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THE TIP

HE HOPES SANDWICH EXHIBIT BUGS YOU

You'll have to forgive the pun, but there really has been quite a bit of buzz around the Heritage Museums & Gardens new exhibit of David Rogers's Big Bugs. The sculptor uses whole trees, cut green saplings, dry branches, and other forest materials to create 25-foot-long ants and dragonflies with 17-foot wingspans. The Heritage exhibit features three ants, a dragonfly and damselfly, an assassin bug, a praying mantis, a spider on a web, a ladybug, and a daddy longlegs, all scattered throughout the grounds of the Sandwich museum. The Big Bugs are busy: Since 1994, they have toured botanical gardens and nature centers — even Disney World — promoting preservation and conservation.

HERITAGE MUSEUMS & GARDENS 67 Grove St., Sandwich. 508-888-3300, heritagemuseumsandgardens.org. Daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through Sept. 1, then 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Oct. 26.

CHRIS MORRIS

THE TIP

RARE BREEDS IN A RHODE ISLAND 'VILLAGE'

NEWPORT, R.I. — Learn about heritage breed livestock at the Swiss Village during its annual Visitors Day on June 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Located on a 45-acre estate, SVF Foundation is the only organization in the country dedicated to conserving rare heritage livestock breeds by freezing their semen and embryos, a technique called cryopreservation. Once a year this nonprofit opens to the public for tours and a look at what it does and why it's important. Rare or heritage livestock breeds carry valuable traits such as resistance to disease and parasites, heat tolerance, and unique flavors and textures. Younger children will enjoy seeing animals such as Chip, a rare Myotonic or "fainting" goat, and sheep being sheared (results pictured below). Middle-schoolers may be intrigued by the release of liquid nitrogen as part of cryogenics demonstrations. Adults can chat with veterinarians and scientists about the foundation's work. The striking stone architecture is a draw in itself. Built in 1916 by Arthur Curtiss James, Swiss Village was modeled after a village in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. Parking will be at Fort Adams State Park (84 Fort Adams Drive), with free trolley transportation from there.

SWISS VILLAGE 152 Harrison Ave., Newport, R.I. 401-848-7229, svffoundation.org, admission and parking free.

ELLEN ALBANESE



THE TIP

JETBLUE ADDS A NYC-HYANNIS DAILY

JetBlue is offering new nonstop service between New York and Hyannis. Starting June 26, the airline will offer one daily flight connecting JFK Airport to Barnstable Municipal Airport. The seasonal service between the Big Apple and the "Capital of the Cape" will operate through Sept. 9.

"Cape Cod is one of the iconic gateway destinations in the Northeast," said JetBlue's president, Robin Hayes. "This . . . solidifies our commitment to New England. Hyannis will mark our ninth destination in the region."

JetBlue also offers nonstop flights from New York to Nantucket and to Martha's Vineyard. 800-JETBLUE (538-2583), www.jetblue.com

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BOSTON ROOFTOP LOUNGE OPENS

Looking for an oasis in the heart of the city? The Revere Hotel Boston Common has opened Rooftop @ Revere for the summer season. Enjoy cocktails, creative cuisine, and ambient music in the 16,000-square-foot lounge and al-fresco bar located seven stories above street level. Loll on oversized daybeds or in hanging egg chairs and lounge seating just steps away from the hotel's indoor swimming pool. A summer survival package pairs overnight accommodations with two complimentary cocktails, seasonal fruit plate, sunscreen, and tabloid reading. Rates from \$329. Non-hotel guests (21 and older) may access pool, changing rooms, and deck: Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in June; daily from July 1, \$30 includes towel. Season passes \$400. Complimentary entry after 5 p.m. 617-482-1800, www.reverehotel.com

FOOD TRUCKS, BEER, AND MUSIC

Bring your appetite to the first-ever Fork in the Road Food Truck Festival June 14 at the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion in Boston's Seaport district. The event will feature Harpoon Brewery favorites — IPA, Summer, UFO White, UFO Big Squeeze Shandy — live music, and over a dozen of Boston's best food trucks (some pictured at right) including Bon Me, Boston's Baddest Burger, The Bacon Truck, Captain Marden's Seafoods, The Dining Car, The Taco Truck, Fugu, and Stoked Woodfire Piz-za. The festival will happen rain or shine, noon-10 p.m. \$15. Children age 12 and under free. 617-782-7117, www.forkintheroadfest.com

ARTS FESTIVAL IN COHASSET

Celebrate the arts — and dads — at the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on the historic Cohasset Common on Father's Day weekend (June 13-15). Now in its 59th year, this family-friendly event features a sprawling tent housing a Juried Art Exhibition and Members' Show, 100 juried craft exhibitor booths, food, and a performance stage. Nibble fresh lobster rolls



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and homemade strawberry shortcake sold by neighboring church groups while listening to live jazz, bluegrass, and Americana music. Artists share their talents throughout the weekend. A trolley shuttles visitors from satellite parking to the event. Fri 1-7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. 781-383-2787, www.ssac.org/festival.asp

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MONTANA MOUNTAIN BIKE CAMPS

Combine rigorous mountain biking experiences with high-end lodge accommodations and chef-prepared meals at the Montana Mountain Biking Camp hosted by The Cycling House. Two all-inclusive weeklong camps in Whitefish will feature professionally guided and supported rides averaging 20-35 miles per day, accommodations, and meals (June 24-29, Aug. 24-29). Riders will enjoy single-track, breathtaking views over Whitefish Lake and into Glacier National Park. The lodge offers access to miles of hiking and running trails, and is two miles from a microbrewery, restaurants, art galleries, and more in downtown Whitefish. Appropriate for those with intermediate to expert mountain biking skills. \$1,795 per person. 406-219-1318, www.theyclinghouse.com

LODGE DEBUTS IN THE DOLOMITES

For the ultimate room with a panoramic view (at 5,900 feet) of the Dolomites in Italy's south Tyrol, reserve one of 30 guest suites and chalets at the Mountain Lodge (pictured at right), Adler Resorts' fourth hotel, scheduled to debut on July 3. In the main lodge, find a cavernous lounge with open fireplace, spacious sun terrace, restaurant, wellness and spa facilities, and infinity pool. Room rates start at \$284 per person, per night on a full-board basis, including soft drinks and selection of Italian fine wines and liquors. Includes access to spa, and full program of activities such as guided skiing, hiking, mountain

biking, and yoga at sunset. Book by phone or e-mail. 011-39-0471-775-001, info@adler-lodge.com, www.adler-lodge.com

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