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Meaning of Memorial Day

By Thomas J. Tradewell, Sr.

Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander-in-Chief

It's a sacred day to all war veterans! None need to be reminded of the reason that Memorial Day must be commemorated. But what about the general public, and more important, future generations? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war?

Judging from what Memorial Day has become - simply another day off from work - the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due, then. And it is the duty of each and every veteran to relay the message.

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens recall and be aware of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime.

Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all American enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

This should be regarded as a civic obligation. For this is a national debt that can only be truly repaid by

individual Americans. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations.

They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common - love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in time of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends. We remember the loss of loved ones, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible - giving one's own life on behalf of others.

Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is available to everyone.

Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance. Placing flags at gravesides, marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs, dedicating memorials and wearing Buddy Poppies are examples.

Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts. Personal as well as public acts of

remembering are the ideal. Public displays of patriotism are essential if the notion of remembering war dead is to be instilled in youth.

As American's older war veterans fast disappear from society's landscape, there are

fewer and fewer standard bearers left to carry the torch of remembrance. Such traditions will live on only if there is a vibrant movement to which that torch can be passed.

Now, more than in past years, the enduring relevance

of Memorial Day should be clearly evident. With two wars under way, the public has no excuse not to remember.

This much is owed to the more than 5,400 Americans who have died thus far in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Salmon Hole Bridge To Become Burgess Bridge

There are many events scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. Lisbon has a full weekend celebrating Lilac Time. There is a parade and other ceremonies on Monday, May 31 in North Haverhill and Woodsville sponsored by the local VFW and American Legion posts. There are also, no doubt, many other events sponsored by other organizations that have become very traditional and meaningful for many.

One event scheduled this year is a one time only dedi-

cation ceremony. On Sunday, 30 May 2010, at 1000 AM, there will be a Bridge dedication in Lisbon, NH to honor SPC Alan J. Burgess who was killed in action in Mosul, Iraq during his deployment on 15 October 2004. The bridge being dedicated is the former Salmon Hole Bridge which is located at the intersection of Routes 117 and 302, Lisbon, NH. (It should also be noted that SPC Burgess' birthday was May 30.) A call has gone out to the members of his unit to volunteer for color guard

duty. Other military and non-military personnel are also invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony.

There is no doubt that there will be happier times on Memorial Day weekend, but there may be no more meaningful time. If you are unable to attend, please take a moment during the weekend to remember SPC Burgess or his fellow soldiers. Or simply remember those who have gone before all of us.

Gary Scruton
 Editor/Publisher



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
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Broadband Service Now Available

By Janice Scruton

This is exciting news. SegTEL Broadband and telephone service is now available to many in our area by an up and coming Telephone Company based in Grafton County. And these services are being offered at very competitive prices.

SegTEL, Inc., a 14 year old telephone and broadband company located in Lebanon, NH has recently strung high speed fiber optic lines between North Haverhill and Woodsville, NH. By the time you read this, the lines should be all connected and SegTEL will be taking applications to hook up both residences and businesses.

There are some limitations as to who will qualify to be hooked up with this company. Foremost, you will need to be located along the fiber optic cable line or within 3 miles (approximately) of one of the wire centers. This is made possible by using existing telephone copper wires to extend residential and small business service from the fiber optic hubs. These wire centers are located near the American Legion Home in

Woodsville and at the Junction of Routes 10 and 116 in North Haverhill. Before you jump up and down in joy, or cry in frustration, you need to know that these are "wire miles", it is not always "as the crow flies" 3 miles. Wire miles can go around a block before continuing on to the next door neighbor. It can also mean that if the lines do run "as the crow flies", you might qualify for services at a distance of up to 3.5 miles from the hub. While telephone and broadband services will be offered in New Hampshire, Broadband service only will currently be offered in qualifying areas in Vermont.

SegTEL is not new to Grafton County. Besides having their headquarters based in Lebanon, they are currently offering services to businesses and residences in Canaan, Enfield, Franconia, Hanover, Haverhill, Lebanon, Littleton, Lyme, Plymouth, West Lebanon, Woodstock, and Woodsville. They offer Fiber Optic Broadband (with speeds from 1 Mbps to 10Gbps, speeds we've never

seen the likes of in this area), Traditional Wireline Broadband, ADSL2+, Phone Service, and Private Networking (MPLS, EPL). They are proud of the fact that they provided the first DSL lines in Grafton County in 1996.

As an example of what is available for residential service, the SegTEL Gold R service level offers unlimited local and long distance service PLUS high-speed DSL Internet Access for a monthly charge of \$82.99. Rest assured that even if you change phone companies, phone number portability does exist. This means that you can keep your current phone number, although you can expect a 30-90 minute gap in telephone service as your number and service are switched over.

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WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER

I might agree that 'War Is Not ALWAYS The Answer'. There are times when diplomacy, political and economic pressure and appeals to morality and justice might work.

The message I get from our topic today seems to be that 'War Is NEVER The Answer'.

This is a fallacy that flies in the face of a mere cursory study of history.

