791, UVM was the first college or university in the United States that did not give preference to a religious sect in its charter. UVM now has nearly 7,600 undergraduates in eight schools and colleges, 1,100 graduate students and 400 medical students. As a small, comprehensive university, it blends the academic heritage of a private university with services missions in the land-grant tradition.



It's Happening in Williamstown

Local Girl Graduates From Nursing School At Vermont Tech

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RANDOLPH CENTER — Ms. Jessica L. Cotnoir who is from Williamstown graduated from the practical nursing program at Vermont Technical College last week. There were a total of 144 graduates in the class.

Following a rigorous but rewarding three semesters of study, 144 Practical Nursing students graduated from Vermont Technical College on Saturday, June 20. Family and friends celebrated with the graduates as they accepted their certificates at the Randolph Center campus. The PN graduates are now eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses and begin working in their field of study.

This year's graduating class came from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York. Vermont Tech's nursing education system utilizes a network of satellite campuses that enables students from all over the state and surrounding areas to pursue a practical nursing certificate and still remain in their home area.

This year's commencement speaker was J. Churchill Hines, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, one of the largest and oldest home health agencies in northern New

England. In his role as President and CEO, Church is responsible for overall executive leadership of the corporation, board development and relations, program and financial management, public affairs, strategic planning, and budgeting.

Prior to joining the Visiting Nurse Association, Dr. Hines was Vice President for Finance at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, Vermont and Chief Financial Officer for the University Health Center (then the faculty practice plan for the University of Vermont College of Medicine). He served as a member of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees for 13 years serving as chair of the finance, investments, facilities, and strategic planning committees, and he continues to serve on a number of community and regional boards including trustee the General Education Fund, one of Vermont's oldest and largest sources of student aid grants for higher education.

Church has also served as the Deputy Secretary of Administration for the State of Vermont and as the Vermont Commissioner of Finance and Management/State Budget Director. As such, he served two terms on the senior staff of Governor Richard A. Snelling, and two terms on the senior staff of Governor Madeleine May Kunin.



Photo courtesy CVMC

Kids Raise Money For Cancer Center

The Barre Town Elementary 3rd grade class recently raised \$455.68 for the National Life Cancer Treatment Center in honor of their teacher, Valerie Collins (center right in picture), who underwent cancer treatment this past year. CVMC's President & CEO Judy Tarr (center left) visited the class to thank the students for their fundraising efforts. Ms. Collins has been an inspiration to all those around her, always greeting her students with a smile during this difficult year. The National Life Cancer Treatment Center is currently under construction and is set to open in October 2009.

Girl Scout Summer Camp Has Openings In July and August

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RICHMOND - Twin Hills, a Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains day camp, still has openings for girls in July and August, and you don't have to be a Girl Scout to register.

One week of day camp is \$175.00, and bus transportation is included. Girls will swim, do arts and crafts, hike, solve a mystery, learn about wings and other things, and make lots of new friends. There is an optional overnight for girls who are in third grade and up. Day camp is for all girls in kindergarten through grade 10. Call toll-free 888-474-9686 or see the camp

guide at www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

Interested in resident camp? Call or go online for our three resident camps: Camp Chenoa in Antrim, New Hampshire; and Camp Farnsworth in Thetford and Camp Wapanacki in Hardwick, Vermont.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves 16,000 girls thanks to 5,500 trained and dedicated volunteers across the Granite and Green Mountain states. We are a chartered member of Girl Scouts of the USA, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



Photo courtesy Northfield Rotary Club

Northfield Rotary Changeover Dinner - Changing of Officers - outgoing President Marty Simon hands the gavel over to Marsha Hoffman, L to R Louisa Tripp, Sec., Marsha Hoffman, Marty Simon, Mellissa Smith, Treasurer

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