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## Inflatable fun at Lunenburg Town Fair



Enjoying an inflatable toy at yesterday's seventh annual Lunenburg Town Fair are, from left, Abigail Billings, 8, of Shirley, Tom Bodkan, 8, of Lunenburg, Sam Morse, 6, of Lunenburg, Timmy Billings, 4, of Shirley, and Ashley Billings, 8, of Shirley. **More photos from the event on Page 3.**

## Candlelight vigil decries shutting of Fitchburg mental-health facility

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FITCHBURG — Fitchburg's Phil Cormier knows a thing or two about the importance of mental health. As an individual who once sought out treatment "after my life fell apart" and later as a hospital worker himself, the 57-year-old has seen his share of mental-health work and doesn't doubt its importance.

He shared some of his experiences and urged the more than 50 in attendance during Sunday night's candlelight vigil for the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Massachusetts to educate themselves



From left, Carolyn Droser, who works in Fitchburg, Marsha Aucoin of Fitchburg and Peggy Aho of Gardner take part in a candlelight vigil for the National Alliance on Mental Illness of North Central Massachusetts on Sunday night at Fitchburg's Upper Common.

and others about the importance of helping those with mental issues.

"There was a time when I could see the sun, but I was not able to feel its warmth,"

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## Lunenburg turns out for seventh annual Town Fair



The seventh annual Lunenburg Town Fair was held yesterday under sunny skies. **Clockwise from left:** Tara Bierwagen, 14, of Lunenburg, enjoys a caramel apple; Tom Kendrick, 16, of Lunenburg, a music aide at Lunenburg High School, uses a bullhorn to ask for support and donations; Sarah Demers, 14, of Lunenburg, prepares a chocolate-covered banana at the chocolate fountain booth, which supported the Lunenburg High School Class of 2014; Rose Beardmore, 8, of Lunenburg, uses face-paint and stuffed animals as a fashion statement; and Lunenburg students — from left, Arthur Gagnon, 17, Josh Hennessy, 12, and Megan Lordan, 13 — voluntarily lock themselves in a makeshift jail to raise money for the Lunenburg Student Council.

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# Weekender

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## All's fair in Lunenburg



Percey Dailey, 5, of Lowell, enjoys some cotton candy at the annual Lunenburg Town Fair on Sunday. She says the sweet treat is easier to eat since losing her two front teeth.



From left, Hannah Robuccio, 7, and Allison Storms, 7, both of Lunenburg, take a break from the inflatable rides and games to do some shopping.



Maureen Hovey and Lynn Cumming, both of Lunenburg, help raise funds for Lunenburg High School football.

## \$30K on the line in audio essay contest

VFW-sponsored student competition deadline Nov. 1

"Does my generation have a role in America's future?" is the theme of this year's Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary. The grand prize is a \$30,000 scholarship.

Townsend VFW Post #6538 and its Ladies Auxiliary and Pepperell VFW Post #3291 and its Ladies Auxiliary are co-sponsoring the program at North Middlesex Regional High School, Lunenburg High School and Nashoba Valley Technical High School.

The program is open to any students in grades 9 through 12. Young people who attend schools where the program is not being conducted by a VFW Post and/or its Auxiliary or who are enrolled in an approved home-school program may enter the Townsend-Pepperell program by submitting their entry to the Townsend Post Chairman Norman Richard, Townsend VFW Auxiliary Chairman Mae Tenney, Pepperell VFW Post Chairman Tony Saboliasukas or Pepperell VFW Auxiliary Chairman Dorothy Clary.

The winner of the Townsend-Pepperell contest will receive \$300 in United States Saving Bonds. A \$200 bond will be awarded to the second-place winner, while the third-place winner will receive a \$100 bond. Winners will move on to the district competition.

To enter the Voice of Democracy competition, each contestant must write his/her essay addressing the theme and then record it on an audio cassette tape or a CD, taking not more than three minutes. The script as read by the student should be the only sound on the tape or CD. No music, special effects, or background sounds will be allowed.

Participants cannot identify themselves, their school, city, or state within their written essay or recording. However, they should label their cassette tape or CD and label the copy of their written essay. Their name, address, and school should be listed on a 2010-11 Official Voice of Democracy Competition Entry Form, which can be downloaded at [www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/VOID%20Entry%20Form.pdf](http://www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/VOID%20Entry%20Form.pdf)

All recorded entries, accompanied by a typed copy of the script and a completed official entry form, must be submitted to a Townsend or Pepperell Voice of Democracy chairman by Nov. 1.

## Daffodils descend on Fitchburg

FITCHBURG — The Laurewood Garden Club will plant about 1,000 daffodil bulbs in downtown Fitchburg on Friday as part of its efforts to help beautify the city.

Members will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Fitchburg Public Library, 610 Main St., and are asked to bring all necessary planting equipment such as trowels, shovels, gloves, etc. Parking is available in the

parking lot in back of the library. For information, call Rosemarie Boyd at 978-424-3038.

The Laurewood Garden Club aims to introduce the pleasure of gardening to residents of surrounding communities and strives to beautify the city of Fitchburg and its environs. All residents of North Central Massachusetts who are interested in gardening are welcome to join.