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HCMS Chorus Performs Bye Bye Birdie

PRODUCTION NOTES

The production staff includes Mr. Robert Stevenson who is the music and drama teacher at HCMS and producer of BYE BYE BIRDIE, Mrs. Laura Moodie, who is a sixth grade classroom teacher and assistant drama coach at HCMS, Mr. James Graham, a student at Woodsville High School, and mentor in drama, Mrs. Elaine Kiessling, substitute teacher in Haverhill, certified personal chef, and box office director for BYE BYE BIRDIE, and Ms. Jo Ann Winn, life skills teacher at HCMS, costume mistress, and assistant coach for BIRDIE. The Broadway musical is an annual project of the entire 100-voice HCMS chorus. Two years ago we produced THE SOUND OF MUSIC, last year was OLIVER, and now the 1958 smash hit, BYE BYE BIRDIE. All chorus members participate in the show and are eligible to audition for the main principal roles. Students not in chorus help with stage, lights, sound effects, usher and makeup crews. The activity is self sustaining and does not receive school funds. The only income comes from ticket sales. The production is a graded activity and is included in the 3rd quarter report card.

STORY

It is 1958 and Elvis Presley is at the top of his musical career. However, his name was already a copyrighted commodity, the name Conrad Birdie was born. Like Elvis, he is about to go into the army. His manager and producer, Albert Peterson, wants to take advantage of his pending induction, and televise his departure. He arranges with the leaders of the small town of Sweetapple, Ohio to welcome Conrad and stage a publicity "kiss" goodbye for the world to witness. A young schoolgirl from the town, Kim MacAfee, was chosen to be kissed but her boyfriend gets jealous. He thinks that Kim is actually in love with Conrad and assaults him on the air. All of this happens at a special appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show and Albert is left to figure it all out. Does Albert get rich? Does Kim get her kiss? Does Conrad get out of this mess alive? Come see and hear the fun. Go back to a time when things were much simpler and phones had dials.

BEFORE THE CURTAIN GOES UP

The first two pieces of this article come from Mr. Stevenson and staff. But they do not begin to tell the whole story.



As mentioned, this program is not funded by tax dollars. It is entirely self sustained. Most may think that could only be a couple of hundred dollars for some props or costumes or advertising. In fact the production will cost about three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Most of this is to pay for the right to produce this show, including the rental of song and script books. That means some serious fund raising.

The obvious funding source is tickets sales. Please note that seats to any of the productions are limited.

Reserving tickets is recommended to ensure a seat. Tickets may still be available at the door if not sold out.

The chorus will also be selling refreshment during the performances. Plus t-shirts and sweatshirts commemorating Bye Bye Birdie will also be on sale.

Along with all this needed funding it should be repeated that there are one hundred students in the HCMS chorus. This means one hundred children taking part in this production. All of those one hundred were given the opportunity to try

out for one of the parts in the production. In some cases more than one student was given the chance to perform the part. As Mr. Stevenson put it, there are no understudies. Each student who wants to perform will be given the time to perform. It is one of the reasons for the six performances.

It should also be noted that the students are being graded on their participation in Bye Bye Birdie, not on their performance. Grades are given out for effort not just quality.

And if grades for teachers were given out for effort there would certainly be an "A" for Mr. Stevenson. Twenty-one years at HCMS and he still puts his heart and soul into providing a good music and drama education for his students.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Bye Bye Birdie. Once you hear the music you'll remember. Or maybe it will take the Elvis hips. Or maybe the poodle skirts. Whatever your trigger is, you are sure to enjoy the students and the production.

With Mr. Stevenson at the keyboard, and at the helm, some of the 100 students take their place on stage during rehearsal just one week before production begins.

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Treating Your Body Like a Computer: Trouble Shooting Tips

*Adapted by Deb Maes, Extension Educator for Family and Consumer Resources,
UNH Cooperative Extension, Grafton County*

Alice Henneman is an Extension Educator from Nebraska who has a wonderful way of taking information and making it easy for all of us to understand and relate to. Enjoy her take on how important it is to for each of us to take care of our own body.

If your body was a computer, would you be receiving "error" messages? Is it running slower? Does it take longer to boot up every morning? Consider these suggestions to optimize your performance and prevent a dreaded "crash".

Are you trying to run too many programs at the same time?

You might be making too many demands on your system. Shut down some programs (activities). Have you invited your best friends over

for dinner and find you don't have time to cook a meal from scratch? Divide up the meal and make it a potluck. Does your hair take too long to fix in the morning? Get an easy to manage style and save yourself some time and aggravation every day.

We've prided ourselves on our ability to multi-task. New research out of Massachusetts Institute of Technology finds that multi-tasking can be less efficient than doing one task at a time, especially if the task is complex. You may think you can switch back and forth easily, but you are probably not paying enough attention to each task.

Are you trying to find time to cook meals and get some exercise? Designate cooking days where you prepare meals that can be easy to get ready on workout

days. Plan a stew that can cook while you are doing yoga or taking a walk.

If you insist on multi-tasking, consider combining two actions that don't demand as much input from your system. For example, work out on the treadmill while watching TV or listen to music while you are cooking.

Is your anti-virus software up-to-date and running?

Do you catch every cold or flu you come in contact with? Are you eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep, getting enough physical activity and finding ways to reduce stress? The cost and time for "repairs" may be greater than the amount needed for prevention.

Is your battery dangerously low?

Recharge your battery before it loses power completely. Stephen Covey, author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, advocates a balanced program for self-renewal in your physical, social/emotional, mental and spiritual lives. Start by eating healthy foods, being physically active, making meaningful connections with others, stimulating your mind, and devoting time to spiritual renewal by spending time enjoying nature, music, prayer or service to others.

Are you bogged down by unneeded files and programs?

Remove anything from your life that isn't needed and slows down your overall performance. Do you still belong to a club or organiza-

tion that no longer meets your needs or interests? Is there something else you would rather be doing? It may be time to move on.

Do you need to hit "escape," "undo" or "delete?"

Your computer offers several options if you change your mind about a decision. Offer yourself the same choices. If you always say "yes" to a request for help, practice saying "no." If that seems too harsh, you could say "Not at this time, ask me again later," or "I can't serve as club president this coming year, but I would be happy to help organize the holiday party." You stay involved without being overwhelmed.

It's time to reboot.

Now that you've finished trouble-shooting your personal system, consider making some changes. Then, reboot your body and enjoy the benefits.

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Pearl Harbor survivor and former Police Chief of Haverhill John Roden receives a 50 year continuous member award from Ross-Wood Post 20 American Legion Commander Gary Scruton. The award took place during the post's monthly meeting on March 10.

Cottage Hospital... Dedicated To The Community



Woodsville, NH – As the state of Vermont paused to participate in the Town Meeting process on March 2, 2010, so did Cottage Hospital's CEO Maria Ryan. Maria joined the town of Bradford for their town meeting and lunch at the Grace United Methodist Church.

As the local community hospital, Cottage Hospital recognizes the importance of these community forums and took this opportunity to address the town on the commitment Cottage Hospital has for their healthcare needs.

During the lunch break, Ryan addressed the residents about the Charity Care that Cottage Hospital had given for the previous fiscal

year totaling \$1,458,415.00 for all the population served and \$43,789.00 for over 500 occurrences in Bradford alone. She also shared this information at the town meeting during the afternoon session.

