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Senior Living Project Passes 750 Paychecks

Prospective Residents Can Soon Sign Up For Units

BY ROBERT BLECHL
Staff Writer

WHITEFIELD — It's going up fast, and as it does, it's providing an increasing amount of economic benefits to the region.

As September nears, the Summit by Morrison, the new senior living community under construction, is not only on schedule and on budget, but has given more than 750 paychecks to area residents working on it, Mell Brooks, the project's director of development, said Friday.

And now nearing are tours for prospective residents wanting to sign up for a particular unit in the senior village community that will be the first of its kind in the region, he said.

"I'm touched by what this development will do for the North Country," said Brooks. "It will provide housing, support families, provide jobs, and create a cultural and economic center for the region. It's a new

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A still image of ongoing construction from a video from a drone that flew over the Summit by Morrison senior living community on Aug. 10.

ST. JOHNSBURY

Area Police Plan Safety Checkpoints

Det. Sgt. Lester Cleary, of the St. Johnsbury Police Department, reported on Friday that local law enforcement agencies will be conducting sobriety and vehicle safety checkpoints within Caledonia County.

"This is a high visibility enforcement campaign, focused on impaired and aggressive driving," Cleary stated. "Our goal is to reduce crashes and address poor driving behavior. Impaired driving and lack of seat belt use continue to be the major contributing factors in deaths on our roadways."

Troopers, sheriff's deputies, and local officers will also be enforcing seat belt, child restraint, and other motor vehicle laws during the checkpoints. Drivers are also reminded of the ban on handheld portable electronic devices.

With the upcoming holiday period, an increased amount of traffic is anticipated across the highways of Vermont. Drivers are reminded to remain vigilant of their operating speed and to avoid distracted and aggressive driving. "Doing so will help the St. Johnsbury Police and its partners meet our goal of safe highway travel for all during this period," stated Cleary.

LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG



PHOTO BY GORDON ALEXANDER

Julie Walker from Washington, D.C., Larry Woldt of Alexandria, Va., and Eric Vautour of Jeffersonville, Vt., head out onto the water.

Summer's End ... And All That Jazz

BY GORDON ALEXANDER
News Correspondent

NEWPORT — Nobody seems to be sad to see the last days of summer of 2017 with daily sunshine divided with a rain storm or two. Next weekend Labor Day will herald that last weekend of summer even if the warm weather lasts for another four weeks.

At the Farmers Market, Judy Szyeh of Breezy Hill Acres of Newport/Brownington had an array of fresh vegetables, jams and jellies. Early customers, Marsha Cherington with friends Donna and Earl White of North Carolina, were delighted to find two unique sweet red onions. Marsha and Donna joke about how these native red onions are probably sweeter than Donna's home grown North Carolina favorite Vidalia onions.

"These will make a great summer salad for tonight," Cherington said. As she made her purchase from Szyeh.

In the center of the Farmers Market a jazz duo calling themselves "Young and Inexperienced," featuring band leader Anthony Bellizzi on guitar with Jack Egan on saxophone, played an up

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PHOTO BY GORDON ALEXANDER

In the center of the Farmers Market the jazz duo calling themselves "Young and Inexperienced" play an up-tempo bebop version of Autumn Leaves. On guitar is band leader Anthony Bellizzi with Jack Egan on saxophone.

After 76 Years Vt. Group Seeks To Complete Boy Scout Statue

BY WILSON RING
Associated Press

BARRE, Vt. — The Vermont city defined by the stone pulled from within its surrounding hills is hoping to use that granite to commission a piece of art conceived more than seven decades ago honoring one of the nation's first Boy Scout troops.

A local Boy Scout historian is leading the effort in Barre, a city known as "the granite center of the world," to complete the project — a granite statue of a scout carrying a person on his shoulders. The original project ceased following the 1941 death of Italian-born artist Carlo Abate, who helped train generations of Barre art-

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This photo shows a plaster model of a Boy Scout carrying another scout in Barre, which was to have served as the model for a granite statue. The project was abandoned in 1941 after the death of the original artist. Now people in the community are working to finish the project.