If war was NEVER the answer, we would still be British subjects, there would still be slavery in the South, Western Europe would be speaking only German while Eastern Europe would be speaking Russian, there would be no South Korea and Saddam Hussein would now be king of the resurrected Babylonian empire.

I have met and talked with many military professionals. Not one ever relished going to war. The cost is so very high.

These professionals fear only two things; 1. Not being prepared if war is inevitable and 2. Fighting for anything less than victory.

I find that most people who agree with the sentiments of that bumper sticker absolutely HATE force and the exertion of POWER. However, they would certainly want the local police to keep their neighborhood safe. They would expect the state national guard to assist in time of state and national emergencies. These same people would call on American embassies and our military to rescue them if they are threatened abroad.

Face it. Sometimes force is the most effective way to counter tyranny and terrorism.

Remember the words of George Orwell: "People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."



There has been a new addition to the roadside of Central Street in Woodsville. Thanks to the fairly newly formed Friends of Woodsville High School, there is now a changeable letter sign available to announce goings on at Woodsville High School.

The groups raised over \$5,500 in order to purchase the sign, get it mounted in a solid fashion and to later do some additional landscaping to pretty up the area. All of those landscape ideas are not yet fleshed out, but the group will certainly progress. The next big task will be the

upkeep of the sign's messages. The owner of that job is still being sought out. There are plenty of ideas, but volunteers are always welcome. If you would like more details about the sign or the group, contact Vice Principal Ron Upton at Woodsville High School.

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Forrester Begins Petition Drive to Gain Ballot Access

MEREDITH – Conservative Republican candidate for State Senate District 2, Jeanie Forrester, announced the kickoff of her grassroots petition drive aimed at gathering signatures for her primary campaign.

"The cornerstone of my campaign is reaching out and listening to the voters throughout Senate District 2, earning their support face-to-face. In that same spirit, I believe that seeking ballot access to the September 14th Republican Primary with the signatures and support of the voters is very fitting," said Forrester.

Jeanie Forrester has

already been to many of the 31 communities in State Senate District 2 meeting with voters. Recently, she toured several downtown businesses in Meredith and Plymouth on her "Jeanie Means Jobs Tour," met with community leaders in Ashland, Bristol, Monroe and Plymouth and hosted a spaghetti dinner for Haverhill area residents to come share their concerns with her. Over 50 people attended the Haverhill event.

"Local, accessible representation is a New Hampshire tradition that I am committed to carrying on," added Forrester. I encourage voters to contact me with questions, to

learn more about my candidacy or with ideas for reining in out-of-control state spending and taxes."

The Forrester grassroots petition drive also includes a direct mail campaign to introduce her conservative commitments and 20 years of experience as a business owner and job creator.

"There is a lot of work to be done in Concord to undo the last four years of double-digit spending hikes and dozens of tax and fee increases. But with the support of District 2 voters, I will bring new energy, common sense, and accountability to the State House.

Lee Marvin

By George Clark



Marvin, Lee. A hell-raiser, practically from birth. He was born to a respectable couple, Lamont and Courtney D. Marvin, in NYC on 19 February 1924. Lee was a problem practically from birth and was expelled from practically every private school he ever attended.

He joined the Marines on 12 August 1942, graduated from Parris Island and was accepted as a typist in the Quartermaster's department. Now a corporal, he got into more trouble and was reduced to private and shipped off to a casual company in the 4th MarDiv.

In January 1944 he was a member of D Co, 4th Tank Bn, 4th MarDiv and shipped out bound for the Marshall Islands. In March, now the division reconn company, and soon upon landing assigned duty with the 22d Marines at the Kwajalein Atoll.

Next was Saipan at which he was I Co, 3d Bn, 24th Marines. There on 18 June 1944 he was nailed "in the ass" as he would later describe it. That was the end of his war.

To a hospital ship, then to the states and a hospital, eventually the Boston Naval Hospital where he spent the next thirteen months. His discharge from the Corps, on 24 July 1945, came while he was at the MB, Philadelphia.

Untrained for anything, but killing Japanese, Lee Marvin learned plumbing. In fact, it was while practicing that trade that he tried to reenlist in the Marines. "Forget it" was the response. Next

came acting in a stage play. The manager asked for a "loud, uncouth man" to replace a sick actor and Marvin got the job.

He started taking courses in acting from the American Theater Wing, courtesy of the GI Bill, then appeared in several Broadway plays. He played in the movie You're in the Navy Now and was on his way to Hollywood. In 1952 he married Betty Ebeling and the two created four children. Divorced in 1965, he married Pamela Feeley in 1970, though he had been "shacking up" with Michelle Triola in between. Palimony raised its ugly head.

Meanwhile Lee was in numerous TV series, and movies. Cat Ballou, The Big Heat, Bad Day at Black Rock, and numerous others including a fine villain in Gorky Park. Others of that genre included The Dirty Dozen, Hell in the Pacific, The Big Red One and the like. His film career is too well known to reiterate here.