Ryan explained to the audience that "Cottage Hospital is committed to being there for you so if you have a choice... Choose Cottage Hospital."

Cottage Hospital is a 25 bed, critical access hospital serving the beautiful Upper Connecticut River Valley. For additional information regarding Cottage Hospital and any of our services, visit us on the web at www.cottagehospital.org, or call (603) 747-9000.

Abby Kennedy Named New Cottage Hospital Board Chair

Woodsville, NH – As Cottage Hospital goes into a new era with recently appointed CEO, Dr. Maria Ryan there will be a shift in tides in the boardroom as well.

Abby Kennedy, long time resident of the Woodsville community, will take over the reins as the Cottage Hospital Board Chair succeeding Stephan Elliot after his two-term run as board chair.

Ms. Kennedy has served on the Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees for over 20 years serving four terms as board chair. She looks forward to the opportunity to lead again in a tumultuous time for healthcare.

"I look at this as an opportunity, building on the solid foundation laid by Reg Lavoie, (Cottage Hospital's former CEO) and Steve Elliott. I am cognizant of the challenges in healthcare that lie ahead for Cottage Hospital and New Hampshire and am committed to the new possibilities and positive change." Stated Kennedy

Kennedy has spent the past 32 years in healthcare, of which the past 22 have been as Practice manager for Dr. Patty Pratt. She has also been an officer of the Woodsville Fire Department for 13 years. Abby resides in Bath with her husband, Brad and son Zack.

Maria Ryan, Cottage



Hospital CEO remarked, "Abby is a true asset to this hospital and our community. She is committed to awareness of healthcare and how it will affect our community. She has a high level of respect from her peers, our medical staff and our hospital staff."

Kennedy looks forward to the future with hope and determination to build relationships with other hospital boards and healthcare organizations, explaining that

"we are all in similar positions with the future of healthcare and collaborating will improve our skills to effectively lead our organizations into the future."

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Cottage Hospital Variety Show

The annual Cottage Hospital Variety show will take place on Saturday, March 27 at 7 PM at the Woodsville community Building. This year's show will include a wide variety of acts including: Cheer, Dance, Yodeling, Piano, Vocal, Magic and Much, Much More.

The event also allows for those attending to help out three different organizations. Ticket sales for the show will benefit the advancement of Digital Mammography at Cottage Hospital.

Concession to be provided through the Haverhill Area Youth. Money raised from this effort will go towards funding for an educational trip to Washington DC. And finally, 50/50 Tickets will be sold to benefit Andrews Hope.

For more information about the show contact Maryanne Aldrich, Community relations Director at Cottage Hospital at 603-747-9189.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE'S WILD HISTORY – 350 YEARS OF CHANGING HABITAT Presentation Featured at GCCD Annual Meeting

Bruce Schwaegler, NH Coverts Cooperator, GCCD Cooperator and NH Tree Farmer, will deliver the Speaking for Wildlife presentation, New Hampshire's Wild History - 350 Years of Changing Habitat at the Grafton County Conservation District (GCCD) Annual Meeting. The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held April 8th at Woodward's Resort, 527 US Route 3 in Lincoln, NH. The evening activities will start at 6:00PM with a social hour followed by a generous buffet dinner, presentation of annual awards, and the wildlife presentation. Each year, GCCD presents our Cooperator of the Year and Forest Steward of the Year awards to deserving landowners and/or forest professionals who have demonstrated stewardship of their land through use of best management practices, and outreach to the community. GCCD is pleased to announce the Schwaegler Family Tree Farm has won both the 2009 Cooperator of the Year and Forest Steward of the Year awards, recognizing the family's commitment to outstanding stewardship on their

Indian Pond property in Orford. The cost of the evening, including buffet dinner is \$25/person. Contact Pam at (603) 747-2001, ext. 103 for registration information.

New Hampshire's Wild History - 350 Years of Changing Habitat slide presentation is a virtual journey through New Hampshire's past, focusing on changes in land use and how wildlife populations have responded over time. Learn why changes in habitat in our past are behind the decline of many of our rarest species, and what you can do to help. Bruce will share his own experiences from wildlife improvement activities on his Indian Pond property in Orford. The Schwaegler Family Tree Farm has successfully applied many beneficial wildlife practices to improve habitat and species diversity. The Speaking for Wildlife Project is a volunteer effort of UNH Cooperative Extension, the NH Coverts Project and NH Fish & Game, with funding provided by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation.

Grafton County New Hampshire Sheriff's Department Receives National CALEA Recognition



At the November 2009 Conference of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the Grafton County New Hampshire Sheriff's Department was awarded national recognition status. The recognition process, which took nearly three years to complete has the strong backing of High Sheriff Douglas R. Dutile, who believed this process was an excellent way of making the department even more responsive and efficient.

This award was the result of the Sheriff's Department having demonstrated its voluntary commitment to law enforcement excellence and proficiency by adhering to a body of 112 standards essential to the health and safety of the citizens of Grafton County and the State of New Hampshire.

High Sheriff Dutile said, "On behalf of the men and women of the department, I am pleased and honored to accept this award". "Achieving this award was a team effort and is a major accomplishment toward reaching our goal of providing the citizens with efficient and professional enforcement service".

CALEA Recognition signifies that an agency has met specific standards of excellence and operates according to norms established by practitioners in the public safety field. Recognition compels an agency to operate within specific guidelines and adopt policies and procedures that meet internationally accepted practices. The process is a management model and a blue-print for self-improvement which strengthens accountability within the agency and the public it serves.

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Woodsville High School Girls Preferred Over Boys

National Honor Society

Woodsville High Schools National Honor Society has been busy this school year trying to serve their community. Around Christmas time, we were busy little elves making cookie plates for the local businesses as a thank you for their support of NHS and Woodsville High School. We had a food drive at our school around Thanksgiving to help feed the members of our community. On a global level, we have gone trick-or-treating for UNICEF to raise money to save childrens lives. The day before Halloween we charged students one dollar to wear costumes to school. All the money we raised that day went to UNICEF as well. In January, we organized a computer fun

compatibility match survey for students and they will receive their matches right around Valentines Day. Just recently, our chapter has helped the Haiti victims by having a hat day for Haiti, the money collected will go directly to the Red Cross. Our National Honor Society has accomplished a great deal already, and hopes to accomplish more before the end of this school year. In March, we will have our induction ceremony in which selected students will become a part of Woodsvilles NHS. We will have our annual dinner and auction, the money earned on this evening goes towards the scholarships we give out to deserving members of Woodsville High School.

Rebecca Ladd, Piermont - Although equal numbers of boys and girls enroll in the PAX exchange program, each year the girls are selected by host families first, leaving the male applicants like Julian from Germany and Dejan from Yugoslavia to wonder why no American family has taken an interest in their application. "It seems a pity that the boys are pushed to the end of the line. With only a couple of weeks to go, these boys are left 'homeless' sometimes until just weeks prior to their arrival," says Rebecca Ladd resident and community coordinator for PAX. "They don't know where in the U.S. we'll ultimately find a home for them, or even what kind of climate to pack for." PAX - Program of Academic

Exchange is a not-for-profit educational foundation with headquarters in Connecticut. "We're puzzled by the selection process," admits PAX President Libby Cryer, "it seems many families are under the false impression that girls are somehow easier or nicer to host than boys. We know from experience that this just isn't valid. In fact, boys are our very best exchange visitors. They make friends quickly, are open-minded and easy-going, they're good students and often the future leaders of their homelands." PAX students arrive in the U.S. in

early August for a ten-month academic homestay. They hail from Europe, Asia, South America and Australia, are between the ages of 15 and 18, speak English, have full medical insurance coverage and their own spending money. PAX families are asked to provide students with meals, a place to sleep and study, and a warm, supportive environment. Private rooms are not required and single parents, young couples and retirees are welcome to apply. For information call Rebecca Ladd at 603-728-8949 or email rebeccaladd@hughes.net.

