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## The Last Big Weekend of Spring

The unofficial start to summer is Memorial Day Weekend. A three day weekend when many of the summer only facilities open. A long weekend with many special events, including Lilac Time in Lisbon. Plus Memorial Day parades and ceremonies in many communities.

But, before that weekend rolls around there is another special weekend with some popular events happening on two days of the weekend. First, on Friday, May 21st is the opening of Railroad Park in Woodsville. The honor of doing the first concert this year will go to "The Parker Hill Band" This group plays some great bluegrass tunes of their own as well as many of the old standards. The concert series is sponsored by the Haverhill Recreation Commission. Keep an eye out for the full summer concert schedule.

Also on Friday is the 4th Annual Chili and Pie Contest sponsored by the 3 Rivers

Business Association. This year the competition is being expanded to include a BBQ rib competition.

Chili categories will again this year include: original, wild game, and vegetarian classes with each contestant supplying a crock pot or slow cooker full of chili to be judged by a panel of judges as well as a People's Choice Award.

Pie categories include: two-crust apple, two-crust fruit, and one-crust Bakers choice. Those entering the pie competition are required to provide two pies for each category entered. Both of these competitions have seen varying entries over the first three years. But the results have always been tasty.

For 2010 a BBQ rib competition has been added. In this competition two racks of ribs must be provided by each entrant. Ribs will first be judged by a panel and then distributed to the public for a People's Choice Award.

In all three categories en-



tries must be delivered to Railroad Park between 5:00 and 5:30. Both the ribs and chili will have a People's Choice award. The general public gets a chance to take part for a donation of just \$2.00 per contest. For that fee, which goes to scholarships for the summer Haverhill Area Recreation Program, each person will receive samples from each competitor. You are then asked to vote for your favorite. The winner is announced later in the evening during a break in the concert.

Pie slices are also available at \$2.00 each. This category is judged only by the panel, but it's well worth the fee to get a taste of some of the area's finest bakers.

If you are interested in submitting an entry for any of these categories, please visit any of the businesses in Woodsville or Wells River dis-

playing a poster for the event. Entry forms and more information will be available. You can also visit [www.3riversbusinessassociation.org](http://www.3riversbusinessassociation.org) for registration forms or other information.

After this great music and food event on Friday there is a day off before the other half of the weekend. It will be the seventh annual Paddle the Border Spring event. This is sponsored by the Newbury Conservation Commission, the Haverhill Recreation Commission and the Cohase Chamber of Commerce. The event encourages paddlers of canoes and kayaks to use the Connecticut River for a great recreational paddle.

The groups arrange with First Student Bus Company to provide transportation from Bedell Bridge State Park, off Route 10 in Haverhill Corner, up to the Community Field, off Route 135 in Woodsville.

That is where boats have been left awaiting the paddlers. Then a fun, easy 3 to 4 hour paddle takes participants thru the Oxbow and down river back to Bedell. The paddle can be a good workout, or a leisurely time with friends. There is plenty of great scenery, and wildlife, as well as plenty of fresh air and (we hope) sunshine.

At Bedell State Park the Woodsville Wells River Rotary Club offers hamburgs, hot dogs and soda for sale to participants and bystanders. Plus several local groups have displays about the river or other events and activities in the area.

This weekend full of events gets many ready for the long busy summer. It also can be a great start to the summer and a great way to meet friends and neighbors.

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# Corporal Jonathan Harshman Winters III

By George Clark



they all sailed from Norfolk, VA, in March 1945, for the Pacific.

In March they joined Task Force 38.4 and arrived off Okinawa. Not long after, on 1 July his ship participated to round-the-clock air strikes against Japan, which continued until the end of the war, 15 August. Like most Marines, he served as an anti-aircraft crewman. While aboard, the Marines', including Winters, quarters were right above the bomb-storage magazine, which minimized the sleeping habits of everyone. Fortunately, no hits on his ship are recorded.

While aboard that ship, he did various absurd monologues to entertain the Marines and crew. In one of them he was playing the ship's captain and as the ship was supposed to be going down, the captain, threatening the crew with his forty-five, was the first over the side and into the only boat, all the while firing his pistol, kachow-kachow to keep anyone else from joining him. Unbeknownst to him, someone had told the captain and he had Winters perform this act on the flight deck before most of the crew while he was telling that story. The captain sitting watching the performance, pretended to be angry then laughed like hell – then the rest of the ship's complement also let go. I know this story as a fact.

The ship was part of the Third Landing Force based at the Yokosuka Naval Station, where the Marines served ashore on guard duty, from 30 August until 6 September. He departed the ship on 31 October and returned stateside; first to Treasure Island, and then to the 1st Guard Company, MB, Philadelphia Navy Yard.

From there he was discharged on 1 March 1946 and went back to Ohio to

re-enter high school and obtain his diploma. Then, he became a traveler engaging in various jobs that would help feed him. Back to school: college briefly at Kenyon in Gambier, OH, then the Dayton Art Institute from which he graduated in 1950. It was there he met and married Eileen Ann Schauder in 1948.

With her encouragement, he entered a local humor contest and won the first prize, a wristwatch. Then, in 1950, to a radio station in Columbus, OH, where he performed for three years. With barely enough money to feed him for a day, he went to NYC. For the next several

years he worked night clubs, on radio, including Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts.

Then in 1954, Jack Paar provided his nation-wide exposure on television. In 1956 his 15 minute weekly show, the Jonathan Winters TV Show. To keep up a hectic schedule, cigarettes and Scotch help sooth him. It also contributed in 1959 to a nervous breakdown.

He managed to overcome that in a few years he was back in the public's eye. In 1961 he began making movies. Some of the hits included: Alakazam the Great; It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World, in 1963. Then The

Loved Ones, The Russians are coming; and a slew of others. In the meantime he was spending lots of time in a pile of TV shows, during the 1970's and 1990's. One role he might have enjoyed was in Davis Rules in 1991-92, in which he played a retired Marine gunnery sergeant and father of Randy Quaid, which role garnered him an Emmy.

Other works have kept him quite busy. He has, to date, written a number of books and he now lives quietly with his wife of over half a century, in California.