But, like so many of us, in fact all of us, one has to die. He did on 29 August 1987 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and next to the grave of Joe Louis. If he has some sense, he will avoid picking a fight with his next door neighbor.

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The Garden Tour Phenomena

By Arianne Fosdick, Volunteer Management Program Associate

As a 4-H Garden Program organizer, Master Gardener coordinator, and a vegetable grower, I've come to several realizations about garden tours. The first one is that everybody loves to see someone else's garden. It is education at its best. We find ourselves so distracted by the gardens themselves that we forget we are learning about varieties, design, and things like watering and spacing techniques.

The second thing I've noticed about garden tours is that while everyone would like to attend one, no one really wants to host one. People's eyes light up at the mention of the word, and in the same way that good food conjures up memories of other good food, they bring up golden memories of fantastic tours from the past. But when you continue with, "So, I am trying to put one together," these same people avert their eyes and shrink away to near invisibility.

I understand that it is not anti-social or apathetic tendencies that cause people to shy away from hosting a tour. Rather it is the pressure, the pedestal, and the reality that

lots of people will be visiting your garden. And these visitors, regardless of their best intentions, may somewhere in the garden shed of their brains be categorizing the type of gardener you are. Are you dedicated and diligent, are you haphazard and lucky, are you haphazard and unlucky? In order to receive their due diagnosis, potential hosts envision all the work they will need to do to get their plots in tip-top shape and make quick mental lists of all their unfinished projects. They do this in the split second between wanting to attend the garden tour and realizing that you are actually asking them to be the garden tour. And because they are human, and because it is summer, and because they have to eat, and sleep, and probably work most days, they realize they are too busy to grow the garden they would want others to see. And so they avert their eyes and pray for sudden invisibility.

Of course we only want to show our best sides and our immaculate gardens. But these "best sides" are not always where the most

valuable information is found. Often it is someone else's mistakes, and not bullets on a PowerPoint, that help you avoid making the same mistakes yourself. Tricks, tips, and pointers from imperfect and busy gardeners are often the most helpful to other imperfect and busy gardeners.

In this age of high-gloss, 3-D, and picture perfect, I urge you to embrace the realities of gardening the

weeds, the spacing decisions, and the sometimes scrawny pepper plants. Envision the garden of your dreams, love the one in your back yard, and consider sharing your very real masterpiece with others. To inquire about how you might become part of a garden tour event, or to find out more in-

formation about other Extension programs, please call the office at 603-787-6944.

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SATURDAY, MAY 29
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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Patten North Haverhill Library

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11:00 AM
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See ad on page 9

BIG BAND DANCE – SWEET JAMM
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Alumni Hall, 75 Court Street, Haverhill

SUNDAY, MAY 30
LIBRARY BOOK AND BAKE SALE
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Patten North Haverhill Library

ALAN BURGESS DEDICATION
10:00 AM
Former Salomn Hole Bridge, Rt 302,
North of Lisbon
See article on page 1

GHOST WALK
7:00 PM
Village Cemetery, Rt 302, Bath
See article on page 7

MONDAY, MAY 31
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
9:00 AM
Monument Corner, Rt 116 & 10, N. Haverhill

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY
11:00 AM
Central Street, Woodsville
See ad on page 1

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
NH STATE VETERANS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Woodsville American Legion Post #20

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Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

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6:00 PM
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LIBRARY BAKE SALE
9:00 AM – 12 Noon
McIndoe Falls Academy Library

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10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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See ad and article on page 16

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Bath Ghost Walk

By Gary Scruton



The Memorial Day Weekend is full of many annual events, happenings and traditions. Certainly not the most well known of those occasions, but now in its tenth year, is the Bath Historical Society's version of a Ghost Walk. Not the first such event in the area, but still one of the trend setters, The Town of Bath has about eight cemeteries and the group chooses a different cemetery each year for the performance and presentations. As Velma Ide, member of the Historical Society, said, "There is quite a selection of dead people to choose from."

In case you have never had the opportunity to attend a Ghost Walk, here is an attempt to breathe some life into the occasion.

First, the Bath Historical Society decides which of the town's many burial places will be featured. Then members of the Historical Society,

and others who choose to volunteer, tour that cemetery and pick out one of the departed. Next is research time. Each person does their own. This can sometimes mean talking to others who knew the person in question. In other cases it is a matter of hitting the history books. And there are occasions when it becomes the story that probably was. There are few rules as to who can be "brought back". Both famous and not so famous Bath citizens have been interred in the hallowed ground. And many of the best stories of the past have come from those not so famous, but

dearly loved, residents of Bath. Whomever the volunteers decide to bring back, it is with the thought of bringing history alive.

The Bath Ghost Walk is always held on the traditional Memorial Day, May 30th. On the appointed evening all the performers gather. They are then called forward, one at a time, by Historical Society member and acting Medium, Camille Wharey. Each "ghost" steps forward from among the gravestones and tells their tale. Those tales are sometimes tall, sometimes very factually based, but always entertaining for those who may have known or heard of the ghost in question, or informative for those whose past has almost been lost.