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"The budget should be balanced; the treasury should be refilled; public debt should be reduced; and the arrogance of public officials should be controlled."
— Cicero, 106-43 B.C.

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community, and a whole village, right here.”

The project that broke ground nearly a year ago is expected to be fully complete in the spring, when it will begin accepting residents.

The nonprofit Summit by Morrison, a complex on the east side of Route 116/Whitefield Road just south of the Whitefield common, will feature a total of 83 units, to include 33 independent living apartments, 14 cottages, 24 assisted living apartments, 12 memory care and Alzheimer’s units.

It will also provide 24-hour nursing care.

The main building, the Summit House, which will be nearly 74,000 square feet, will have a two-story restaurant style dining room as well as a hair salon, cafe, auditorium, library, and convenience store.

The other buildings will comprise about 34,000 square feet.

The 25-acre campus will have walking paths, and the Summit community will offer a wide range of social activities and wellness and health programs.

A key goal of the Summit by Morrison is to allow the region’s seniors to stay in the area as they age and keep families together.

The \$26 million development is being funded with a \$24.4 million loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a \$533,000 USDA equipment loan, and a \$475,000 Community Development Block Grant.

“This is being built to government specifications and there are [fire] sprinklers in every room,” said Brooks. “It has all the things that protect people and further secure their safety. Even the side-



COURTESY PHOTO

Summit by Morrison representatives gave elected officials and representatives a tour of the under-construction senior living facility on Aug. 18. Left to right: Summit by Morrison Director of Development Mell Brooks, Morrison Board of Trustees Member Bob Fink, Sartwell Place Assisted Living Administrator Jean Niece, U.S. Rep. Ann Kuster, D-NH, Kuster’s North Country representative Brian Bresnahan, Morrison Board of Trustees Member Elaine Dana, state Rep. Troy Merner, R-Lancaster, Kuster’s intern, Jared Cape, state Sen. Jeff Woodburn, D-Whitefield, and Morrison Home Executive Director Chad Dingman.

walk will be heated in winter for safety.”

As features, it also has sound insulation between walls, radiant floor heating, and 9-foot ceilings.

Guided tours have taken place in the last few weeks and more will be scheduled, said Brooks.

Tours will include the 14 cottages located in the terraces below the Summit building itself.

“We’re hoping maybe in October to take people in and get them to sign up for a particular unit,” he said. “We have a waiting list right now for people wanting to see those.”

The general contractor for the development is Daniel Hebert Inc., of Colebrook, who has been working with scores of area businesses and sub-contractors.

“More than 750 workers have touched the Summit, and that many people throughout the area

have received a paycheck through the Summit right now,” said Brooks. “Dan Hebert has tried to use as many local people as possible in the North Country.”

They include laborers, suppliers, fabricators and a host of others, he said.

“Once we get it open, the plan is to have up to 33 new full-time jobs,” said Brooks.

The Summit by Morrison will help keep together North Country families that otherwise would have to travel several hours downstate to get the same services and accommodations, said Brooks.

The senior living community in Whitefield also fills another need for the area’s seniors.

“There are hundreds of apartments in the North Country that are income-based and sponsored by government subsidies,” said Brooks. “This is for those people

who make more than those income levels allow.”

Since 1903, The Morrison has managed its current facility at 6 Terrace St., in Whitefield, a 24-unit assisted living home and a 57-unit nursing home and rehabilitation center.

In 2014, The Morrison’s board of directors conducted a community assessment in 2014 to see what was needed. One demand was to have a project like the Summit provide a continuum-of-care living facility for the region’s older population, he said.

But no for-profit entity had wanted to invest in a senior living community in the North Country and that’s why The Morrison stepped in, said Brooks.

“We are grateful to the town of Whitefield and the partnership with The Morrison they have enjoyed for a century,” said Brooks.

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tempo bebop version of Autumn Leaves.

Down at the Lake Memphremagog waterfront under a sky full of some threatening clouds Julie Walker from Washington, D.C., Eric Vautour of Jeffersonville, Vt., and Larry Wolft of Alexandria, Va., got ready for a day on the lake, including a trip into Magog, Quebec.