Winters, Jonathan Harshman, III. Corporal. Born on 11 November 1925 to Jonathan Harshman and Alice Kilgore Rodgers Winters, in Dayton, Ohio. Life was pleasant until he was seven years of age when his parents divorced. Poor Alice had to go to work in a factory, later working for a magazine, then landed a job interviewing people on radio. His grandfather Winters more or less was his constant companion and they had a hell of a time, enjoying the many things a retired bank owner could afford.

Jon did very poorly in school, especially as he got into the latter years. He, like so many of us, day-dreamed about what we would do in the Foreign Legion, or, even the U.S. Marines. So, at age seventeen, he enlisted in the Marines on 20 October 1943, attending Parris Island in January of 1944. After graduation, suffering from a kidney ailment, Jon went to the naval hospital at Philadelphia, remaining there for several months.

Upon release he was sent to Sea School at Portsmouth, VA and after graduation, on 23 October 1944, Private Winters shipped aboard the Bon Homme Richard, CV-31, the second ship of that name. He became a member of the Marine Detachment, and

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# What Is Best For The Forest?

By David Falkenham, UNHCE Grafton County Forester

I am very fortunate to have a job that takes me to all corners of Grafton County, working with private forest landowners to help them manage their forests and achieve their objectives. An individual's forest management objectives vary from property to property and may include anything from improving wildlife habitat, increasing biodiversity, or cutting timber for extra income.

The questions I receive are too numerous to count; however, one of the most common, yet not so easily answered questions is "What is the best thing I can do for my forest?". This is an honorable question and I am glad to hear it as often as I do, but the answer is more philosophical than it is scientific.

Human beings have been using and managing the forest for thousands of years. Early Native Americans used the forest for building material, gathering plant foods and hunting animals. They commonly burned the forest to create better wildlife habitat, hence better hunting conditions. This burning likely created a higher diversity of wild berries for human collection as well. Thus the manipulation of forests for human purposes has been going on for

a long time. Although these early natives were improving their situation for living, they were also improving wildlife habitat and diversity so, in a sense, they were doing work that was good for the forest.

Hunting, fishing, trapping, walking, running and riding our mountain bikes are all common endeavors that we enjoy in the forest, thus we need to protect them for these purposes. Cutting trees gives us wood, which everybody uses everyday. As my predecessor likes to say; "Wood is the most useful material known to man". We use wood for building houses, cabinets, furniture, utensils, heating our homes, and of course all common forms of paper are made from wood. Thus we need trees for our survival.

To achieve a balance of growing timber for our physical needs and conserving forests for our psychological and recreation needs, the art and science of forestry (forest management) was born in Europe and imported to the United States over 100 years ago. This new field of science led to a modern conservation movement that protects forests for wildlife and biodiversity while simultaneously growing and cutting trees for our personal use. This conservation move-

ment also led to the creation of our National Forest System and the US Forest Service. Names such as Gifford Pinchot, Aldo Leopold, and of course Teddy Roosevelt were leaders and scientists at the spearhead of this movement.

In Grafton County nearly 40% of the forested landscape is public land, either State, County or National Forest. However, the majority of our forests (over 60%) are privately owned. These private ownerships come in all shapes and sizes and the landowners have great resources available to them to help them manage their forests and meet most or all of their ownership objectives. My job, as County Forester, is to talk with these landowners, walk their landscape, and make recommendations that will hopefully lead to a lifetime of enjoyment from a person's forest. My time often leads to the hiring of licensed professional foresters who carry out the on-the-ground work that improves wildlife habitat, harvests timber, increases tree growth and regeneration, creates roads and trails for landowners to use, and increases biodiversity.

So what is best for the forest? Given the long history of land use in this country,

that is the toughest question of them all. My feeling is that if we are continuously conserving and protecting forested landscapes (both private and public), sustainably harvesting timber for our use with an eye towards diversity, managing agricultural land to grow our food and enhance our overall health, and improving our perspective by

walking in the woods as often as we can, we are doing what is best for the forest and all those who visit it.

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Paddle The Border - Fall is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2010

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North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency invites all to join us on May 22nd for our annual Hospice Walk-a-thon and Family Festival.

The family friendly Festival will include a number of activities and booths including raffles, craft and baked goods tables, mini-massages, wool spinning demonstration, food, music, face painting and some games for children.

Participation in the walk-a-thon is not required in order to attend the festival. The walk-a-thon starts at

9:00am at NCHHA, with registration opening at 8:30 am. Walkers are encouraged to get sponsorship but may opt to pay a nominal admission fee instead. The Festival starts at 9:00 am and will run until 1:00 pm, also on our agency premises.

This event is the major fundraising event for the Hospice Program.

To obtain a walk-a-thon registration form call NCHHA at 444-5317 or stop by to pick one up! We hope to see you on the 22nd for the walk and/or the festival.

## Joey + Rory Added To North Haverhill Fair Schedule



There have been many husband and wife teams in country music. One more that can be added to the list is Joey + Rory. First joined as a singing team for "Can You Duet?", they were already life partners with different paths in the music business. One clip from their website says it best. "This is a special part of our lives and love story—just like the restaurant is a part of Joey's life, and just like songwriting is a part of mine," comments Rory. "The reason we have the plus sign between our names is because at first it was Joey. Add me in there, and the combination just feels right I guess. You know, it's great to do what you love for a living, but it's a whole different game to get to do it with the one you love." The music they will perform includes the hit "Cheater, Cheater", plus some other

songs from their album including "Boots" and appropriately enough following the Thursday night action at North Haverhill Fair, "Rodeo".

Fashioned after a popular television show, another great new event on the Thayer Stage for 2010 will be our very own 'North Haverhill Idol!' To enter this event participants are asked to provide a tape or video of their act. Entries should be mailed to Gary Scruton, PO Box 67, Woodsville, NH 03785 or emailed to garyscruton@yahoo.com. Acts will be limited to single or duo vocalists, and must be preapproved before the event. The event itself will take place on Thursday, July 29 beginning at 8:00 PM. A panel of judges with real music knowledge is being formed to judge during the event. The judging trio will include Stephen John from

WYKR radio in Wells River. Chris Garrett of 99 Rock in Hanover will fill one of the other two seats on the panel. The third and final seat is, as of this date, not confirmed. But we promise to have a third judge who will nicely round out our panel.