This year's event is Sunday, May 30 beginning at 7 PM. The calling forth of spirits will be at the Village Cemetery, on Route 302 right beside the Bath Village School. The early schedule calls for a half dozen or so dearly departed to be spirited back for

an encore performance.

Those brave and interested souls attending can park in the cemetery itself or at the school. Following the performance, refreshments and social time will occur at a place to be announced at the conclusion of the event.

There is no admission fee for this event and it is

open and appropriate for all ages. However, it is outdoors and there are no seats provided, so dressing appropriately and bringing a lawn chair are both highly recommended. It is also suggested that you bring bug spray as stationary targets can make for a serious meal for flying insects.

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Left-Right: Jim Walker, John and Dreamer Bagonzi, Jean Walker, Barbara Ashley (Fiscal Agent) and Ray Burton.

The Friends of Ray Burton Woodsville Area Reception at the Home of Jean and Jim Walker.

"My candidacy for Grafton county commissioner and Executive Council starts right here in my home town area where I got my start and continue to work hard to maintain a strong connections with citizens." Burton stated.



By Ronda Marsh

Rhubarb Custard Pie

Rhubarb: It seems as indigenous to a New England spring as Maple Syrup and lilacs. At least that's what I thought. I grew up with a big patch of it in our garden, as did most of my friends. If they didn't have their own rhubarb, then their neighbors always had plenty to share, or there were clumps of rhubarb growing alongside the road where once had been farms, now long abandoned. My favorite trick was to steal the salt shaker and hide with a few freshly-snapped stalks to hopefully munch away unnoticed. My parents didn't approve, as they said I'd get a bellyache; but I never did. As an adult, I learned that ingesting too much rhubarb can indeed have a laxative effect, and that the large, fan-like leaves are actually poisonous, even though I obviously escaped unscathed after a childhood spent using them as hats on sunny late-spring days. I've also discovered that rhubarb is actually a very ancient plant, used by the Chinese for medicinal purposes for over 5,000 years. It was also grown in Russia and the Nordic countries long before making its way to the U.S. in the 1840's, initially in Maine and Massachusetts, then eventually all throughout the various regions of our country. It seems rhubarb is biologically quite the chameleon, able to adapt and flourish in many varying growing seasons. Recently, my friend, Leslie, e-mailed me a recipe for a Rhubarb Custard Pie, which I thought looked too good and too simple to be true. I no longer have my own rhubarb (probably a good thing or I'd be back to wearing rhubarb-leaf hats again), but good 'ole Leslie appeared the other day with a big bag of freshly picked stalks, all trimmed, washed, and ready to go. See what I mean about friends and neighbors sharing their rhubarb? I made the pie, which I have to say is not as good as she claimed...it's BETTER! The custard does not separate into its own layer; it mingles with the rhubarb and enfolds it to create a wonderful, thick, tart-sweet filling that begs for a scoop of vanilla ice cream on the side. As with all fruit pies, you need to wait until it is fully cooled before cutting to ensure it has set up. Of course, I didn't do that...warm out of the oven, it just smelled too wonderful to resist. The good news is, I have enough rhubarb left to make another pie, or maybe I'll just hide away somewhere with the salt shaker and the remaining pieces and relive my childhood!



- 4 cups rhubarb, diced (I did a rather large dice)
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 Tablespoons milk
- 1 Tablespoon melted butter
- 1 recipe pastry for 10-inch double-crust pie (Pillsbury's refrigerated is fine)

Pre-heat oven to 400°F.

Fit the bottom crust into a 10" pie plate and set aside (if using a 9" pie plate, you'll have to discard about 1/2 cup or so of excess filling.)

In a large bowl, break the eggs and mix slightly with a whisk. Add the sugar, flour, salt, vanilla, milk, and melted butter. Whisk until smooth. Dump in the diced rhubarb; combine and pour mixture into the uncooked pie shell. Top with remaining pastry, flute edges and cut several slits to vent. Brush lightly with milk and sprinkle with sugar. Bake for 50-60 minutes, until browned and slightly bubbly. Remove to a rack and cool completely before cutting. Or, do like I did, and cut it hot, then curse at yourself because you're so impatient, then devour it with a big 'ole gob of vanilla ice cream, and smile 'cuz it's so stinking good! ENJOY!!!!

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Chili Contest Winners



The judges in line getting chili samples while members of 3 Rivers Business Association serve up the goodies.

The 4th annual opening of Railroad Park took place on an evening that could not have featured weather any better. An almost cloudless sky and wonderfully warm temperature brought the largest crowd ever out to enjoy the evening's entertainment.

The Haverhill Recreation Commission has taken the task of hiring a band (The Parker Hill Road Band) to play their always popular bluegrass music. Plus members of the Rec Commission show up with gas grill and cooler to take care of hamburgs, hot dogs, soda and water.

The other portion of the

evening is the task taken by 3 Rivers Business Association. This group of local business owners has overseen the four year run of chili contest. Three years of pie baking competition. And now one year of barbecued ribs creativity. And the competition this year was stronger than ever.

