

The Phillips Area Vitalizer

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Fabric Shop Opens in Phillips

Deb Black and Rachelle Knight, a mother-daughter team, have opened Dark Star Fabrics at 30 Main Street in downtown Phillips.

The shop features bright, creative fabric for quilters along with quilts and quilting supplies. A collection of fabrics designed by Aboriginal artists and imported from Australia has been attracting attention. The building includes a comfortable meeting room where the Narrow Gauge Quilters and the Community Fiber Group have already met. Quilting classes are coming early next year.

Rachelle offers long-arm quilting services for quilters who need to complete their projects. Dark Star Fabrics also has a display area where quilters can present their work. Anne Baker of Avon is this month's featured quilter.

Deb and her husband Les, a real estate broker with the Maine Real Estate Network, bought the building in June. Deb, Rachelle and Rachelle's husband Luke spent several months restoring the building.

Deb is an experienced retail store owner. She ran her own Christmas store for over a decade in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Rachelle has worked in numerous retail stores and now works at the White Elephant in Strong. Both are avid quilters.

Dark Star Fabrics is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. For more information, visit DarkStarFabrics.com and like Dark Star Fabrics at [Facebook.com/DarkStarFabrics](https://www.facebook.com/DarkStarFabrics).

Newly Formed Band to Play at the PACC, Nov. 18

They call themselves Crooked Bill. It's a new band, with a new sound, but with the same local musicians we know and love: Mike Worthley, Mike O'Brien, and Bill Colwell. Their debut performance will be at the Phillips Area Community Center (PACC) on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The show begins at 7 pm and admission is \$10 adults, \$5 children. This is a benefit performance and all proceeds will help support the PACC. Drinks and refreshments will be available by donation.

PACC Holiday Pie Sale Looking for Bakers, Buyers

Would you like to bake pie(s) for Pies for PACC this year? This is one of the Community Center's biggest fundraisers of the year, and they usually sell A LOT of pies!

Here's the scoop:

- 1. Sign up by calling one of the PACC's committee members (below), and pledge to make one or more pies.**
- 2. Let them know what kind of pie(s) you will make, so they can find a buyer.**

3. Bring your pie(s) to the PACC on Tuesday, Nov. 21 between 2 and 3 p.m. (or arrange for a PACC member to pick it up earlier, or deliver it to one of them earlier)

That's it. They'll have some pretty pink bakery boxes in which to place your pie(s) before it's sold, and will have all of the pies available for pick up (for pre-sales) and for that-day shopping, from 3 to 6 p.m. on the 21st, at the PACC.

If you or anyone you know would like to pre-order a specific pie, please ask them to call a PACC member. Pies will cost \$14 to \$16, depending on size and type.

Also, new this year, if you just can't make a pie even if your life depends on it, but you'd love to make another baked good (rolls, cake, you name it) that PACC could sell, let them know; they'll be happy for the donation! Just make sure to bake what you've said you'll bake, as they'll be trying to pre-sell your item!

Pies for PACC committee: Winona Davenport, 639-4296 - Sandra Curtis, 639-5304 - Pam Matthews, 639-2630.

News Briefs & Updates . . .

The 2018 Old Home Days Theme will be decided at the Phillips Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6 pm in the Shadagee Common Room. All are invited.

SRBA Meeting & Holiday Party: The Sandy River Business Association will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Nov 15, at the Phillips Community House on Main St. starting at 6 pm. This is the SRBA's annual holiday party and is a potluck. A brief business meeting will open the evening and the rest will be given over to dinner and a Yankee Swap.

A Christmas Craft Fair and Lunch will be hosted by the Phillips Community Church on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 to 2 pm. The event at the Community House on Main Street is a good place to find reasonably priced Christmas gifts and a way to support local crafters and the Community Church. Proceeds of the craft sales will be used for upkeep of the Community House. The church's **Children's Shopping Day** is set for Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 to 1 at the Avon Town Hall.

A Holiday Craft and Vendor Sale beginning at 9 am on Saturday, Nov. 25, in the Avon Town Hall will be hosted by the Margie Toothaker Scholarship Committee.

Thanksgiving Service: Reeds Mill Church will again hold a special worship service at 10:00 am Thanksgiving morning. The Rev. David W. Smith, pastor of the Wilton Congregational Church, will lead the service. Come to the church in the wildwood to truly honor the reason we celebrate this holiday. For directions or more information go to www.reedsmillchurch.org or call 639-2713.

The Band "Crooked Bill" will play at the PACC on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 pm. (Note date change: The last *Vitalizer* incorrectly listed the date as Nov. 9.)

Meeting and Event Schedule . . .

Nov. 7 - The Phillips Area Community Center board meets on Tuesday, 4:30 pm at the school

Nov. 9 - Phillips Chamber of Commerce meets 6 pm at Shadagee Common Room

Nov. 14 - Selectmen meet, Tuesday, 6 pm, Phillips Town Office

Nov. 28 - Selectmen meet, Tuesday, 6 pm, Phillips Town Office

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