The 2010 edition of the North Haverhill Fair will also see a third year of Guitar Hero competition taking place on the Thayer Stage. This year's edition has a couple of changes. First, there will be two divisions of players. Those under 14 will get to compete against those in the same age bracket while those 14 and older go into the open competition. Qualifying for both divisions will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Finals will take place on Sunday. The other wrinkle to this popular event will be the addition of a Rock Band division. So get your friends and practice your game skills. Prizes and bragging rights will be handed out on Sunday.

Along with all these special events the 66th Annual North Haverhill Fair will also have Ox pulling on Wednesday and Thursday, Pony pulling on Friday and the ever popular Horse pulling Saturday and Sunday. Fiesta Shows will continue with their always popular ride specials on Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday, plus you can see the displays, 4-H Shows, Sunday Horse Show and so much more.

For full details go to [www.nohaverhillfair.com](http://www.nohaverhillfair.com) or look for the brochures coming out in mid June.

## COVERTS COOPERATORS GATHERING

Saturday, May 29, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Peeler/Woodward Property

157 Beech Hill Rd., Campton, NH

This is a great opportunity for local landowners, citizens and Coverts Cooperators, to tour the Peeler/Woodward property and see the forestry and wildlife work that has taken place. Management of the property includes apple tree and hawthorn release, timber harvesting, recreation trails, field reclamation, planting of trees and perennials, and much more.

The days' events will include David and Paula telling their land management story, as well as a walking tour of the property. After lunch feel free to wander the trails on the property on your own, or with the landowners.

Morning refreshments will be provided. Bring your own bagged lunch or hotdogs; a campfire will be provided for roasting hotdogs. (condiments provided)

The entire workshop will be outdoors, rain or shine, so please dress accordingly. Please provide your own folding chair.

There is no cost associated with this workshop, however, pre-registration is required and must be received no later than May 26th. Please RSVP to David Falkenham or Teresa Locke at (603)787-6944 or e-mail [dave.falkenham@unh.edu](mailto:dave.falkenham@unh.edu).

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# Solar Hot Water Workshop

## Attracts Homeowners

BRADFORD – About 100 people learned how they could save thousands of dollars on their fuel bills by attending the Upper Valley Solar Hot Water Challenge at Bradford Academy on Saturday, April 24. The event provided information about solar hot water, introduced local solar vendors and installers to the audience, and allowed interested homeowners to arrange for site visits and estimates from several vendors of their choosing.

By noon, many attendees were asking how they could use solar hot water in their own homes. They gathered around the display booths set up near or on the Bradford Academy stage by eight area solar vendors: ARC Mechanical of Bradford, SunCatcher of Corinth, ReKnew Energy Systems of South Royalton, Green Works Solar Store of Groton, GroSolar of White River Junction, Gibson Enterprises of Wells River, Sunward of Vergennes, Middlebrook Mechanical of Bradford.

Larry Scott of Ekolott Farm in South Newbury called the program "Quite helpful." He said, "We're figuring out how to get solar hot water on the farm. It's great to have the whole group of (the solar vendors) right here. Saves us some time having them all in one spot."

The Challenge was moderated by Dean Whitlock of Thetford Center, who uses a solar hot water system in his own home. The entire program was based on similar events held in Chelsea, Norwich, and Randolph over the past five years. The "challenge" comes from the hope that 50 homeowners will be so impressed by the benefits of solar hot water that they will install systems on their own homes.

The program began with Whitlock's 30-minute Power Point slide show featuring installation pictures provided by many of the vendors. He explained how solar hot water works, its financial and environmental benefits, what incentives are available in Vermont and New Hampshire, how installations are conducted, and what solar panels look like when mounted on roofs, poles on the ground, exterior walls, or as awnings over windows or doors. Whitlock pointed out that solar hot water is a "mature" technology, he said, having been used extensively throughout the world

for 30 years or more. China currently makes 72% of its hot water from solar panels.

The program brought "an incentivized audience," to meet and talk with the eight local vendors who set up display booths and answered questions, according to David Tofel of ReKnew Energy Systems of South Royalton. "(The homeowners) are taking time out of their day to come here," Tofel said. "This educational process makes them feel more confident talking with installers," he said. Tofel said he finds this event's format helpful in connecting him with motivated customers. He took part in two of the previous challenges and said he received a number of leads from them.

After the slide presentation, Whitlock and the solar vendors answered questions from the audience. Attendees were often most interested in the financial incentives available. Vendors

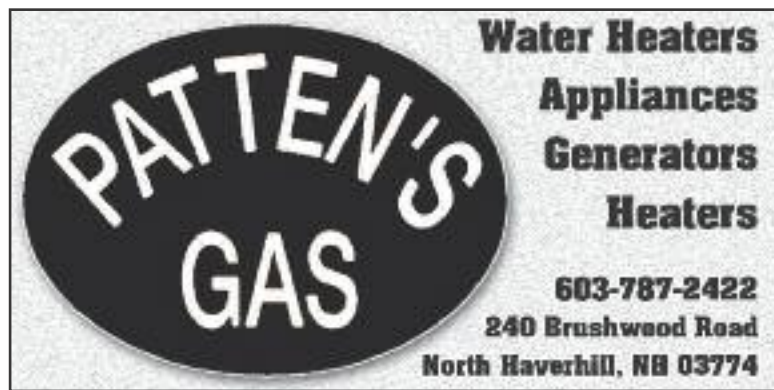
pointed out that to receive state rebates and federal tax incentives, systems must be installed by certified "Solar Partners" in Vermont. It's how the government ensures that systems are installed correctly and safely. Whitlock advised people to check with their accountant or tax preparer when calculating the amount of their tax credit, and added that they don't have to take it all in one year, but can spread it out over several years.

One of the slides drew laughter from the audience as it made comparisons between the cost of a solar hot

water system versus the purchase of a new one-ton pickup truck. According to Whitlock's comparison, a typical solar hot water system for a family of four averages about \$9,000 (about \$5,600 total once rebates and tax incentives are applied), versus \$25,000 for the truck. The solar panels generally last more than 25 years, compared to the 15 years of a well-maintained truck. Solar panels will typically pay for themselves within eight years and provide free hot water thereafter, while the truck depreciates in value. And solar hot water

does not create any carbon emissions, while a truck can spew tons of carbon into the air in one year.