Thou it was the first ever year for ribs there were still seven entries. Judges tasted all entries and made the following decisions. First place was Derrick Ricker, 2nd prize went to Johnathan Mc Nerney and third was taken home by Terry Straight.

2010 saw eight pie entries

in three different categories. For a second time Bev Woods-Wilson had the honor of the best apple pie. The best two crust pie went to Kendra Robinson. And the award for Baker's Choice was Nancy Lusby. There were a total of fifteen different chilis offered up in three categories. Vegetarian chili winner was Elaine Kiesling. Wild Game chili was won by Kevin Shelton and the best Original recipe went to CJ Mc Nerney.

The biggest award of the night was saved out for the People's Choice award. This is decided by all those who came out to try as many samples as they could fit on a plate. And even with all that competition Marge Tonnessen won for the fourth straight year. The plaque with her name, and her name only, is displayed at Everything But The Cook in Woodsville.

Those attending the evening paid two dollars to sample the chili. They also could spend two dollars to partake of the rib samples. And for dessert they got a choice of pie for just two dollars. The business group also sold 50/50 tickets. Though numbers are still preliminary, committee chair Kevin Shelton declared this the best night yet in raising funds to purchase scholarships for the Haverhill Area Recreation Program (HARP).

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“The Rides Of My Life”

By Robert Roudebush

Every car I ever owned and most I ever drove remind me of places and times in my life. They also remind me just how young I used to be and how easily I can be that age again.

It started with a 1956 Chevy, then a 1966 VW Bug, then a 1973 Karmann Ghia, Triumph TR 6 convertible, 1979 Jeep CJ 5, 1990 Toyota Corolla (yes, it was dependable) and currently a 2003 Subaru Forrester.

My Chevy was called the 210. I was 16. My mom had to co-sign. One hundred fifty dollars total; my payments were about 15 dollars a month. I had a job at the A&P grocery (\$1.89 an hour!) and made my own payments, insurance and upkeep. It was a two-door, turquoise and white exterior, black rubber floor mats, no air, no power, no tinted glass. It did have a heater, an AM radio, Power Glide automatic transmission on the column, and a blessing

for a Kansas City boy in 1963, a V-8 engine, only the second year in a row that Chevy had offered more than a straight 6 in a long time.

That Chevy soon was professionally painted (Maaco) navy blue, and the evening I picked it up and took it home, I waxed it - Turtle Wax Paste - hand-rubbed into the new paint within 3 hours. Wrong. I didn't know. However. The little white swirls of wax embedded in the new blue paint lasted for years. Gave the car a unique look and rain beaded on that finish for years. Forever. And no one looking at it ever accused me of stupidity, no matter what they were thinking.

Mom drove an older but fancier Chevy at the time, a '54 Bel Air, with the Blue Flame six engine. So at the time my mom had a 6, I had a V-8. Big, big deal in those days.

Between the Chevy and

the 66 Bug, I spent some time in the U.S. Navy, in Vietnam. The brass tooled around in military jeeps and a petty officer like me, because of my duties, was assigned a Dodge Power Wagon. What a tough old truck. It was WWII or Korean War vintage, with three different stick shifts on the floor - 4-speed tranny, high/low gear, and 2 or 4 wheel drive mode. A flat canvas top stretched tight over the front cab, and the one-ton pick-up bed behind the cab was enclosed too, like an old-fashioned covered wagon. There were long flat boards running along each side in back, for seating troops, or they could be flipped up to haul cargo. The powerful 6-banger up front was built like an anvil, stronger than anything short of a deuce-and-a-half. We used it for work and play and it always got the job done.

When I got home from the 'Nam, in the side yard of my parent's home there was a VW 1600 red bug waiting for me. From my brother Pete. I paid him eight-

hundred cash. Rear-wheel drive, great little noisy air-cooled engine. Four speed transmission. Had a reserve gas tank that held about a gallon - when I ran out of gas, I could flip a switch and drive at least 30 more miles. That feature saved me more than once on my 100 mile round trip daily drive to college. Amazing. Great in snow. The rear seat folded down to make a bench. I had to crack a window to get the heater to work effectively, it was that airtight inside. At least 35 MPG. Don't know why the auto companies today are so proud of 20-25 miles per gallon. That was nothing 40 years ago.

My next car remains the only new car I ever bought, a 1973 Karmann Ghia, two years before production was discontinued. It was a two-door, two-seater sports coupe, forest green outside, tan leather inside. Good looking. The engine, tranny, chassis were pure Volkswagen from Germany, and the body design and hand finished exterior were

products of the Ghia studio, in Turin Italy. Thirty-five hundred, loaded. Because of its lower center of gravity, and aerodynamic design, it was already faster than any bug, and when I stuck a holly carb kit onto the small engine, it would outrun any little Porsche 914 around - I know. I was making 40-hour-a-week money now at A&P, and I got everything I could in that car except A/C - Blaupunkt four-speaker AM/FM radio, fog lights, undercoating, radial tires, full carpeting, rear-mounted chrome luggage rack, rear-window defroster, interior map reading light. That little two-seater was my ride to California, Canada, all of the east coast, and New Orleans many times, with the Eagles singing to me along the way.

