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Neighbors: Greenfield fireworks the best in years

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Hello neighbor.

I'm sure those of you who attended the fireworks in Greenfield on Sunday night woke up Monday morning still in awe. They were magnificent — the best I've seen in many years.

I sat on Lunt field and watched — a little away from the more-crowded Beacon Field and the field behind the middle school, though there had to be at least 500 people at Lunt.

From the time the first shell rose into the clear night sky above Poet's Seat Tower to the last of what can only be described as a spectacular finale, there was no time for boredom. For a half-hour, the sky was lit up with the most brilliant colors, and all types of different fireworks.

Atlas PyroVision Productions of Jaffrey, N.H., didn't let a moment go by without light dancing above.

Last year I watched with grandson Justin, his mom and some friends and it was nice, but I remember that when they were over, we all said our good-byes and headed for our vehicles with just a little chatter, dismayed that we were going to have to fight heavy traffic.

This year, people screamed, hooted, hollered, applauded, whistled, and didn't seem in a hurry to leave.

"Amazing," "awesome," "spectacular" and "brilliant" were just a few of the words I heard yelled from the crowd at Lunt.

Atlas definitely made good on the promise it made to the town, and I think on Sunday, Greenfield became the place to be for Fourth of July fireworks. I can't wait to see what it gets next year.

Enjoy your week!

SHELBURNE FALLS MILITARY BAND will perform Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the band shell at Buckland Elementary School on Mechanic Street in Shelburne Falls.

UPPER BUCKLAND CITY DAY will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Upper Street in Buckland. Activities will include a book sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Buckland Public Library. Blueberry buckle with homemade ice cream will be sold from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn of Buckland Historical Society.

The Motion Man will perform at 11 a.m. at the library, and there will be a chicken barbecue from noon to 1 p.m. at Mary Lyon Church. For reservations for the barbecue, call Doug and Penny at 413-628-3231.

Shelburne Falls Military Band will perform from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in front of the church, the museum will be open to the public (free admission), and there will be walking tours and a bake and yard sale at the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN SOUTH DEERFIELD will hold a Blessing of the Motorcycles event on Sunday, with registration for the ride beginning at 9 a.m. at Wisley Funeral Home on Sugarloaf Street. The ride will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a barbecue at Holy Family Church around noontime.

There will be raffles.

The cost to ride is \$20, which includes the barbecue. The barbecue is \$10 per person for those who don't ride.

MOUNT GRACE LAND CONSERVATION TRUST will offer a digital photography workshop at Skyfields Arboretum, 1461 Old Keen Road in Athol on July 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Phillipston photographer Norm Eggert, who specializes in images of rural New England, will give the workshop, which will be a basic overview of digital photography. Participants will have some time outdoors to take pictures of the arboretum and surrounding fields and woods.

The cost is \$10 for non members of Mount Grace. It's free for members. The workshop will be limited to 20 people.

Registration is required, so contact David Kotker at 978-248-2055, ext. 19 or email him at: kotker@mountgrace.org. For more information about David, visit: www.eggphoto.com.

"GREAT GODS AND LITTLE FISHES," the newest work by Northfield artist Charles Shaw, will be on display at Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls from Aug. 2 through Aug. 31. The center is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The primitive paintings are created using plaster and recycled materials. For more information, visit: www.greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org.

OUR NEIGHBORS JOSH AND TERRY KOPINTO of Northfield are proud of their 16-year-old granddaughter Anna Cook of Winchester, N.H., who recently received the Reserve Championship in the barrel racing event in the Pinto World Show in Tulsa, Okla. Anna trained her horse Olena. She belongs to the Swanzey (N.H.) Saddles 4-H Club and has participated in many local horse events in this area.

Congratulations!

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