The Newbury Energy Committee will track the numbers of customers generated by the event to see if the Challenge of 50 installations is met by September 30. Saturday's event was sponsored by the Bradford Conservation Commission's Energy Committee, by the Newbury Energy Committee, the Newbury Conservation Commission, and by Hills Five and Ten as a public service.



## Afternoon Tea At St. Luke's



On Sunday afternoon, April 25th, St. Luke's Episcopal Church hosted Afternoon Tea with etiquette consultant, Noreen Watts. Mrs. Watts presented an interesting and informative program concerning the art of afternoon tea. Those in attendance learned the differences between low tea, high tea, cream tea, light tea, full tea and royal tea.

Mrs. Watts demonstrated the proper way to brew a pot of tea, and she described the differences between black, oolong, green and white teas. She talked about the different materials used in making tea services, and everyone had fun examining the place setting before them. Placement of the tea setting and the utensils was discussed as well as the proper use and handling of

the napkin. Proper attire and the etiquette concerning the guest of honor were also discussed. A question and answer period followed the presentation. From the questions, a demonstration on stirring the tea without hitting the sides of the tea cup, shaking hands and the proper placement of name tags resulted.

The honored positions of pouring tea and serving punch were held by Mrs. Kay O'Malley, who poured and Mrs. Florence Hartmann, who served punch. Sandwiches, warm scones, clotted cream with jam and honey, sweets and desserts were provided by the ladies of the church. Mr. Frank O'Malley and Fr. William Watts provided table service, and Shannia Butson was chosen to be the honored guest.

## Oxbow High School Presents "Once on This Island"

For their musical of the season, Oxbow High School is staging the Broadway show, *Once on This Island*, a re-telling of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale about The Little Mermaid who loved a prince from a different world and sacrificed her life for that love. The version Oxbow is presenting is an earthier one, set as it is on a tropical island and spiced up with African music and dance, but keeping the theme that love is stronger than death. Show dates are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 21, 22 and 23 with a 7:30 curtain Friday and Saturday evenings and a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

The musical version was adapted from *My Love, My Love*, a story written by Rosa Guy, who transported the Andersen fairy tale to an island in the French Antilles. In her version the mismatched couple are a poor peasant girl from one side of the island in love with a rich boy from the other side.

The Broadway show, which won multiple Tony Award nominations in 1990 and other awards later, has been set to a calypso beat by Stephen Flaherty, who composed the music, and dramatized by Lynn Ahrens who wrote the show's book and lyrics. The story is told mostly in music, song and dance, with these elements blending in a mixture of joy, sorrow, earthi-



ness, and celebration of life. In *Once on This Island*, the legend of Ti Moune, the peasant girl who dared to love Daniel Beauhomme, a rich boy from the French side of the island, is told by the islanders. In the telling of the island legend, the principal singers play a variety of roles throughout the show, and are joined by an ensemble of singers and dancers who are onstage most of the time, 18 students in all. Principals are Elyse Neubauer, Brianne Keith,

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Principals are Elyse Neubauer, Brianne Keith,

Mike Eaton, Hannah Judas, Brittany Emerson, Libby Wilson, Drazen Smith, Danielle Clancy, Elizabeth Keith, Brendon Jones, and Jeremy Belknap. In the ensemble are Tianna Butler, Sarah Burridge, Sabrina French, Mikaela Keith, Katie Kearney, Madison Pryor, and Abby Speck. Stage managing the show is student Katie Snook.

Music director Carolyn Keck states that the music is "often hauntingly beautiful, often joyous, and very difficult" adding that "these exceptional Oxbow singers are doing beautifully." Directing the vibrant, unusual show is Linda Neubelt, who directed last year's musical as well. Professional choreographer Betsey Kamel has been training the cast in the African dance moves that add to the show's vitality.

*Once on This Island* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, New York, NY. Tickets are available only at the door. For information, call Oxbow High at 802-222-5214 or go to [www.oxbowhighschool.org/drupal](http://www.oxbowhighschool.org/drupal).

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# Bradford Group Stages First Play Of The Season

Bradford VT- The Old Church Community Theater brings a comedy hit to its Bradford Vermont stage for the next two weekends: "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody" by Ron Bernas will be presented May 7 and 8, and 14 and 15 at 7.30pm at the theater at 137 North Main Street. There are also two Sunday matinees at 4pm on May 9 and 16. Reservations can be made by calling 802-222-3322 or reservations @oldchurchtheater.org. Tickets are also available at the door for \$10 (\$5 children).

Director Diane Chamberlain has put together a great

cast to bring this wacky and family-friendly comedy to life. The story is about rich Matthew and Julia Perry: Matthew wants to be rid of his wife to have some real fun, so he resolves to murder Julia by year's-end, and tells her so. She vows to stay alive, and tells him so. And so the game begins — a hilarious year-long match of wits and the witless with side-splitting fun from beginning to end. Featured actors are Miles Conklin, John-Paul Hunt, Gary Jesseman, Anna Lornitzo, Barbara Swantak and William Zeigler

"A Little Murder..." is the

first play of the Old Church Community Theater's ambitious 2010 season. Next up in June is "Arsenic and Old Lace", followed by "The Devil's Disciple" in July, "The Gin Game" in August and One Act Plays in September. Details and photos may be found at www.oldchurchtheater.org.

The Old Church Community Theater is a Bradford, Vermont based non-profit and volunteer group, dedicated to providing a variety of plays every summer with opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy the performing arts both on and off stage.

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In addition to a chance to win the Discovery 158 canoe, all presenting donors will receive a free New Hampshire state park day pass. The

pass can be used at any New Hampshire state park and is valid through October 15th.

A blood drive is scheduled for Monday, May 17th, when the Red Cross visits Monroe Health Services on 152 Woodsville Road in Monroe, NH. Donor hours will be 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and anyone who is at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate. All presenting donors will receive flowers.

To find a Red Cross blood drive near you, or to make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit online at redcrossblood.org. For information about first aid, CPR, and other classes to make your outdoor adventures safer, contact your local Red Cross chapter.