I worked after that for a number of years for a trucking company who provided me with some forgettable company cars. My next personal vehicle remains the most fun I ever owned - a 1979 Jeep CJ-5, big straight six, three-speed floor mounted shifter, and of course 4-wheel drive with lock-out hubs. For the last 5 years of my 14 year run with that baby, it had no top at all. My Corolla ran great, and the Subaru is outstanding. Each of them has a certain amount of valid history too. But those are pretty current, not as loaded with the old days as the others. Maybe in time.

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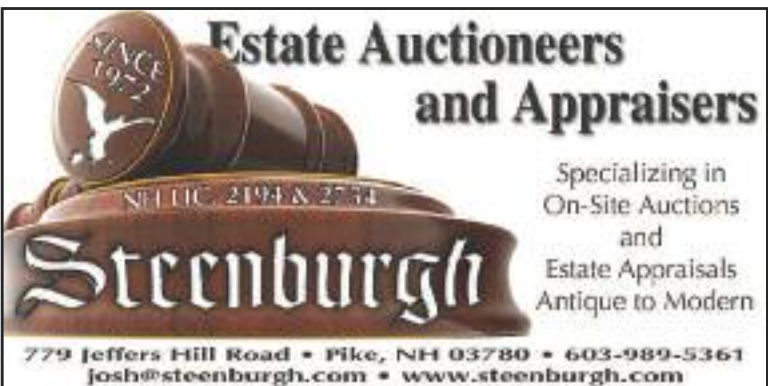


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Kyle A. Page and Caitlyn E. Avery were engaged to be married on Valentine's Day. Kyle and Caitlyn both work in the Human Service field in the Upper Valley area.

Kyle is the son of Christine and Mark Alsop of Woodsville, NH & Steve and Tracy Page of North Haverhill, NH. Caitlyn is the daughter of Michele A. Avery of Piermont, NH.

A beach wedding is planned for September 5, 2010.



It looks like he is walking on water. His mate had taken off just before he did and he was trying to catch up. Photo by Valerie Pickens



This came from a reader who has enjoyed the Trendy Kitchen columns from Rhonda Marsh.

Our thanks to Julia Hisey of Corinth for this great use of one of our area's natural wonders.

Vermont Maple Syrup Cake Cordon Bleu (À La Texas)

My Texas cousin, Jeanette, while living in Paris with our Aunt Marthe, attended Le Cordon Bleu ("blue ribbon") cooking school. There she whisked egg whites in copper bowls for soufflés, prepared rich sauces (de rigueur of French cuisine), stuffed meat filets in puffed pastry, even carved swans from pastry dough. After 3 years she received her "Diploma du Cordon Bleu."

Following a stint as an apprentice at Antoin's in the French Quarter in New Orleans, she was hired by a Houston, Texas hotel to sample, innovate, and improve upon elegant recipes from famous restaurants.

Then she fell in love and married. On occasion she prepared a gourmet meal, but mostly she traveled with her husband and dined out. When they visited the Equinox Golf Resort in Manchester, Vermont, my husband and I went to see them. I gave her a welcoming gallon of Light Amber (Fancy) Maple Syrup from Slack's Sugar House in Corinth. "If you can't use it all at once," I cautioned, "then freeze it in separate containers. Good for at least 3 months!"

Later we received a thank you note with her recipe here. "C'est si bon!" her note exclaimed.

The cake is scrumptious en massed with silky-like maple foam that slides easily down the throat. (And you don't need a Cordon Bleu diploma to make it!)

- The Cake
- ½ C vegetable shortening
 - 1 C granulated sugar
 - 4 egg yolks
 - 1-½ C cake flour
 - ½ C milk
 - 2 tsps. baking powder
 - 4 egg white, stiffly beaten

- The Frosting
- 2-½ C maple syrup
 - ¾ C egg whites, stiffly beaten
 - Chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease two shallow layer cake pans with vegetable shortening (not listed with ingredients). Line bottoms with wax paper. Grease again.

Cream the 1/2 C vegetable shortening. Add sugar and beat until very smooth. Beat in the egg yolks. Sift cake flour into a separate bowl; then add to mixture alternately with milk. Add baking powder. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour batter evenly into the two cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes until tops are golden brown. Turn out onto waxed paper. Cool slightly.

Pour maple syrup into a pan. Cook to a light thread (225 degrees F). Stiffly beat egg whites, pour onto maple syrup, and continue beating until very thick. Spread between cake layers and cover the cake generously. Sprinkle with chopped pecans. Serves 4 to 6.

12 Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Golf Tournament to Benefit Opera House Welcome Center

The Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its fifth annual golf tournament, rain or shine, on Friday June 25th at the Maplewood Golf Club & Hotel at 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds are designated from this annual event each year for a special project or purpose. Past projects include marketing during last years Main Street Reconstruction, as well as fund to start the construction of the Chamber's new office inside the Littleton Town Building/Opera House. This year's proceeds will benefit the Chamber Welcome Center located in the Littleton Town Building/Opera House. As in year's past, proceeds from this event are designated for a special project or purpose. Previous projects included marketing during Main Street Reconstruction and the construction fund for the Chamber's new office in the Littleton Town Building/Opera House. This year proceeds will be for the Chamber Welcome Center located in the Town Building/Opera House.