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Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

NH STATE VETERANS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Woodsville American Legion Post #20

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

STARTING YOUR OWN SEEDLINGS
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Grafton County Administration Building
North Haverhill

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

NOONDAY CONCERT
12:10 PM
All Saints' Church, 35 School St, Littleton
Barbara Serafini, Piano & Joyce Roy, Organ

ANNUAL HAVERHILL SCHOOL MEETING

7:30 PM
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

BYE BYE BIRDIE BROADWAY AT HCMS
6:30 PM
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

BYE BYE BIRDIE BROADWAY AT HCMS
1:00 PM & 6:30 PM
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

LENTEN SERVICE
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Bath Congregational Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

BACKYARD POULTRY FLOCK MANAGEMENT
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Grafton County Administration Building
North Haverhill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

BASICS OF BOOK REPAIR
6:30 PM
Bradford Public Library
See story on page 6.

WOODSVILLE/WELLS RIVER

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM
Woodsville Emergency Services Building

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

NOONDAY CONCERT
12:10 PM
All Saints' Church, 35 School St, Littleton
Warren Gaissinger, Organ

SPEAKER ON HAITI

7:00 PM
Grace Methodist Church, Bradford

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

HAM RAFFLE
6:00 PM
Ross-Wood Post 20 American Legion,
Woodsville

BYE BYE BIRDIE BROADWAY AT HCMS

6:30 PM
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

BYE BYE BIRDIE BROADWAY AT HCMS
1:00 PM & 6:30 PM
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

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SATURDAY, MARCH 27

COTTAGE HOSPITAL VARIETY SHOW
7:00 PM
Woodsville Community Building, Woodsville

MONDAY, MARCH 29

HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD MEETING
6:00 PM
Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL - OPEN TO ALL
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
St. Luke's Parish Hall, Central St, Woodsville

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

NOONDAY CONCERT
12:10 PM
All Saints' Church, 35 School St, Littleton
Victoria Cole, Soprano & Joyce Roy, Piano

MONDAY, APRIL 5

HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD MEETING
6:00 PM
Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

NH STATE VETERANS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Ross-Wood Post 20 American Legion,
Woodsville

CONNECTICUT VALLEY SNOWMOBILE CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

7:00 PM
Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

3 RIVERS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
8:00 AM
Wells River Savings Bank, Wells River

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

BATCHING & MANAGING FOR WOODCOCK
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Bridgewater Town Hall, Bridgewater

Letter To The Editor

Why?

A simple question posed regarding the Haverhill Town Road Crew.

Why do five men punch in to work at 6:00 AM but not start work until 7:15 AM? And then on no snow days only ride around for about two hours checking the roads and then return to the garage and sit around until 2:30 PM, the end of their day?

Why can't this crew cut back the road side brush? This winter has been perfect for cutting brush, just ask the state highway crew out of North Haverhill. Brush cutting for safety sake that is not done now will need to be done in the summer when other projects might better be attended to.

Why was a York Rake used to move brush out of the roadway and into the ditch after some of those windy days? Why wasn't the brush picked up and hauled away? Brush that is pushed into ditches will eventually need to be cleaned out to allow the ditches to do their job of keeping running water off the roadway.

Why are the chains left on the grader when it is traveling on bare roads? Grader chains get worn out on pavement and are not inexpensive to replace. And why isn't the certified grader operator running the grader instead of a truck, while a non-certified operator is running the grader?

Why is the one ton truck that the road agent drives the one truck that is never washed? And why does he get to drive it home for lunch and to feed his wood stove? If an employee is on the clock and operating a town owned vehicle, should private errands be run?

Wake up Haverhill taxpayers!

It's time to take back our town.

Submitted by a Haverhill Taxpayer who has requested to not have a name published.

From the editor:

Some interesting questions being posed.

Like most members of this community I do not have the opportunity to keep an eye on our town employees. I must rely on the words of those who are able to see what happens and hear about other things going on (or perhaps not going on).

In these days of tightening belts for most of us, including governments these are some questions with real dollars attached.

Trendy Times welcomes not only a response to this "Letter to the Editor", but also any other thoughts about local government, state government or any other subject.

And if you have a good reason to keep your name off the letter we are willing to oblige. (Your name must be submitted with the original letter.)

Basics of Book Repair – Band-Aids for Beloved Books Wed. March 24th, 6:30 P.M. Bradford Public Library

Have you read your favorite novel so often the cover is coming loose? Does your most-used cookbook have vital pages falling out? Come to the Basics of Book Repair workshop at the Bradford Public Library to learn a few techniques to help you care for your own book collection. Repairing tears, re-attaching loose pages, making enclosures, and knowing when to call in a professional will all be covered in this class. Bring in an

injured book and maybe make some repairs yourself.

Presenters Rachel Peniman and Laura Brill have both earned their masters degrees in the field of art conservation and worked in library preservation. Rachel worked at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries and Laura at the University of Delaware library. They currently offer consulting on all aspects of collections care to cultural institutions and individuals throughout Vermont.

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New Photo Exhibit Opening At Alumni Hall



Alumni Hall in Haverhill invites the public to the opening of a new photography exhibit on Sunday, March 14 from 2-4pm. The exhibit features the works of Peter Slattery of Bath, Barbara Riley of Barnet, VT, and Merlin Lacy of Grantham, NH, judges for the 2009 Alumni Hall/Al Stevens Photography Competition. Admission is free and complimentary refreshments will be served. The exhibit will hang through April 15.

Following in her grandfather's footsteps, who was an accomplished primitive artist in the early fifties, Barbara Riley started painting and drawing at the age of five. She studied art at Temple University's Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia, PA, Moore College of Art in Philadelphia, PA and has a degree from Norwich University's Vermont College where she majored in photography and visual arts. She works in several mediums including photography, acrylic painting, charcoal, and pen & ink drawing.

Her work has appeared at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Catamount Arts in St. Johnsbury, Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, Vermont College in Montpelier, and the Barnet Library in Barnet. She previously ran the Frame Shop at Ross Business Center in Wells River, and is the owner of Shadow Box Art & Framing in Woodsville, New Hampshire, specializing in custom picture framing and art supplies.

Merlin Lacy left his position as an analytical chemist with Boeing/Rockwell to pursue photography full time. He

is a state-juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen in whose galleries his work may be viewed. He is also a member of the Upper Valley Camera Club. He has received numerous awards from the New England Camera Club Council. His photographs have appeared in Vermont Life, Country, and Reminisce magazines, Reiman books, numerous calendars and on book covers. His primary interests are in New England landscapes, abstracts and fine art. He uses 35 mm and large format film cameras.