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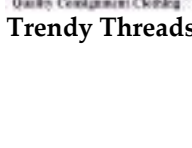
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By Ronda Marsh

## Quiche

Here's the best and easiest version of quiche that I know. It is extremely versatile and can be easily adapted to numerous combinations of meat and/or vegetables. The only constants here are the liquid mixture of eggs, milk, mayonnaise and flour. Truth be told, I've even forgotten the flour before, and it came out fine. This superb recipe was given to me years ago by Haverhill's Barb Dutile, and I've made it literally hundreds of times, since. If you want to make it even simpler, you can go with a crustless version, by just buttering a pie pan then sprinkling it with dry bread crumbs to coat. You remember that saying popularized by a book of the same name published in the eighties, "Real Men Don't Eat Quiche"? Well, I'm here to tell you that I've made converts of several male quiche-haters with this dish, and now you can, too!



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| 1 uncooked pie shell (frozen works fine) | 1 teaspoon dried dill (or more, if using fresh dill)  |
| 2 eggs                                   | 1-1/2 cups shredded cheese (I use whatever I have; my favorite is to use half Swiss and half cheddar or pepper jack)  |
| 1/2 cup whole milk                       |   |
| 1/2 cup mayonnaise (like Hellmann's)     | 1-1/2 to 2 cups sautéed chopped meat and vegetables of choice (I always start with onion, then maybe some ham, mushrooms, and tomatoes. It's totally up to your individual taste) |
| 1 Tablespoon all-purpose flour           |   |

Preheat oven to 350F. Sauté meat/vegetables in scant amount of butter or oil and allow to cool while assembling other components. In a large bowl, beat eggs with a whisk. Add mayonnaise, milk, flour, and dill, whisking after each addition. Add in shredded cheese and cooled sautéed mixture, stirring to evenly distribute. Pour filling into the unbaked pie shell. Bake for 30-40 minutes, till lightly browned and filling does not wobble when dish is moved. Remove to a cooling rack and wait 5 minutes before cutting to serve. Yields 6 generous slices.

## Coventry Log Homes Featured on North American Safari TV Show

The filming crew from North American Safari, an award winning hunting show based in Fairfield, Maine, shot interview footage of Coventry Log Homes executives for shows airing in May. A hunt in which Mark Elliott bagged an antelope and a whitetail deer will also be featured. Air times for this episode are: Wednesday May 5th at 10:30 a.m.; Saturday May 8th at 12:30 a.m.; Sunday May 9th at 8:30 a.m.; on Direct TV channel 605, Dish Network channel 285, and Charter Communications channel 324. Pictured left is Mark Elliott of

Coventry Log Homes and to the right, John Geiman of G-Man Outdoor Adventure.



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WASHINGTON — The secretary of the Navy said the service is "moving aggressively" to allow female sailors aboard submarines, a move that would open another of the few remaining career paths currently closed to women in the military. In a statement released Thursday, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said he and other top officials have been working on the change since he was sworn in last March.

"I believe women should have every opportunity to serve at sea, and that includes aboard submarines," he wrote.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, in his own statement earlier this week, noted there are "particular issues with integrating women into the submarine force" but added he believes they can be resolved.

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The US military's ban on women serving in submarines officially came to an end on Thursday, with commanders saying female officers would bolster the underwater fleet.

"Maintaining the best submarine force in the world requires us to recruit from the largest possible talent pool," said Vice Admiral John Donnelly, commander of naval submarine forces.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

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### DO YOU REMEMBER:

#### The TV series "Fatal Vision" ?

After spending some 40 years of a three life sentence in prison, former Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald who was convicted of killing his wife and two daughters at their housing at Ft. Bragg, NC in 1970 may get a new trial.

MacDonald has tried several times to get a new trial for various reasons, but without much success.

His lawyers argued in March this year as new DNA evidence and a witness statement how he's innocent of the crime.

The panel is expected to decide within a few weeks whether MacDonald should get a new trial.

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There was a time after World War II when more than 90 percent of those in Congress had served in combat before they served in Washington.

Today, only about 90 members of Congress are veterans, and few of them have ever been under fire, says Joseph R. John, a retired Navy captain on a mission to change that with the 2010 elections by helping to elect or re-elect to Congress at least 40 combat vets.



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# Voters Turn Out To Meet State Senate Candidate Jeanie Forrester



North Haverhill, NH – Over 50 concerned voters joined Conservative State Senate District 2 Candidate Jeanie Forrester for an evening of politics and pasta at the Horse Meadow Senior Center.

"I was encouraged by the number of folks who took the time to come out and share their concerns and ideas about the direction our state is heading. Over and over, people expressed their frustration with increased taxes, increased spending and the blatant disregard for Granite Staters from Concord politicians," said Forrester.

"With each and every citizen I speak to, it just reaffirms my desire to bring a

small business, outsider approach to the State Senate and to Concord. I may not have all the answers but I have the commitment and drive to listen to the voters and find ways to reduce the size and expense of government," added Forrester.

Jeanie Forrester is a first-time candidate for public office who brings over 20 years of business experience, problem solving and toughness to the race. As a former town administrator and Executive Director of award-winning NH Main Street programs in Meredith and Plymouth, Jeanie knows what it takes to enable job growth and create an environment to improve

citizens' quality of life.

"Tonight, I heard from individuals who have had to make tough decisions and live within their means. They understand that it is time for new leaders in Concord who will get serious about cutting spending and getting their friends, families and neighbors back to work. I look forward to continuing to meet with voters from all of the 31 towns in Senate District 2 in the hopes of earning their support."

Jeanie Forrester lives in Meredith with her husband, Keith and they own a small environmental technology company.

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## Letter To The Editor

Jeanie Forrester of Meredith just announced she will seek the office of State Senate for District 2. That is great news! Jeanie will bring much needed fresh ideas and perspectives to Concord.

As a former Main Street Executive Director in both Meredith and Plymouth, she knows first-hand the struggles small businesses are going thru. She knows first-hand the negative impact of the rooms and meals taxes on the restaurant and lodging community and our local campgrounds in the Lakes Region and Grafton County. She knows the economic devastation the LLC tax would thrust on small businesses and the self employed.

Jeanie will bring Main Street experience, values, and common sense to Concord. Jeanie is not and does not want to be a career politician and permanent fixture in Concord. She is running for the right reasons. She wants to fight to control the out-of-control spending, return our state to a business friendly economy, and create much needed jobs for our struggling neighbors and friends.

We need new leadership and new faces in Concord. I hope you will join me in supporting Jeanie Forrester for State Senator in District 2!