Constructed at the later end of the 19th century, The Littleton Town Building/Opera House has long been

an iconic figure of the area and is the defining pillar of Littleton's award-winning Downtown. After the building was condemned, almost \$1.5 million was raised from various sources and has brought the building back from the edge of peril.

Starting with Senator Judd Gregg Appreciation Day, a new chapter has started for this historic building. The Littleton Area Historical Society has started moving into its new home on the Riverview Level (below Cottage Street) of the building, and the Chamber of Commerce has moved its offices to the Opera House Level. Adjoined to the offices will be the new Opera House Welcome Center. "We are very excited about our new offices and Welcome Center" said Chad Stearns, Executive Director. "To be in this historic building, this community icon, it just feels right. With the Welcome Center, we hope to greet area guests with informative displays, educational and historical artwork, and information about area attractions, resources, and member businesses."

The entry fee is \$80 per golfer and includes 18 holes

of golf, cart, lunch and a chance to win numerous prizes including three Hole-in-One chances sponsored by Littleton Chevrolet, Crosstown Motors and Passumpsic Bank. New to this years tournament a putting contest with two chances to win \$5,000 sponsored by Northway Bank

The format for the tournament will be a four-person

scramble with prizes for the first, second, and third place teams – net & gross as well as prizes for longest drive - men & women's division, and numerous other contests throughout the course and a greenie hole!

Registration forms are available at the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce office, online at www.littletonareachamber.com, or at

the Maplewood Golf Club & Hotel.

The Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that strives to work with both members and the community on social and economic development. For more information, please contact the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce at 603-444-6561, www.littletonareachamber.com.

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Donate Life will hold flag-raising ceremony and receive proclamation in honor of Donate Life Month

Concord, NH (May 21, 2010) – The single Donate Life flag, which has flown above each of New Hampshire’s hospitals this year, will now complete its journey through the state by flying above the State Capitol at an event with transplant recipients, donor family members, transplant professionals and hospital CEOs from across the state on Wednesday, June 2nd.

The event will begin in the Executive Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m. and, after a short speaking program, will continue outside on the State House grounds for the flag-raising. New Hampshire is the first state in the US to have flown the same Donate Life flag above each of its hospitals.

“Awareness of organ and tissue donation is a vital component to saving lives. There are more than 4,400 individuals in New England waiting for life saving trans-

plants,” said New England Organ Bank President and CEO Richard S. Luskin. “New Hampshire hospitals have taken great initiative to generate awareness by proudly displaying the Donate Life flag at their locations since January to help this cause.”

“It was such an honor for us to fly the Donate Life flag earlier this year; our staff is dedicated to spreading the message of organ donation,” said Cottage Hospital CEO Dr. Maria Ryan. “I feel privileged to participate in the upcoming Donate Life flag-raising ceremony at our Capital as I myself am a tissue transplant recipient.”

Also scheduled to participate during the Donate Life flag-raising ceremony with Rich Luskin and Dr. Maria Ryan is the Director of the New Hampshire DMV Richard Bailey and double lung transplant recipient Jane Bergeron.

The New England Organ Bank will be presented a

proclamation before the Donate Life flag display ceremony on the state house lawn.

About New England Organ Bank

New England Organ Bank is the federally-designated, non-profit procurement organization responsible for the surgical recovery of organs and tissues for transplant throughout the New England region.

About Donate Life New England

Donate Life New England is a joint project of two federally designated organ procurement organizations that serve New England – Life-Choice Donor Services and New England Organ Bank. They have come together to create a fast and easy way for citizens of New England to register as organ and tissue donors in a secure and confidential manner. For more information, visit www.donatelifenewengland.org.

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Making the Most of Your Family Vacation

By Deb Maes, Extension Educator, Family & Consumer Resources

For several summers during my childhood my parents packed the kids into the station wagon and took off for a friend's very rustic summer camp off the coast of Maine. For one week we skipped rocks on the ocean surface, gathered shells, played badminton and whiffle ball in the back yard, and learned about the value of indoor plumping, which we didn't have. On Sunday, my grandparents invited their extended family members to visit us and we hosted a family cookout. Once during the week we would treat ourselves to fresh lobster. Although we were young, my sister and brothers and I

fondly remember those family vacations.

Perhaps our vacation weeks were fun because our expectations weren't too high. We got away from our usual routine, using an outhouse and pumping water from an outside well wasn't bad if it was only for a week, and we had each other for company.

Today's vacations are usually much more planned, more expensive and have much higher expectations. Our lives are more complicated on a daily basis and we look to our week or two to reduce our stress, unify the family, strengthen family relationships and have a good

time. Pretty big goals and lots of chances for disappointment.

