

Energy contest underway in Kent

The Kent Energy and Environmental Task Force is sponsoring a carbon (energy) reduction contest for Kent residents and businesses.

The Kent Carbon Challenge, which began July 1, is a year-long energy conservation contest.

Three prizes will go to the participating homes or businesses that reduce energy use by the greatest percentage as compared to the previous year.

A point system will be used to determine the

winners.

People who commit to the challenge will be encouraged to take advantage of KEETF grant money for a home energy audit offered by Northeast Utilities and participate in the Clean Energy Option available through CL&P.

The goal is to have 200 homes and businesses participate in the challenge.

For more information, visit www.kentEdrive.org or e-mail contactus@kent-Edrive.org.

BUSINESS BUZZ

■ The VNA Northwest Thrift Shop in New Preston is holding a bag sale through Oct. 30.

The store, located in the Armoury Building at 233 Litchfield Turnpike, is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations of clothing and houseware items will be accepted at the store or at the VNA Northwest at 607 Bantam Road, Bantam.

For more information, call 860-567-6000.

■ Jennifer Krizan and Alexis Van Sauter of Joe's Salon in New Milford recently honed their hair styling and coloring skills at the Redken

Exchange in New York City.

The two worked with stylists from around the globe on advanced salon techniques in classes and photo shoots.

For more information, call Jennifer or Alexis at 860-354-4806.

The Business Buzz is a Spectrum feature for local businesses to announce openings, anniversaries, personnel changes and other news. Information should be mailed or dropped off at The Greater New Milford Spectrum, 45B Main St., New Milford, CT 06776; faxed to 860-350-6794; or e-mailed to drose@news-times.com.

Signup underway for animal CPR class

The public is invited to attend an animal first aid and CPR class in New Milford in coming days.

Classes will be held Nov. 1 and 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Richmond Citizen Center in New Milford, with the final class and exam set Nov. 5 at the Animal Wel-

fare Society at 8 Dodd Road.

The cost is \$55, which covers supplies and donations to be given to Noah's Wish and the animal shelter.

For more information and registration, call the AWS at 860-354-1350 by Oct. 29.



Welcome to our new home

Agriventures Agway made its debut earlier this month at its new home on Route 7 South in New Milford, about a mile down the road from its former site at the intersection with Larson Road. Top photo, co-owner Brian Leonard, left, chats with patron Terrence James during the outlet's grand opening at the former Mark Ford auto dealership. Mr. Leonard's partner is Dave O'Leary. Below left, Agway staffer Missy Schafer, 17, a New Milford High School senior, helps a customer on opening day. Below right, from day one the store has been well stocked with merchandise.



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A rewarding 'Taste'

The \$6,000 in proceeds of the IA Taste of New Milford event held recently on the Village Green are presented here by the New Milford Chamber of Commerce and Nicholas/Tobin Insurance to the Community Culinary School of Northwestern Connecticut. Sharing the moment are, from left to right, Chamber president Bill Babbino, Richard Herrington, the president of Nicholas/Tobin Insurance, Dawn Hammacott, executive director of the culinary school, Angela Viccaro of the Chamber, who assisted in the planning of the event, and Jeffrey Kilberg, a partner at Nicholas/Tobin Insurance.

Roxbury collecting unused cell phones

The town of Roxbury is collecting unused cell phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers, a non-profit organization founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist, of Norwell, Mass., with \$21 of their own money.

Since then, almost \$1 million in donations has been raised and more

than 500,000 prepaid calling cards have been distributed to troops serving overseas.

Donated phones will be sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones to Soldiers for each phone, enough to provide one hour of phone service for soldiers.

Approximately half

of the phones ReCellular processes are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in more than 40 countries around the world.

Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled to reclaim materials, including gold, silver and platinum from

circuit boards; copper wiring from phone chargers; nickel, iron, cadmium and lead from battery packs; and plastic from phone cases and accessories.

Phones may be dropped off at the selectmen's office at Roxbury town hall at 29 North St. (Route 67).

BNI meeting to focus on 'design and build'

The BNI: On Track chapter in New Milford will meet Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7 a.m.

Dave Seegers of Hud-

son Valley Preservation in Sherman will be the guest speaker, discussing the "Design and Build Process" HVP per-

forms at the railroad station on Railroad Street.

The On Track chapter meets every Thursday at 7 a.m. at the railroad

station.

For more information, call chapter president Wayne Locke at 203-743-0131.

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