Jim Wallace, Meredith

*Trendy Times is more than happy to publish Letters from readers supporting candidates.*

*Even though it is early in the season, getting information out about candidates and their views is never a bad thing.*

*In a very short time we will have many others announcing candidacy and the campaign will start to kick into gear.*

*Trendy Times will continue to publish as many of the letters we receive as possible. If the time comes when we must cut, it will be done as fairly as possible. Trendy Times (and that really means me) does not plan to back any particular candidate but will provide space and time to all candidates on either side of the river. So get your pens and computers fired up and let us know who you are backing, and why.*

Gary Scruton, Editor

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## Local Coin Dealer Admits To His Addiction!

After several attempts this reporter finally cornered Jim Hobbs, owner and operator of White Mountain Trader, in Woodsville, who finally admitted to having an addiction. He said it started 60 years ago when he started going to auctions held by George Clement, a well known auctioneer.

It started with an innocent purchase of an old Bulova wristwatch. The habit advanced to his buying a pocket watch. Tear swelled in Hobbs' eyes as these gatherings and raised their hands in protest, trying to stop the young man from purchasing items. But, the young man ignored their attempts and his habit soon progressed to harder stuff like clocks and jewelry.

Hobbs admits his forehead gets sweaty, his palms get clammy and he get the shakes if he goes more than a few hours without buying something. He pleaded with this reporter to spread the word to all within hearing distance of his serious problem. As I walked away, I looked back at his pitiful sole to see him standing on the front steps of his White Mountain Trader store, hands raised to the sky, screaming...

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# Letter To The Editor

Happy Trails or Not

Some people have asked me what my letter to the editor was about. It's about the Roystan Ridge gravel pit. I have always said that a owner can do what he wants with his land, but do it the right way. That road became a trail in 1954. If you want a commercial operation up there, then have the Wells River Trustees change it back to a road. If the Trustees leave it a trail and ok this operation, then what would stop any operation on any trail in Wells River and Newbury from doing the same. If you let this happen from Route 302 to the gravel pit in front of the water shed, what is going to stop anybody from going the rest of the trail to the Newbury line, or the trail from this trail that comes down by the WYKR radio tower to Rt. 302. I will admit that I am a little upset with the Wells River Trustees. When I went to their meeting on March 31 they seemed to not care what I had to say. One even asked me what I was doing there, because I didn't live in the white house at the start of the trail on Rt. 302 anymore. Well I thought that was quite a questions to ask.

"Just think." Here I am walking down Main Street in Wells River Village, and I look across the street, and I see a man beating on this woman. I run across the street to stop it, but when I get there I see that the woman is my ex-girlfriend. Now should I listen to the Wells River Trustees and say, "What am I doing here, because I don't go with her anymore, and just walk away?" Sorry guys, I was not raised that way. When something is wrong, you try to

make it right, and that's what you should do. Let the people of Wells River Village know what is going on, not just the abutters. Most people in the Wells River Village don't know what this is about. Between the Trustees and Town of Newbury boards, this seems to be hush - hush. The boards let the abutters know and also post it in papers, etc. That's fine, but a project that is commercial should be looked at in a different way and advertised differently. Getting a permit for a commercial project should be different than a permit for a house addition.

I think you should change the way you handle these commercial permits. The first thing they ask is "are you an abutter?" In commercial permits I think you would want all the help you can get from people, abutters or not, so you will hear all the information needed. When they look at the maps and have the presentations, they think everything is ok. Well guess what, it's not always ok. I know that the boards are trying their best to do things right. People, this project is a ten year gravel pit consisting of moving the town water line that feeds the water shed. Driving alongside the water line that feeds the Village along the trail. Making a new entrance off Rt. 302. Installing guard rails, etc. on land not owned by the pit owner. Pit hours will be 7 AM - 5 PM Monday thru Friday. I feel sorry for the young couple that live in my old house on Rt. 302. If you feel that this project is ok and should be left along I hope you don't have a trail near you.

Ken Glaude, Wells River, VT

*It's a bit of a cliché to say "Mr. Glaude should be applauded for his concern". But, in this day it is good to see that someone who knows about a situation, even if not personally harmed by it, will still step up and speak out. His analogy about an ex-girlfriend really brings it in focus. If more people felt this way and spoke up when they see something that does not appear to be right, then many wrong paths could be averted.,*

*Elected officials in the small towns of this area almost always have the best for their towns in mind. But sometimes there is a personal matter that gets in the way, or there is a view that simply was not seen by the board. That is when it is the duty of the public to step up and let them know.*

*Simply being elected to a position does not guarantee an all knowing status. We the people still need to be diligent, ready to ask the right question at the right time, and also willing to help find the right answer, if that is what is needed.*

Gary Scruton, Editor



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# Letter To The Editor

## Veteran's Supplement to Social Security

To The Editor:

By now, you may or may not have heard from readers who followed up on your recent news article on how U.S. Military Veterans may pursue receiving additional funds to supplement their current or eventual social security payments. Your item pointed out that while the program had been discontinued in 2002, that former service members who had served between certain years, starting in the late 50's and ending some years later, were entitled to additional funds in the neighborhood of one-hundred dollars more a month.

I did follow up, through the Littleton office, and while what I was told is still somewhat confusing, wrapped in federal government language about tables and charts, I was given a somewhat different story than your news article indicated was the case. You stressed that "you have to ask for it", and as far as I can tell, that is not true. The front window lady I spoke with in person indicated that when I applied for and was given my social security benefits, the SS office had automatically considered my military service (four years Navy Vietnam service, Honorable Discharge) without my asking them to do so,

and had determined the time I spent in the military would not increase my monthly SS payment.

While I was there, I asked them to reconsider my case - I had brought proper ID and DD 214 - military discharge paperwork - and they did so again and came up with the same answer - my military time did not increase my social security take home. While I have never been a rich man, and am not one now, I had accumulated enough working years at a good annual wage to disqualify me from qualifying for additional funds.

The way to clear up any questions on a specific situation is to take the time and effort and talk, face-to-face if you can, to a specialist at a SS office. Incidentally, your item was not the only misleading one out there I was told - other people have come to this particular office with more than one newspaper article convincing them they had more money coming.

And finally by the way, it seems your paper is drawing more and more Letters To The Editor and there is no way that can be a bad thing.

Keep priming the pump.