“I hope the weather stays clear today,” Vautour said. “These are the last days of summer, my favorite

time of year.”

Just across the lake at the Prouty Beach camp grounds old friends Bob Warn of Canaan, Vt., with his wife Rene were having a morning coffee break with Jerry and Melanie Cutting.

The two couples camp at Prouty every year have a daily ritual of coffee hours, nap time followed by and afternoon Happy hour. The Warns winter at their camp in St. Augustine, Florida.

“The weather has been a little iffy at times but nice anyway,” Warn said. “We’ll be back next year,” he added.



PHOTO BY GORDON ALEXANDER

Marsha Cherington, left, with her friends Donna and Earl White of North Carolina. Marsha and Donna are delighted with a find of two unique sweet red onions as Earl looks over the Jams.

Statue

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ists.

The Boy Scout sculpture would join three existing works of art that commemorate the city’s heritage as a granite center made famous by its immigrants.

“We’ve erected monuments

throughout America and even the world and we only have three within the city,” said Steve Restelli, a Barre native and former Boy Scout.

On the north side of Barre sits a 1985 statute of the same Abate who was working on a model of what was to have become the Boy Scout statue at the time of his death. At the city’s main park sits

the 1924 statue known as “Youth Triumphant,” a kneeling warrior, which became part of the Barre city seal. There is also a statue of Robert Burns, erected by Scottish immigrants.

Restelli is leading a committee seeking to raise the money for the Boy Scout statue, which will be carved out of the area’s signature gray granite by local artist Giulia-

no Cecchinelli II.

“It wasn’t easy to find someone to take on the project,” Restelli said. “Artists are pretty reluctant to take over somebody else’s work and then finish it. It’s not really their own.”

But Cecchinelli agreed to do it.

“It touches on all sorts of little things that make up Barre,” Cecchinelli, a third generation granite carver, said of the project. “With Carlo Abate, it kind of ties everything together, the artist, the city where he taught drawing and modeling.”

There is no officially recognized first Boy Scout troop in the country and at least two other locations, one in Oklahoma and the other in Pennsylvania, also claim to be the home of the first U.S. Boy Scout troop.

What became Barre’s Boy Scout Troop I began in the fall of 1909 when a group of boys from the First Baptist Church’s Boys Brigade were asked by Scottish immigrant stone cutter William Foster Milne if they wanted to become Scouts.

“We voted we did,” Wallace Watt had said, recalling the moment in a 1985 interview not long before his death. Watt was 14 when the boys voted.

Once completed, the life-sized Boy Scout statue will take its place in the heart of downtown Barre, outside the old train station, another example of the city’s granite roots.

The original unfinished plaster model of a uniform-wearing Scout, another boy over his shoulders in a fireman’s carry, from the late 1930s sits on the second floor of the local library. Cecchinelli’s modern model is at the Vermont Granite Museum, in Barre.

“We absolutely love the idea and love the project and I am going to help them out with some fundraising and hopefully we can get this done,” said Barre Mayor Thomas Lauzon.



Dear Abby

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Childhood Dog Bite Victim Is Happy With Pet-Free Life

DEAR ABBY: I’m not a dog person. I’m not even an animal person. I am, however, surrounded by dog owners – my family, my husband’s family, my neighbors. Back in middle school, I was bitten several times by dogs while delivering my paper route.

My husband has been without a dog for five years (since the beginning of our relationship). Over the last six months, he has begun to ask when he can get “us” a dog. I absolutely do not want one. They’re not clean, they make “messes,” and we will constantly have to find someone to care for it when we travel. I have told him this, yet he continues asking. We can’t even agree on a hypothetical breed of dog.

I suppose I could say, “Go ahead,” with the condition that my husband will have to shoulder all pet-related responsibilities. But we both know how well that will work out. What do you think?

– WARY IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WARY: There’s a saying, “Once bitten, twice shy.” Because you have been bitten more than once, your reason for not wanting a dog seems logical. Frankly, I think it would be unfair to the animal to bring it into a household in which it wasn’t unanimously welcomed. And if you think your husband would lay the responsibility for caring for the dog on you, you should not agree.

