

EDITORIAL & COMMENT

We are not alone. There is always an unseen power working for righteousness.
Olympia Brown

Meaningful Change Is Talk Topic March 24th

Mark McCurties, a practitioner of Christian Science healing, will present a talk titled, "How God's love can change your life and the world" on March 24th at 3 p.m. at Cheshire County Historical Society at 246 Main Street in Keene.



Mark McCurties

Millions of people are striving to make change for the better. In a world seeking positive change, McCurties says, "We all have a natural desire to improve ourselves and the world around us. In my own life, I've found that letting God, divine Love, guide and direct my efforts brings permanent and meaningful results."

"The desire to change ourselves, to improve our relationships, our life prospects can also go beyond just the boundary of our own lives and the four walls of our home. Many men and women around the world have

a sincere yearning to improve the collective experience of mankind," says McCurties. "In this lecture, I will explain how God's loving and saving power is the greatest agent for change, and that through a right understanding of God, His power can be seen and felt right here and now, bringing health and peace to the world."

The ideas in this lecture are based on the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Bible, and as discussed in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy.

McCurties has had a life-long love of the Bible and its inspiring message of individual triumph over adversity. After graduating from college, he spent a number of years in the field of education where he worked as a camp director, experiential educator, resident counselor, and athletics coach. While working with young people, he had many opportunities to witness the healing power of God, and these inspiring experiences eventually led him into the full-time public practice of Christian Science.

McCurties is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. He travels from his home in Boston, MA.

Bone Marrow Registry Drive In Keene March 18th

Baby Eliana Fights Cancer, a bone marrow registry drive, is set for Sunday, March 18th from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Bernard's Church at 173 Main Street in Keene. This Be The Match bone marrow registry drive is inspired by Baby Eliana Rouleau of Keene, who is fighting leukemia at ChaD. It is free and painless to join for ages 18 to 44. For more details, visit www.bethematch.org.

Success By Six Has Grants Available

The Success by Six Committee of the Keene and Elm City Rotary Clubs has grants available to organizations that have programs working with young children to help them start school ready to learn.

This program is limited to the local service area, which includes Keene and the towns listed in the Family Resource Guide. The Family Resource Guide is available on the web at www.keenerotary.org or www.clubrunner.ca/keeneelmcity.

Those interested in applying for a grant may send a letter with details of the request for a specific project or need to Rotary Club of Keene, Attn.: Success By Six, PO Box 126, Keene, NH 03431 or e-mail SBYSIX@gmail.com. Requests must be postmarked or received by March 30th.

Green Energy Options Celebrates Grand Re-Opening March 16th To 21st

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According to Piedmont, "The renovation project focused on creating a welcoming environment that exemplifies the nature of our business – energy conservation and efficiency. Two old and inefficient propane heaters were replaced with Mitsubishi mini splits. This 'mini-split' technology provides both heating and air conditioning with minimal power usage. We also replaced more than 200 fluorescent tube lights with LED lighting."

This spring, solar panels will cover the building's 7,000-square-foot roof. In addition to covering the electricity load for all the businesses in the building, the panels will power nearby Southwest Community Services low income housing for seniors.

On Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m., Rex James will present a primer on solar power. James will share how solar works and the basics of net metering; financial benefits, incentives and rebates; how to understand one's electric bill, and how to offset your energy uses; project design and sizing; and solar equipment and their guarantees. As a part of the Green Energy Options Solar team, James meets with homeowners

to discuss their goals for energy independence. He walks each potential customer through the initial solar site assessment and proposes a design to meet their specific energy-saving needs. James has 25 years of solar design and installation experience and works with other members of the GEO team to bring each PV proposal through completion.

Green Energy Options is a member of Monadnock Buy Local, a regional network that promotes the local economy, as well as a certified B Corporation. The B-Corp Handbook defines the designation this way: "Certified B Corporations use their businesses as a force for good, meeting the highest standards of verified overall social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability, and aspire to use the power of business to solve social and environmental problems."

Folks are invited to visit the store and let Owen Travers, Lenoir McDougal, Bruce Elliot, Taryn Fischer, Iris Piedmont-Fleischmann, James, Fleischmann or Piedmont offer a tour of the building and share their collective expertise. Call 603-358-3444 for more details about the Grand Opening Ceremony, stove sale, and solar presentation. For more details about Green Energy Options, visit www.GreenEnergyOptions.com.

The Clothing Minute

with Ben Wichland



Cotton Lawn

In the world fabric, feeling is believing. Never has this concept been more true than with cotton lawn. Lawn cloth, or lawn, is a plain weave textile, made from cotton, as the name would suggest, although originally lawn fabric was made using linen. In fact, the name comes from Laon, a city in France, once considered the center for lawn manufacture when it was still made from linen.

Popularized in the 1970s by Tori Richard, the Honolulu, Hawaii-based company, the fabric is a staple of warm weather, not to mention extremely fashionable, clothing. All you need do is touch it to understand why it's so popular. It's made with very long fine cotton fibers, with a high thread count, resulting in a garment with supple drapes and an untextured, silky smooth feel. It's the perfect choice for the guy who wants an easy-care, all-cotton shirt that is lightweight and holds its shape. Available in patterns, Aztec designs, and florals, it pairs beautifully with everything from Tommy Bahama shorts, or a casual pair of Enzo dress jeans, to a linen suit, for that mid-summer wedding.

Haberdasher's Tip: Treat yourself to the baby-soft feel of a lawn shirt. Until you feel it against your skin, you don't know what you're missing.

Ben Wichland is a professional haberdasher with Miller Bros. - Newton on Main Street in Keene. He can be reached at 603-352-3039.

MYSTERY PHOTO

from THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

The dirt road shown in this early 1900s photos in now a state highway. The white building in the distance was a one room schoolhouse. In what town was this photo taken?



The first person to answer the question correctly at 9 a.m. or after on Friday will receive a \$10 Gift Certificate from the Marco Polo Gardens. Call The Monadnock Shopper News, West Street in Keene, at 603-352-5296. You may win only one contest every three months. Only one call per person per week. No walk-ins, please.

(Prepared by the Historical Society of Cheshire County)

There was no winner of last week's Mystery Photo contest. The fifth grade class photo was taken at Tilden School in Keene.



Fitzwilliam Community Church Shows Series Of Movies Leading Up To Easter

The Fitzwilliam Community Church will be showing a series of movies leading up to Easter on Thursdays during Lent in March. A dinner of soup, salad, bread, and beverages will also be served.

Reverend Craig will present some of his favorite movies about the Christ story in the Fellowship Hall. Participants can bring camp chairs if it will be more comfortable than the regular chairs.

On March 15th at 6 p.m., *Jesus Christ Superstar* is a Norman Jewison film adaptation of the Andrew Lloyd Weber Broadway play of Christ's story as a mash up of ancient Jerusalem and 70s era culture. A movie with big hair, bell-bottoms, and an award-winning sound track.

On March 22nd at 6 p.m., *Jesus Of Montreal* – a winner of Cannes Film Jury Prize and nominee for a 1989

Academy Award – is about a young playwright who is asked to jazz up the staid old passion play for a Montreal Religious Shrine. The playwright hires the "wrong type" of people to be the actors and scandalizes the establishment. Fame tempts the playwright and the actors become hard pressed to distinguish between their on-stage and off-stage lives. Note: There is sex in this film.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29th service will be held at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Lenten Dinner served before the service starting at 6 p.m.

A sunrise service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1st at the end of Howeville Road. There will be carpooling from the church. After the service, a Pancake Breakfast will be served at the church, followed by the usual 10 a.m. service.

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