For Peter Slattery, photography has been a life-long pursuit. He is self-taught and served many years as photographer for the Union Agricultural Society in Somers, Connecticut. He retired from the Connecticut Air National Guard after serving 31 years and settled in Bath, New Hampshire. He has received

numerous awards from galleries, art shows and art festivals in northern New Hampshire and is also recipient of the Emil Rueb award the Murray Family Judges Choice award given recently for his winning photography in the Elden Murray contest. His work has been featured on magazine covers and may also be seen in galleries in Bethlehem, Lisbon, North Conway, Littleton, Woodsville, Woodstock, Swift River and Bath.

Other upcoming programs at the Hall include another dance with big band Sweet Jamm on March 20 and a return concert by Vermont's noted a cappella group WrenSong on April 10.

Alumni Hall is located at 75 Court Street, Haverhill, NH, and can be reached at 603-989-5500 or alumni-hall@charterinternet.com and visited online at www.alumnihall.org

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American Legion District 8 Initiates New Humanitarian Program

"Let No Veteran Die Alone". This humanitarian theme is the name of a new American Legion program initiated and currently sponsored by The American Legion Department of New Hampshire's District 8, with cooperative participation from the Marine Corps Detachment and the Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations both located in Berlin. New Hampshire Legion District 8 covers Coos County and a portion of upper Grafton County, with Posts in Colebrook, Groveton, Berlin, Gorham, Whitefield, Littleton, and Woodsville. Although the administration of the program is primarily under the auspices of the Post Chaplains, contact with any member of the closest Post will prompt the support needed.

The intent of the new program is to offer palliative comfort and compassion to our terminally ill and dying comrades who, for any reason, may be alone in their final hours. The Legion wants to make sure that our military brothers are not alone because there may be no family immediately available, or to offer temporary relief to a veteran's family as they carry out their own vigil with their loved one. This program represents the core values of the American Legion.

The success of "Let No Veteran Die Alone" by nature must rely on the close cooperation and assistance be-

tween area hospitals, nursing homes, doctors, other medical caregiving individuals, church organizations, and the veteran's family themselves, with members of their local Legion Post to help notify the Post point-of-contact for the need for visitation support. The program in no way means to conflict with or contradict any HIPAA or other legal, medical confidentiality, or privacy considerations. One aspect of the Program where the general public could be of great assistance to the local Legion Post in its implementation of "Let No Veteran Die Alone" would be the donation of small soft knitted or crocheted comfort blankets or shawls, typically about 30x40 inches in size, to present to the veteran. These gift blankets have shown to provide a reassuring mental comfort and physical consolation to recipients. Individuals in the community interested in helping the Legion by providing these personal blankets used in this Program should contact the local Post representative indicated below.

In the Woodsville area of Grafton County, please call The American Legion Ross-Wood Post #20 Commander Gary Scruton at 603-747-2887 or Adjutant Reggie Hunt at 603-638-4028 if you have any further questions about the program, or wish to arrange for specific "Let No Veteran Die Alone" support.

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Wells River Equine Rescue Car Raffle



This article is all about horsepower. Whichever type of horsepower moves you the most, you have a reason to read on. If your fondness is for the horsepower that needs to be saddled up, or harnessed up, then we will pull at your heart strings. And if you drool over big horsepower numbers under a vintage hood, then you are also in luck. And with a bit of luck you could own that piece of history.

First comes the single horsepower. Or better said, the rescue and care of single horses. Wells River Equine Rescue, Inc. has only been around for a short time. But founder and director Dawn Pinette has already made an impact on the lives of several horses. She has set up a safe haven for abused, neglected and abandoned horses. And in the current economy there are, unfortu-

nately, more of these animals. Dawn also is working to better educate the public about the care of horses.

To further the cause of Wells River Equine Rescue Dawn is working on several ways for the general public to help. First is a simple donation to the effort. Wells River Equine Rescue is a registered non-profit organization. That means that any and all donations are tax deductible. That refers to monetary donations as well as donations of items on Dawn's Wish List. Those items include fencing materials or building materials to set up shelters for the horses or for the grain and hay needed to feed the animals. Also on the wish list are water tanks and feed buckets. Again, all of these items are tax deductible.

Another way the general public can assist in this endeavor is by volunteering to help with some of the regular chores that must be done around a horse farm. Or you can volunteer to help with one of the construction projects later this year, once materials are available.

One other service provided by Wells River Equine

Rescue, Inc is pet sitting. Dawn is available for many types of pets and is offering some competitive rates.

Now for the other horsepower lovers. We are referring to about eight hundred horses. They are all under the hood of a 1990 Ford Mustang GT Saleen Rep. This gorgeous car has been fully restored and has an appraised value of \$75,000. But it will belong to someone new for as little as \$25.00. That's because the car has been donated to Wells River Equine for the purpose of being raffled off. Tickets are just \$25.00 each, or you can get a half dozen tickets for just \$100.00. Even more good news, only one thousand tickets are being sold, giving each purchaser an even better chance to own this car. The drawing will not take place until December 18, 2010, so there is time to buy plenty of tickets.

The car will be on display at several locations between now and mid December. The first of those locations will be at the Everything Equine "Horses in Motion" event on April 24 & 25. The show takes place at the Robert E. Miller Expo Center at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, VT. This show features about 175 vendors and exhibitors, including Wells River Equine Rescue.

If you would like to purchase a ticket on this car, or if you would like to simply make a donation, or perhaps volunteer, you can contact Dawn Pinette at Wells River Equine Rescue, Inc. by phone at 802-584-3921. You can write her at P.O. Box 242, Groton, VT 05046. You can also visit the web site at www.wellsriverrescue.com

Raffle tickets are available in Woodsville at the Shadow Box Frame Shop, located at 83 Central Street.