Robert Roudebush  
North Haverhill, NH

Robert,

*Thank you for taking the time to write and let me know that the article was not totally accurate. Thank you also for explaining the situation and showing an example. This is far better than simply writing to complain and offering no better information.*

*For the lack of accuracy I must apologize. The source for this article has seemed reliable with past submissions.*

*In regards to an increase of Letters, yes, it is fulfilling to know that our vision is being met. Trendy Times wants to be the vehicle for readers to get their opinions out there. We are happy to offer up those thoughts and, as mentioned before, are willing to help those who wish, in putting the final touches on those letters.*

*Please, keep the letters coming, and keep reading Trendy Times.*

Gary Scruton, Editor

# Letter To The Editor

Letter to the Editor,

My sincere thanks to all those folks who came out to the Horse Meadow Senior Center in North Haverhill on April 29 to meet me. It was an incredible and rewarding experience to have people I don't know take their time to learn more about my campaign for New Hampshire State Senate, District 2.

As someone whose experience has been working with communities to help create jobs and economic prosperity, running for office is definitely outside my "comfort zone" but the people in Grafton County made me feel right at home.

I am not a polished, professional politician. I am someone who has dedicated a good chunk of my life to the service of community. I am someone who realizes that Concord is out of touch with hardworking people who struggle daily to make ends meet while Concord continues the downward push of taxes to make up for its spending addiction and mismanagement.

The people of Grafton County are thoughtful and engaged and it's a tragedy that the politicians in Concord aren't listening. I want to go to Concord, now more than ever, to represent District 2 because they not only need a voice in Concord, they also need someone who has the drive, commitment and experience to achieve results. I encourage anyone who has questions or concerns to email me at Jeanie@jeanieforrester.com.

Jeanie Forrester  
78 Tracy Way, Meredith NH 03253  
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*I had the opportunity to attend the dinner that Jeannie Forrester held at the Senior Center. It was good to have an opportunity to meet a candidate up close and personal. I can only hope that the same opportunity is afforded by the other candidates running for offices from this area.*

*Trendy Times will do all we can to publicize such events. We feel it best to let the voters know about these events before they happen so that those interested can attend. We will also, as is evidenced by this and previous issues, do all we can to get the opinions and views of those candidates out in front of the public.*

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"Please wear a poppy," the lady said  
And held one forth, but I shook my head.  
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,  
And her face was old and lined with care;  
But beneath the scars the years had made  
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,  
Bouncing along on care-free feet.  
His smile was full of joy and fun,  
"Lady," said he, "may I have one?"  
When she's pinned in on he turned to say,  
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way  
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,  
And the poppy there is the symbol for  
The gallant men who died in war.  
And because they did, you and I are free -  
That's why we wear a poppy, you see.

"I had a boy about your size,  
With golden hair and big blue eyes.  
He loved to play and jump and shout,  
Free as a bird he would race about.  
As the years went by he learned and grew  
and became a man - as you will, too.

"He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,  
But he'd seemed with us such a little while  
When war broke out and he went away.  
I still remember his face that day  
When he smiled at me and said, Goodbye,  
I'll be back soon, Mom, so please don't cry.

"But the war went on and he had to stay,  
And all I could do was wait and pray.  
His letters told of the awful fight,  
(I can see it still in my dreams at night),  
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,  
And the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

"Till at last, at last, the war was won -  
And that's why we wear a poppy son."  
The small boy turned as if to go,  
Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.  
That sure did sound like an awful fight,  
But your son - did he come back all right?"

A tear rolled down each faded cheek;  
She shook her head, but didn't speak.  
I slunk away in a sort of shame,  
And if you were me you'd have done the same;  
For our thanks, in giving, if oft delayed,  
Thought our freedom was bought - and thousands paid!

And so when we see a poppy worn,  
Let us reflect on the burden borne,  
By those who gave their very all  
When asked to answer their country's call  
That we at home in peace might live.  
Then wear a poppy! Remember - and give!

By Don Crawford

## Calendar of Events

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

**SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC**  
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Twin State Humane Society, Pike

### MONTHLY MEETING - ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION

6:00 PM  
American Legion Home, Woodsville

### FRIDAY, MAY 14

**A LITTLE MURDER NEVER  
HURT ANYBODY**  
7:30 PM  
Old Church Community Theater, Bradford  
*See ad on page 7*

### SATURDAY, MAY 15

**CANCER SURVIVORS EAT FOR FREE  
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8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Applebee's Restuarant, Littleton

### A LITTLE MURDER NEVER HURT ANYBODY

7:30 PM  
Old Church Community Theater, Bradford  
*See ad on page 7*

### SUNDAY, MAY 16

**ANDREWS HOPE WALK-A-THON**  
10:00 AM  
North Haverhill

### A LITTLE MURDER NEVER HURT ANYBODY

4:00 PM  
Old Church Community Theater, Bradford  
*See ad on page 7*

### MONDAY, MAY 17

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Monroe Health Services, Monroe  
*See article on page 7*

### TUESDAY, MAY 18

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

**HOME SCHOOL BOOK SALE**  
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM (Drop Off 12 Noon)  
Groton Community Building, Groton

**COMPOSTING & CREATING A HABITAT  
WITH COMPOST FOR KIDS**  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
Grafton County Complex, North Haverhill

**FIRST REHEARSAL WOMEN'S CHORUS**  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Presbyterian Church, East Topsham

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**  
**2ND ANNUAL ART SHOW**  
1:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
Horse Meadow Senior Center, N. Haverhill

### FRIDAY, MAY 21

**CONCERT AND COOKING COMPETITION**  
6:00 PM  
Railroad Park, Woodsville  
*See ad on page 7*

### "ONCE ON THIS ISLAND" MUSICAL THEATER PRODUCTION

7:30 PM  
Oxbow High School, Bradford

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

**HOSPICE WALK-A-THON  
AND FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
North Country Home Health & Hospice  
Agency, Littleton

### RELAY FOR LIFE SUPPER

7:00 PM (Take outs start 4:30 PM)  
Bath Congregational Church, Bath

### "ONCE ON THIS ISLAND" MUSICAL THEATER PRODUCTION

7:30 PM  
Oxbow High School, Bradford

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

**"ONCE ON THIS ISLAND" MUSICAL  
THEATER PRODUCTION**  
3:00 PM  
Oxbow High School, Bradford

### PADDLE THE BORDER

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### MONDAY, MAY 24

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**  
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JULY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
7:00 PM  
Woodsville Emergency Services Building,  
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### SATURDAY, MAY 29