DEAR ABBY: My 62-year-old father has recently started to streak his hair with fluorescent colors. He does it when he goes to his job and coordinates his hair color with his outfits. As far as I know, his employer has not said anything as of yet.

Also, Dad has difficulty with social cues. My mother and I

aren’t happy with his “fashion” choices and we plead with him to stop doing this. It’s embarrassing because it looks stupid and ridiculous. He claims he doesn’t care what others think and that he has flair.

Are my mother and I wrong to criticize his “flair”? Isn’t this behavior really inappropriate for a man his age? How can we convince him that he’s making a fool of himself and should stop? Your help is appreciated.

– NO FOOL LIKE AN OLD FOOL

DEAR N.F.L.A.O.F.: Repeat after me: We cannot change other people; we can only change the way we react to them. Understand that how your father presents himself reflects only on him – not you. Because you and your mother have tried reasoning with him and he refuses to listen, you all might be happier if you stop making HIS fashion choices YOUR problem.

DEAR ABBY: My wife seems to only want to have sex with me when I’m supposed to be at work. It’s really flattering, but I am at risk of losing my job. We don’t have enough savings to last more than a couple of months if I’m out of work. She wanted me to call in sick today, but I didn’t know how to say no without offending her. Help!

– JOHN IN CANADA

DEAR JOHN: Try this. Ask your wife, “Which is more important to you – me in your bed or food on the table and a roof over our heads? I’ll be home by 6 o’clock. Be ready!”

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Eugenia Last

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MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Florence Welch, 31; Arnie Hammer, 31; Jack Black, 48; Shania Twain, 52.

Happy Birthday: Stand by your beliefs, but don’t push them on others. What’s important is doing what works for you and doing it well. Common sense, preparation and recognizing what’s true and what isn’t will encourage better choices and friendships with like-minded people. Don’t make too many personal changes this year. Stick to the basics and work to stabilize your domestic environment. Your numbers are 2, 9, 16, 25, 28, 39, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work hard and save. Concentrate on securing your position and increasing your value. Updating your qualifications will allow you to present what you have to offer to a more diverse market. Romance and physical improvements are highlighted. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep impulse behavior to a minimum. If you really want change, do something constructive that will add to your comfort and improve your attitude. Focus on your surroundings and adjusting the way you live. Don’t spend money, do the work yourself. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid trouble. Being charming will work better than trying to pressure someone. Listen carefully and you’ll come to the right decision. Your priorities should be keeping the peace, romance and personal growth. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Choose to be passionate, not agitated. If someone wants too much, offer what you can and ask for as much in return. Keep the playing field equal and your relationships with others will be far less tedious. Choose simplicity over chaos. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make personal adjustments to the way you look or how you do things instead of trying to change others. Show compassion and extend a helping hand to someone close to you. Anger will solve nothing, but patience and sound solutions will. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be considerate of the people around you. Ask permission before making changes that will affect others. Be grateful for what you have, not envious of those who have more. Your attitude will make a difference in what transpires. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Prepare for advancement every way possible. Dressing for success will help you make a good impression. Keep control of your emotions and be sure you know what you are talking about. Don’t try to wing it. Love and romance are featured. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Delve into creative endeavors and choose to do the things that will help you avoid a run-in that could cause grief. Hard work and success are the best ways to handle people who oppose or irritate you. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pay more attention to the way you look. A physical challenge will prove to be exhilarating and will help ease your stress. A change of location or visiting a place you’ve never been before will encourage you to expand your beliefs. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put yourself and your family first. Refuse to let anyone take you for granted or use emotional manipulation to make you feel guilty. Take care of your own affairs. Protect your cash and possessions from fast talkers. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Head to where your skills and knowledge will be the most valuable. The input you offer will make a difference in how well you do. Don’t neglect someone you love. Sharing an emotional moment will have a profound effect on you. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pay close attention to detail and accuracy. If you want to contribute something, make sure it’s doable before you commit. A friend, peer or someone you deal with daily will give you a false impression of what’s expected of you. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, kind and appealing. You are creative and articulate.

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