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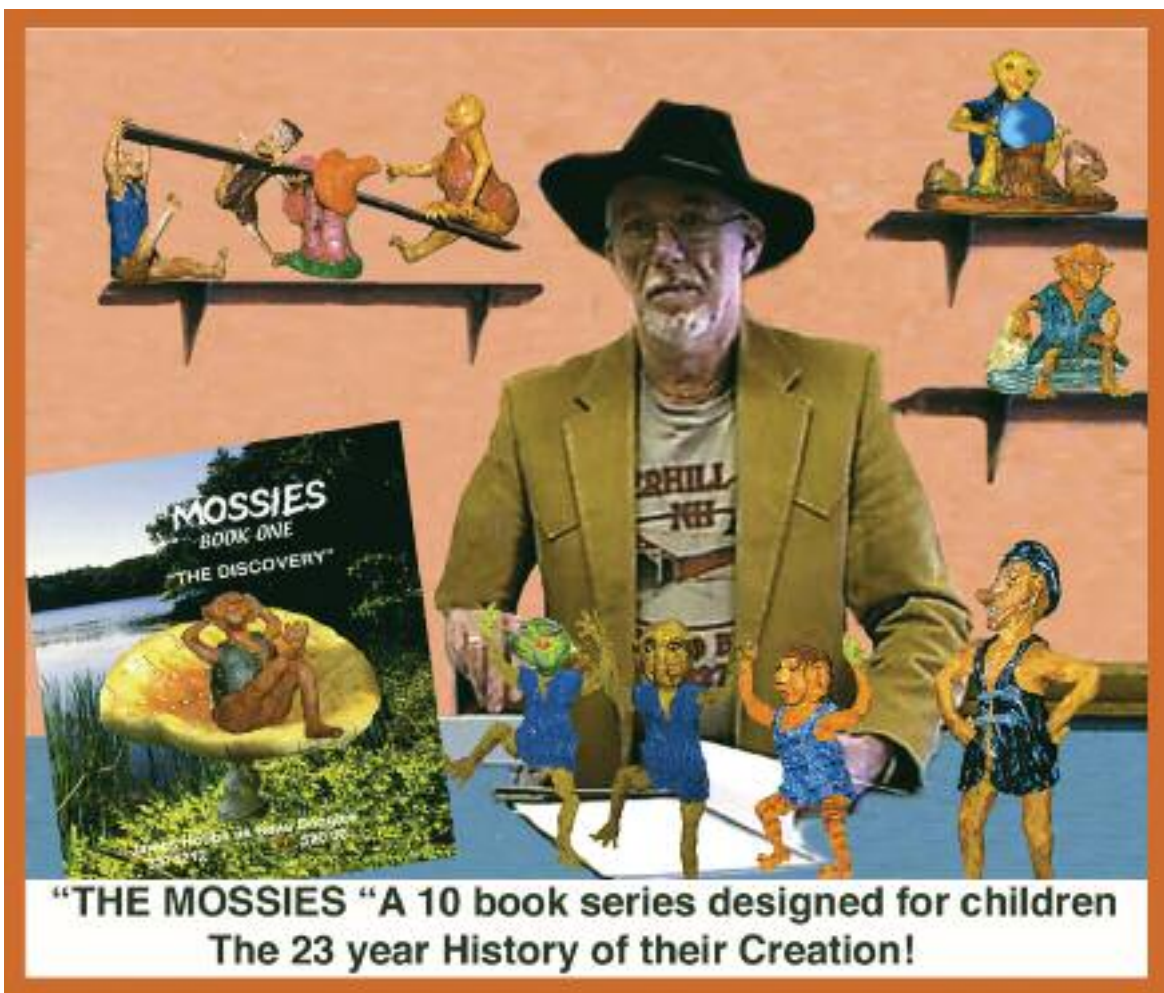
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**"THE MOSSIES" "A 10 book series designed for children
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First, lets look at the history of "The Mossies" creator, James (Jim) Hobbs. Jim is a graduate of Woodsville High School and an entrepreneur by nature! His background has included many exciting ventures but always, always his work on The Mossies came first.

His creative writing began around the age of 12 by making movies on long rolls of paper wrapped around broomsticks. These rolls contained amazing stories and were always appreciated by his 5th grade teacher and neighbor, Miss Costello. Miss Costello was a frequent audience member for his "films" and her enthusiastic appreciation spurred him on! This all began in the garage at 34 Court Street, his boyhood home. The garage became his theatre where he "rolled" his films in a cardboard box with a 10"x8" opening, operated on two broomstick cranks!

Moving ahead with other forms of creativity, Jim began to work with clay and soon had developed a creature he later called "Mossie". A radio station manager suggested he throw that monstrosity away saying "nobody would want anything that ugly!" Of course that only made Jim more determined to keep on "Mossieing"!

The first Mossie characters were called "Grolls" Jim wrote poems, songs, catch phrases and dialogue using the groll theme, 'Heart of a Groll'. A finished work was sent to Jim's friend, Kenny Kerchevel, who was starring in the TV series "Dallas" Ken loved the stories but thought the name Groll was too close to Troll and suggested a name change. Accepting the advice from Ken and after months of noodling the "Mossies" were born! (Moss-eez) And the name fit like a glove, because of the deep moss in New Brunswick, Canada, where inspiration for

the books started!

After creating the first "Mossie" Jim realized that a "Mossie" needed friends and family so he kept developing more Mossie characters in clay. The characters needed a voice and that was when the story-telling came pouring out leading to series of 10 different Mossie books. Jim had already been writing technical journals, such as his "Jewelry Repair Handbook" and his adult gemology course. At this stage in his life he was already recognized as a first rate wordsmith!

After his formal education at the Gemological Institute of America, Jim moved to Sarasota, Florida and began to market his creation in earnest. Many near misses such as his almost deal with Ocean Spray (the director who wanted to use the characters in his ads left the firm and the project was dropped.) or the major publishing company in NYC that was on the verge of publishing his books but then merged with another company and the project was dropped. He also found out that being recommended to Columbia pictures by an insider did not

produce the promised results. Jim knew that if it was going to happen he had to take control of the publishing process.

So after 23 years of perseverance Jim has joined with amazon.com and the first Mossie book "The Discovery" launched on February 1st, 2010! In addition to Amazon, this book and all the Mossie books plus other books written or compiled by Jim are available at Alibis, The book Depository in London and 5 other U.S. nationwide book stores. His book "The Discovery" and all his books, including his best seller "De Train, de train" can be viewed at his store, the White Mountain Trader on Central Street in Woodsville.

Future Mossie projects include a possible animated film and the marketing of cuddly stuffed Mossie characters, trademark apparel and figurines! Stay tuned!

Jim's advice to new writers is "listen to your heart more that to critics!" And, if you want to be an overnight success as a writer you must work at it, 14 hours a day, seven days a week, for 20 years, and then get real lucky!



It took a big roster of Haverhill Hawks to go against the visiting harlem Rockets. Even with all this talent the Rockets continued their winning ways on the score board and with the crowd. Photo by Michele Avery.



Not the entire evening was about putting the ball in the hoop. The Harlem Rockets players made many new fans when they visited the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. Photo by Michele Avery.

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10 Camerata New England Chamber Orchestra To Play In Colebrook



COLEBROOK — The region will be treated to a wonderful evening of chamber orchestra music on Saturday, April 24, when Camerata New England performs in Colebrook.

The concert, set for 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, will see the 14-piece ensemble perform Russian music, including "Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky" by Anton Arensky, "Chamber Symphony Opus 110 A" by Dmitri Shostakovich, "Two Pieces for String Orchestra" by Nikolai Yakovlevich Myaskovsky, and "Serenade" by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. This performance, called "The Spirit of Russia," will also be performed the evening before at the celebrated Lebanon Opera House.

The Colebrook appearance is presented by the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire and the Great

North Woods Committee for the Arts. "We are delighted to partner with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire to bring these world-class performers to Colebrook," said Charlie Jordan, president of the Great North Woods Committee for the Arts. "This will be a memorable evening of symphonic music for everyone who attends."

Frumie Selchen of the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, added, "It's wonderful to be able to help bring an ensemble of this caliber to Colebrook, and to have a strong and enthusiastic organization like Great North Woods Committee for the Arts to work with. This model is one I hope we can build on to serve music lovers of all kinds throughout the North Country."

Tickets will be available in advance of the concert at

Fiddleheads at 110 Main St. in Colebrook. In coming weeks posters will be appearing jointly promoting both the Colebrook and Lebanon performances. Tickets are \$15 each and are also expected to be available, on a first-come, first-served basis, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 28 Bridge St., Colebrook, on the evening of the concert.

Proceeds from "The Spirit of Russia" concert will go to support "Northern Light: Variations on a Theme," an exhibit of North Country artists that is being planned in conjunction with the concert. More information about this exhibition, including where it will be held locally and the artists participating, will be announced in coming weeks.