**LILAC TIME PARADE**  
11:00 AM  
Lisbon

### SUNDAY, MAY 30

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10:00 AM  
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### MONDAY, MAY 31

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# 4-H Shooting Sports – A Way To Keep Kids Safe Around Firearms

By Kathleen Jablonski, Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development

I was one of those moms who didn't want my son to have anything to do with learning about firearms and hunting. Living in northern Maine as we did, that was not an option. Luckily, I was able to find a safe way for him to learn about firearm safety and how to properly handle a firearm through a program with his youth group. To this day I'm glad I did. During this program, Mike learned about firearm safety and was able to develop his skills in this lifelong sport. He continues to be an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

Shooting sports training, however, goes beyond hunting. It is a method to teach young people personal responsibility for themselves and others, it is a way for youth to build confidence and skills in a project area, and it keeps kids involved in a positive youth development activity with an adult mentor. This unique sport can be enjoyed year round and can continue to be developed well into adulthood. Through continued participation, youth can develop concentration skills that can transfer to other walks of their life.

As an adult volunteer,

you can help provide that same opportunity for our area youth through the Grafton County 4-H Shooting Sports project. Teaching youth safety around firearms, how to handle a firearm properly, what the safety protocol is for firearm use, how to clean and store firearms, as well as countless life skills.

Prior to educating youth, volunteers must first attend the 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training. During this training each leader takes a specific training track: rifle, pistol, or shotgun. An adult leader or a junior leader may also participate in the archery discipline. Larry Barker, 4-H Extension Educator in Coos County, organizes a once a year training session for leaders or potential leaders on how to teach shooting sports to youth. This year, the training is being held the weekend of May 15 and 16, 2010 at the 4-H Youth Center in New Boston, NH. (Leaders may also attend trainings in Vermont or Maine and receive reciprocal certification.) In order to become a leader, there is a screening process to complete with the county Extension Educator for 4-H

Youth Development before attending the Shooting Sports training weekend.

Following training, leaders can form a project group or a specialty club where youth are taught the basics of firearm safety and have an opportunity to learn how to shoot properly. From there, county and regional competitions can be formed, and youth can even earn qualifications for national events. Properly screened Grafton County 4-H leaders can borrow equipment for 4-H club use.

Interested in becoming a leader to guide youth in safe shooting practices? Contact Kathleen Jablonski at the UNHCE Grafton County office at 787-6944 or email her at: Kathleen.jablonski@unh.edu. The office is located at 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH 03774 in the Grafton County Administration Building.

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# Veterans' Healthcare Application Update <sup>15</sup>

WASHINGTON (May 5, 2010) - Veterans will find it easier and faster to apply for their health care benefits now that the Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its online Form 10-10EZ, "Application for Health Benefits."

"VA is committed to tapping into the best that technology has to offer to ensure Veterans receive the benefits they have earned," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "We continue to look for new ways to improve access to care and benefits."

This revised online application provides enhanced navigation features that make it easier and faster for

Veterans to apply for their health care benefits. This new version also allows Veterans to save a copy of the completed form for their personal records.

The most significant enhancement allows Veterans to save their application to their local desktop and return to the application at any time without having to start over. Previously, Veterans had to complete the form in a single session.

This updated online form, along with the revised VA Form 10-10EZ, reduces the collection of information from Veterans by eliminating some questions.

In addition, there are minor changes to simplify the wording of questions and provide clarity in the instructions. Further enhancements to the online application are expected to

be delivered in increments throughout 2010.

Veterans may complete or download the 10-10EZ form at the VA health eligibility website at [www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez](http://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez)

<http://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>. Veterans may also contact VA at 1 (877) 222-8387 (VETS) or visit the VA health eligibility website at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility).



Here's junior Todd Hayward at River Bend Career and Technical Center working with a gas cutting torch. Todd contributed to this plow project, making a plow to go on a local farmer's tractor. Todd also attends Oxbow High School.

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# New Warriors At Work

It may have been a small group that showed up at Ross-Wood Post 20 American Legion in Woodsville on Saturday, May 1, but their number had nothing to do with the spirit they felt and were happy to share. The Prayer Warriors is a new, loosely organized group who not only pray for their own loved ones who are in harm's way, but they also take the time and energy to pray for others.

The afternoon was arranged in part by Mary Ann Brandt who's son is one of those in harm's way. He previously did a tour of duty in Afghanistan. A very uneventful tour, or as his mother says, "A mother's dream." But not exactly what he was looking for. Therefore after his return he took up a more interesting specialty: Explo-

sives, or the dismantling of explosives. Mary Ann is praying now for a good teacher, and steady hands.

The other major player in the afternoon was Sue Christiansen, who made the trip up from Andover, NH. Not only did Sue make the trip, but she also brought her parents and others who strongly believe in the power of prayer. One of the most interesting comments from Sue was her feeling that she "gets as much, praying for others, as they get from my prayers." And that was the real meaning from this Prayer Meeting. Praying for others and getting their prayers for your own.

Plus Sue had at least one story of a young soldier who really had no one praying for him. She passed along his

story on Thanksgiving Day 2009. By the time she finished getting ready for her day with family, some 70 plus requests had come in looking for more information to offer prayers for this young soldier.

The Prayer Warriors are also now international. At least one person in Italy is a member of the group ready to keep prayers going around the clock. It should also be noted that the Prayer Warriors know not to share locations or specifics of deployment for those who their prayers are designated to help. As Sue put it, the last thing they want to do is give the enemy information that could possibly add to the number of bullets coming at their loved ones.

Though prayers are constantly being sent out and members of the group are



continuing to network, they are in need of one more piece to really get this group off the ground. Sue has already started the process of having a website, almost a necessity in today's electronic world. She has the name: prayerwarriors.com, but she does not have the expertise to put the site together like it needs to be. So along with the prayers for

others, Sue and friends are praying to have someone step up and help with the creation of this site. The hope is to be able to allow many to add their prayers and voices.

The Prayer Warriors plan to continue to keep prayers flowing. They also hope to have another informal meeting in the Woodsville area in the coming weeks.

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