For more information, contact Arts Alliance Assistant Director Eileen Alexander at 837-2275 or eileen@aannh.org, Great North Woods Committee for the Arts President Charlie Jordan at 246-8998 or Program Chair Linda Lipkin at 538-6852.

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

The State of New Hampshire has passed Bill HB 1610 through the house and now it goes to the Senate. This bill is an insult to the Native American Tribes of New Hampshire, the history of our state and to make matters worse it is a moot bill that the unsuspecting State Government officials do not understand.

According to all the Federal programs for "Indian" People the only way this bill can comply with the programs funding that HB 1610 has listed in it is IF the state were to recognize TRIBES that could prove they were New Hampshire TRIBES for the 18th century to present and descendants of the First People of this State! An Intertribal Council would not be able to comply with that due to the fact INTERTRIBAL means Indians from other places. Although there are some that claim to be Abenaki or Penacook which is the New Hampshire historic tribes they recently moved here and have no heritage to NH soil what so ever. Just because someone claims to be Indian or puts on the US census they are Indian it does not make them so. The so called Tribes that want to have this commission have never proven they are #1 Indian, #2, Historically from this state and it is a proven fact that the Penacook-Cowasuck tribal leader is from MA and just recently purchased land in NH, the co-chief of the Koasek from MA is not a inherited citizens of NH but recently moved here and the list goes on. Mainly these people were turned down in Vermont and Massachusetts to be on the Native Commissions there so now they are fooling our state representatives with whining they just want to celebrate their cultural identity! Not true. There is monetary funding for "Indians" and federal government watches over that closely. So what will happen if this bill passes? The next step will be for these people to tell the State of NH they cannot do the programs set forth therefore recognition is needed. Thus phase II of the grand plan.

There is a strict trust with government to government relations with the USA and Indian Tribes from the beginning of the United States to present. HB 1610 breaks that trust agreement and leaves NH wide open for many problems in the future.

The Native American Descents who have been in the northern part of this state for Hundreds of YEARS say NO to HB 1610. If you feel strongly about protecting our state, please contact your district Senator and say NO to HB 1610. The contact for Senatore in this district:

Deborah Reynolds
5 Chaddarin Lane
Plymouth, NH 03264-4401
(H) (603)536-5553 (O) (603)271-3042
deb.reynolds@leg.state.nh.us

Thank you
Koasek Abenaki of the Koas in Northern NH.

Letters of this nature are just what Trendy Times is happy to print. A piece of legislation that works for some people works against other people. Who is right? It's all a matter of opinion. And almost everyone has an opinion. Tell us your opinion and we will be happy to pass it along to our readers.

In regards to this matter, if you agree call your State Senator. If you disagree, call your State Senator. Don't just sit and wait for someone else to take care of everything, get involved.

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It is hard to imagine that Spring is almost here and we have NOT had any real snowmobile season. I know that I never made it onto the trails at all this season.

With the temps getting warmer and with no snow cover on any of the trails as well as the frost leaving the ground causing mud and running water we have now CLOSED our trail system down for the season as of March 8th.

We will be working soon to remove our signs and close the gates.

We want to thank the landowners who allow us to enjoy our pastime by letting us use their land.

Our trails are being closed now even though we might get another snowfall before the season ends to protect the land that we use from people wanting to ride when there is not enough snow to cover the land so no damage is done.



We will be working on the trails Sunday mornings from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and would like your help. We meet at Aldrich General Store at 7:50 and make our plans as to what is going to be done.

Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Municipal Building in North Haverhill at 7:00 PM.

Please keep checking our website at ctvalleysnowmobileclub.com for all our updates and for a list of events.

Have a good Summer and I hope to see you on the trails next season.

Big Game Trophy Show ¹¹

The New Hampshire Antler & Skull Trophy Club (NHASTC) is proud to announce that we will be holding the 21st annual NH Big Game Trophy Show at the Littleton High School gymnasium in Littleton, NH on Saturday, April 3, 2010.

The NHASTC, a non-profit organization, was established over 20 years ago to chronicle big game records of "Granite State" trophies. The NHASTC has succeeded in recording over 2000 big game trophies. Copies of all editions of the New Hampshire Big Game Record Book will be on sale at the show. Book 7 was recently finished and is expected to be as popular as the previous editions. Also, the NHASTC coordinates the NH Trophy Deer Program for deer over 200 lbs. The entire list of qualifying deer from the 2009 season will be on display.

Each year the NHASTC assembles an impressive display of trophy class whitetail deer, black bear, moose, and shed antlers that have been taken or found in NH. Spokesmen from all over New England gather to have their big game trophies officially measured and put on display. We will also have on

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This year's show is expected to draw many sportsmen/spectators. Informative speakers will offer seminars and demonstrations on various hunting/shooting/wildlife related topics. This year's speakers include hunting legend Lane Benoit. Lane has tracked down and taken many large bucks over the years and will be sharing his techniques for harvesting huge whitetail deer in New England and Canada. Kent Gustafson, NH Fish & Game deer project leader, will give an overview of last year's deer, bear, and moose hunting harvest totals. He will also be available for questions and answers. Kent will be handing out free copies of the NH Big Game Summary for the 2009 season. Also, Dean Vanier of North Woods Common Scents will give a presentation on taking deer by fooling the whitetails eyes, nose, and ears.

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and your family to attend this event and encourage you to bring along as many trophies as you would like to be measured and/or displayed. This will be your best opportunity to have your trophy measured and displayed at a NH sportsmen's show in 2010. Bring in your trophy and receive \$1.00 off admission.

The doors will be open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please note that the show is on Saturday this year instead of the usual Sunday date. Admission is \$8.00 per person and \$3.00 for youths 6-16. Children under 6 are admitted free.

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Directions to school: From exit 42 off Route 93 take Route 302 north 1.2 miles then left on School Street. The school is on the left at the top of the hill. GPS location: 159 Oak Hill Ave., Littleton, NH.

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Colonel William Alfred "Bill" Eddy

By George Clark

EDDY, WILLIAM ALFRED. Colonel. William A. "Bill" Eddy was born in Sidon, Syria on 9 March 1896 to Presbyterian missionaries, William King and Elizabeth Nelson Eddy. His ancestors arrived in the Massachusetts Bay Colony from England in 1630. Both his grandparents as well as his parents were missionaries in Syria. His father died there on service in 1906.

Bill was raised in Syria until he was 12 years of age, after which he was sent to the U.S. to further his education. The only English spoken in the land he lived in was at the Eddy's home. All else was Arabic which he spoke fluently and in many dialects. In 1908 he arrived in Wooster, OH, to attend public schools and in 1913 at the college of that same name. He was active in field sports on the varsity teams, including football and basketball. In 1915 he transferred to Princeton University, remain-

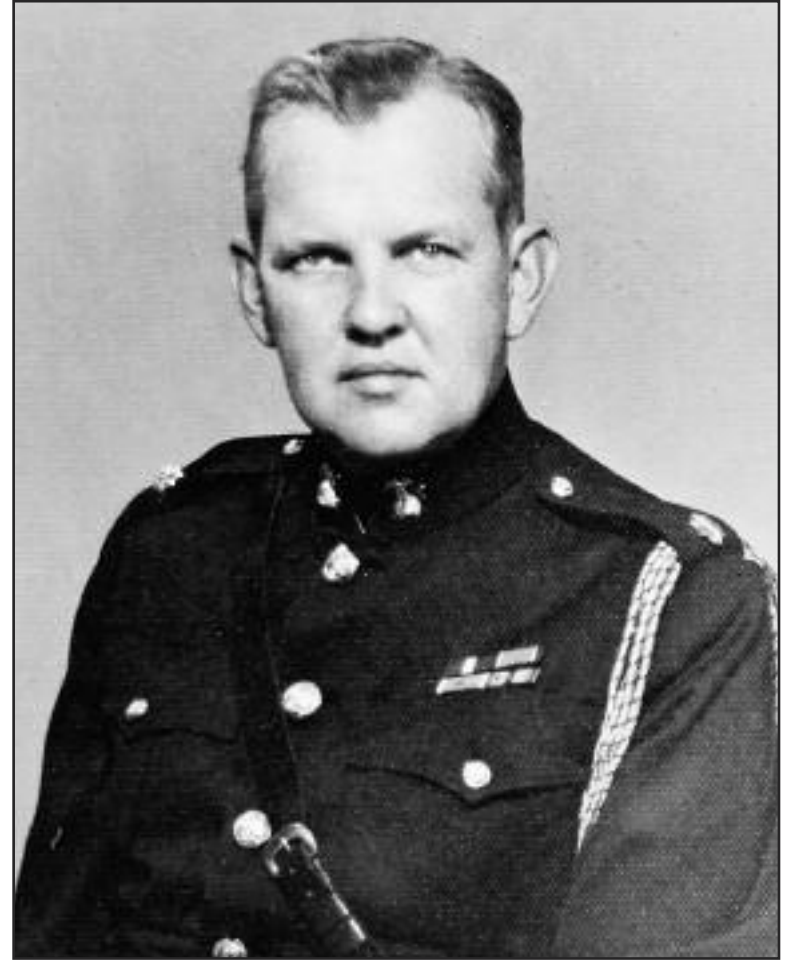
ing there four years and obtaining a Litt.B. in 1917. Immediately following graduation he was one of ten Princeton seniors selected as 2d lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps. His appointment was dated 9 June 1917.

After the usual training at Quantico, VA, he went to France with Headquarters Company, 6th Marine Regiment. He had been assigned as Intelligence Officer (IO), and arrived at Brest on 31 October 1917. In France he participated in the Verdun sector affair from mid-March to mid-May and later that month traveled to the Chateau Thierry Sector to assist in stopping the Germany army. We now know that area the Marines fought in as Belleau Wood. On 4 June he led a small patrol up to but not including the town of Torcy, going directly through German lines to obtain valuable information helpful in planning the major

attacks launched two days later. He established an observation post in a tree from which enemy movements and artillery batteries could be more easily observed. His post was located between two batteries and in the line of fire; which is why he had to vacate the post several times. For this he earned a Distinguished Service Cross and later a Navy Cross plus two Silver Star citations, one from division and the other from the AEF. He was wounded on 25 June, but not seriously enough, it seemed, to keep him out of action entirely but he did miss the battle at Soissons in mid-July.

He was back in harness, now at St. Mihiel as IO for the 4th Brigade. Here he earned two more Silver Star citations, but developed pneumonia or perhaps it was the Spanish Flu, and that plus aggravation of his wound, laid him low. In fact it was so bad that he was listed as dying. Somehow his sister learned of it. Their brother-in-law Gilbert Close, was the private secretary for President Wilson, and after making the president aware of his serious condition, the latter telegraphed that Eddy was to be shipped home immediately. As he lay on a stretcher at dockside waiting to be brought aboard the ship, the army officer in charge was sure he would die before reaching port and tried to side-track his evacuation. The president's direct orders were all that saved Bill Eddy. The naval doctor considered him a dead man and wanted to unload him so he wouldn't die at sea. However, he did make it and he did survive for many years to come.

Upon recovery he was promoted to captain and



placed on the retired list as unfit for further active duty. He was, however, fit for academe and returned to Princeton where he obtained his Masters Degree in literature in 1921 and his Ph.D. in 1922. His first position as a teacher was with the Peekskill Military Academy, but after a year he left and accepted a position as chairman of the department of English at the American University, Cairo, Egypt. His Arabic language skills would continue to direct his pattern of employment for many years to come.

He taught the Arab students basketball, providing the only book ever written in Arabic about the sport. He established a 16 team league in Egypt which still flourishes. He lasted five years in Egypt and then was given the opportunity to come back to the States and teach at Dart-

mouth College in Hanover, NH. As an assistant professor he quickly developed a reputation as a Jonathon Swift scholar, writing several books and editing the Oxford University Press' Standard Edition of Swift. Swift, the Irish born satirist, continued to influence Eddy all during his academic career. He became a full professor at Dartmouth and was very happy at Hanover as was his wife Mary. She personally, had many problems with extreme heat and couldn't easily live anywhere, like Cairo, and Hanover and New Hampshire in general was greatly to her liking. In fact, in later years, while Bill was overseas, she maintained their home in Hanover. No matter where he roamed, after his sojourn at Dartmouth, his home was always listed as at Hanover, New Hampshire. That was where the State Department had him located and historically they still do. His family, sons and daughters, were primarily raised in that town and the sons were students at Dartmouth.

In a period of time, he was offered the presidency of Hobart College, which he accepted. He was considered to be an excellent administrator and is still remembered by the college in 1936 as the fifteenth president. Simultaneously he was made the fourth president of the sister school, William Smith College for Women. His first moved as president was to have the Marine Corps' commandant, MG

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John Russell select Hobart as providing candidates for their Platoon Leaders Class. His second, which didn't easily set with the faculty, was an insistence that both colleges had to have in their curriculum all four years the study of American values.

In July 1936 Captain Eddy was promoted to Major Eddy on the retired list. He still had loosely maintained his connection to the Marine Corps. In fact, he had communicated quite steadily with Thomas Holcomb, who became the commandant in December 1936. Eddy had the trustees award Holcomb a Doctorate of Laws degree in 1939, which no doubt pleased TH. Soon after, Eddy made his move; one that would eventually generate more newsprint about this scholar-Marine.

To Tommy Holcomb, Bill Eddy admitted to being tired of academe and asked if he was still a desirable commodity within the Corps. Holcomb bit the bullet and replied "Yeah." So he re-upped with a promotion to lieutenant colonel on the retired list. William "Wild Bill" Donovan, head of the organization which preceded the OSS, was interested in him. He was sent to the Office of Naval Intelligence, however, and first served at the American embassy in Cairo as a naval attaché. Then on to Tangier for the Office of Strategic Services, (OSS) with a letter from the American minister, Alexander Kirk which read: "I wish to tell you again how deeply I personally deplore your transfer and what a loss to this Mission the termination of your services here constitutes." There was much more, and all laudatory, but that much suffices for the present.

After Eddy had been at Tangier "Wild Bill" Donovan, then directing the OSS, wrote the Commandant on 21 November 1942. The letter was full of high praise of Eddy's activities "all of which have been carried out in a most outstanding manner. Lieutenant Colonel Eddy's work has required a combination of initiative, tact, and daring far above and beyond that required of most officers." In the letter Brig Gen Donovan recommended that he be promoted to colonel. Eddy was promoted, effective that date and continued working for OSS for the following eight months.

While at Tangier, as the North African Chief of OSS, he supervised Holcomb's son, also a Marine working for the OSS. Tommy had begged Eddy to accept and oversee him, the son being physically "fragile." While there, the two Marines worked on the pre-planning, intelligence gathering and generally making easy the forthcoming American invasion of North Africa. Both Eddy and young Holcomb had several adventures while in North Africa which would make a fine action movie. In London, General Patton sat in on some of the planning sessions, and remarked about Eddy "I don't know who that son of a bitch is but he certainly has been shot at enough" as he recognized many of Bill Eddy's medals. Apparently Bill's presentation at this and several other meetings were well received by those present.

At the request of the State Department, on 12 August 1944, Bill Eddy was relieved from active duty with the OSS and Marines to accept an appointment as the first American Minister to the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He was still technically a Marine officer during his first five months and most times wore his uniform. While Bill Eddy held this political position he had the unique opportunity to witness and participate in an historic meeting between President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ibn Saud, king of Saudi Arabia. It was his task to set up the top-secret meeting and to be the sole interpreter for both men, since Saud trusted Eddy. Roosevelt was on his way home from the Yalta conference and had sparse time but insisted on making the meeting because of oil's importance to the U.S. economy. The meeting was held aboard the U.S. cruiser Quincy in the Great Bitter Lake in the Suez Canal. Even though other men were on board it was only those three men who were privy to the personal conversations. Undoubtedly Admiral Leahy, the president's major domo, later learned of the text, but the whole thing remained top secret until Eddy published the affair in 1954.

He served in Saudi Arabia until 1 July 1946 when he retired from that post. One month later he accepted an appointment as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence. In October 1947 he resigned that position to accept a post as Political Advisor in Near Eastern Affairs for the Arabian-American Oil Company.

In 1913, when he was twenty, he had met Mary Garvin, another Presbyterian missionaries daughter at the Wooster, OH, school. They would marry four years later before he went to war. During this rather idyllic marriage they had four children. Two sons and two daughters. He died in Beirut, Lebanon on 4 May 1962, at age 66. His two sons also served as Marines. William A. Eddy, Jr., received



his commission in 1942 and was discharged a captain in 1946. He was wounded on Tinian and received a Bronze Star with Combat V. Then, at Iwo Jima, he led his company ashore and stayed the entire period earning a Navy Cross in the process. His younger brother John, was a 2d Lt in 1947 and served with the 7th Marines in China. Further details about him are not known.

As Georgie Patton remarked, Bill Eddy had plenty of medals. He was awarded a Purple Heart plus a Gold Star in lieu of a second; the Distinguished Service Cross, a Navy Cross, a Silver Star medal plus a Gold Star in lieu of a second, including the Silver Star 2d Division citations, and a Meritorious Service Citation. Additionally, he was awarded a Legion of Merit by the War Department for his work in North Africa during WWII. He was also the recipient of numerous degrees, real and honorary.

William Alfred Eddy was a solid combination, Marine

and scholar. Which ever pleases most is what he was. For some reason he hadn't enough pain in WWI and perhaps was fed up with faculty complaints at Hobart (I have reason to believe that might be true) so he wanted back in the Corps. He was not in shape for the rough stuff in the field but managed to find an important niche for himself where he could do the most good. He was, in many circles, considered to be the lead man in making the North African landing the great success it turned out to be. But it takes all kinds to be Marines; including Holcomb's then very ill son, and Eddy was a success once again. It is a good thing that the nation has men like that; thinkers and doers.

This article somewhat revised and expanded has been taken from my earlier publication, *Legendary Marines of the Old Corps*. However, earlier contacts with the remaining Eddy family were also of great assistance.

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By Ronda Marsh

Mushroom Parmesan Soup

No one is ambivalent when it comes to mushrooms. Either you love them, or you hate them. Sadly, if you belong to the latter group, today's column is not for you; but I promise, the next Trendy Kitchen will not involve mushrooms in any form. So take heart, and please bear with those of us who adore this humble little fungus. Now, for those of you who belong to the first group...the mushroom lovers, follow me to mushroom nirvana!



I came across a recipe for what looked like a really great mushroom soup on The Pioneer Woman website. She had lots of step-by-step pictures and they made me want to make that soup ASAP! First, I had to re-work the recipe a bit, though. Her recipe had no onion in it. NO ONION??! How ludicrous! So I added that to my version. She also called for tomato juice, and I had none. BUT, I did have some ketchup, and if you dilute a couple of tablespoons of it in warm water, it makes a perfectly suitable substitute for this application. Another substitution I made was the cheese. She called for freshly grated Parmesan...you know; the Reggiano kind that's imported from Italy and costs \$14.99 per pound, if you can even find it. I'm sorry, but even if I could afford it, there's no way my conscious would allow me to do that! So I opted for the pre-grated stuff that comes in a canister for \$2.50. You know what? It worked just marvelously, and I didn't feel at all guilty as I added it with a liberal hand. The last little change I made concerned the wine. She specified Chardonnay. I am not a wine drinker, and cannot tell you the difference between Chardonnay and Chablis. It's all just white to me, so use what you have. If you don't want to use alcohol, try one of the sparkling ciders, or even apple juice. The soup won't taste the same, but it will be good, anyway. Whatever you do, please, please, please, Do NOT use that nasty stuff called "cooking wine." It will not make your food taste good, and it will add lots of unnecessary sodium. With all the little changes and tweaking in place, I ended up with a really flavorful soup. It is quick to assemble and has a wonderful, velvety texture. As with most soups, it gets even better if you can make it, then reheat it to serve later. But I bet you don't have that kind of willpower. I know I don't!

- 1 carrot, peeled and finely minced
- 1 celery stalk, finely minced
- 1/2 medium onion, finely minced
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 10-16 ounces white mushrooms, sliced
- 1 or 2 garlic cloves, minced (or equivalent of the jarred minced garlic)
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup tomato juice (or 2 Tablespoons ketchup in 1/2 cup water)
- 1/2 cup chicken broth (or equivalent made from Better than Bouillon)
- 1 pint half & half
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese (maybe more, if needed)
- Salt and pepper to taste

and allow to cook and soften thoroughly before adding the mushrooms. It is important that they are finely chopped, or the soup will end up chunky.

Add the mushrooms to the pot and allow them to reduce and soften. Pour in the wine, and let it cook with the mushrooms for a few minutes.

Add the tomato juice, and the chicken broth. Allow it to boil for about 5 minutes. The color will deepen and the vegetables will get soft. Add the half & half and bring to a soft boil.

Add the grated Parmesan to the pot and allow to cook for a few minutes, until the cheese is melted and blended with the soup. If you want the soup to be a little thicker, add a bit more cheese.

Lower the heat and let the soup simmer for about 10 minutes or so, until thickened. Salt and pepper the soup to your own tastes.

In a large deep pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add the minced carrot, celery and onion

A small but attentive crowd gathered for the annual Haverhill Town Meeting held at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School on March 8. It took only about 45 minutes to go through the warrant articles. The largest point of discussion was in regards to an article raising \$26,000 in local tax money to match \$104,000 in grant money for the



paving of the Industrial Park Road located next to the Airport in North Haverhill. The other contentious, and somewhat confusing, article was a petitioned item. It brought a standing count to determine its final fate. The Haverhill annual school meeting takes place on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 PM also at the Middle School.

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