Here are a few suggestions to consider when planning your own family vacations.

Plan but don't over-plan. Leave time for everyone to enjoy the area. One of my own family vacations had a memorable side trip when we noticed a sign indicating a local glass artist. We were treated to a beautiful showroom and he gladly showed us how he cut the glass designs on blanks. We bought a beautiful crystal bowl that still has a place of honor in our dining area.

Expect the unexpected. If you are traveling by car expect flat tires, road construction and bad weather. Airlines can lose luggage and weather problems can change your plans. You need to be flexible enough to make adjustments to your vacation plans. You might also be the recipient of unexpected upgrades. Think of any of

these experiences as part of your traveling adventure.

Make kids part of the planning process. Vacations usually involve long range plans. Get your children involved in planning your itinerary. There are lots of resources available today so that everyone in the family can research the local area and make some plans either using brochures, books, or the internet. On one vacation we wanted to see waterfalls. We booked a guided tour that took us to several out-of-the way locations that we would have missed otherwise. On a family trip to Ireland my son wanted to see the JFK Arboretum and Gardens in New Ross. We were treated to a wonderful memorial park with a research area for over 500 species of rhododendrons, a silver fir forest and a jaunty cart ride around the grounds with a knowledgeable driver.

Encourage kids and adults to keep a journal of the trip. My daughter always brings a notebook on her

trips and writes wonderful tales of the events of every day. If you dropped your ice cream cone, expect to see it included in her journal. You can use these writings as a starting point for a handmade picture book when you return home. As an alternative, there are some online picture sites that can take some of your photos, let you put in your own captions, and create a professional looking memory of your trip.

Family vacations should focus on family, family relationships, family adventures, and family activities. They don't have to be expensive. They don't have to be long. What is most important is that family members get a chance to share experiences, create memories and just be together.

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Something To Think About

If You Have Ever Lost A Pet

By David Turner

My cat died suddenly last night. Her name was Lucy Lu. I didn't think it would bother me this much, but it is. I didn't think much at all about her eventual end. She was only two years old. It was a freak accident and we were grateful it was instant. We don't think she felt a thing. She wasn't messed up, or wasn't poisoned. We didn't have to shovel her off the road, and she didn't go missing, leaving us forever wondering what happened. We were able to hold her for a while before we carefully wrapped her in a pillow case with her favorite toy, soaked in cat nip, and laid her to rest in our garden where she loved to dig in the plants with my wife.

I kept asking myself why I was so upset over a stupid cat. She came to our already two-cat family from a well meaning but ill-advised friend. The last thing I wanted was another animal to scoop poop for. But I was outvoted by the "look I can't say no to" that many husbands understand so well. So, for two years I constantly ranted and raved at how she was going back and how much I did not like her, and how stupid she was, and how our "friend" should be paying some form of kitty support. And I picked a stupid name for her as my way of getting even, and I never admitted to anyone that she had my heart from the moment I woke up from a nap to find this tiny sleeping thing curled up on my chest. Lucy was born into a family with a lot of animals and was given very little human attention so she was always just a touch feral. The family also had ferrets and the only sound she ever made was

this chirp like sound.

My wife and her developed their own language. You could hear them chirping back and forth as she followed her around the yard, or the house, as they went about their day. She was always trying to do some "cat version" of whatever Deborah was doing, always needing to know exactly what was going on. She was always exploring, getting into something, and we worried about her more than the others if she didn't show up right away when we called them all in for the night.

She didn't show me any affection when I wanted it. Every time I would pick her up to pet her and she would start this even different whine that I knew meant "let me down!" I would get mad and call her names tell everyone I hated her and didn't want anything more to do with her, that she was a dumb stupid dumb cat, and I was always threatening to give her back to our friend.

Every so often though, usually real late at night and only when it was all her idea, she would jump up on my chest, start licking all over my face with that sandpaper tongue giving me all kinds of kitty love. Once I was wide-awake, she would jump down and lay on the floor nearby, lick her paws and be content at that. It wasn't often, but those few moments were worth all the extra kitty litter I ever had to buy.

I don't regret any of the time I had with Lucy. We laughed out loud at so many of her antics, and Deborah was constantly telling me some cute thing she just did. As I watched her play, I could see

that she looked at the earth and everything in it, like it was put there, just for her. She had to check out every new thing, first whether it was dangerous or not, but then, it was an opportunity. She reminded me that this earth was created truly for my enjoyment, for my exploration, and that it's inhabitants were things for me to experience.

I do wish I had had a little more time with her, but then how much time is enough? I know that none of us is promised a certain number of years here on this planet. I feel that it is what you do with how ever many years you do have, that makes the determination as to whether it was a full life or not, and by those terms, Lucy lived a full life.

I guess it hit me hard because of how sudden it was. I came home that day, petted her on the head as she came running from wherever she was to meet me at the door, rolling on her back to show her pleasure at my arrival, and I laid down to take a nap. The next thing I knew was Deborah yelling to wake me up, that there was something wrong!

Life, and death, is so very sudden! Events, either our doing, or those forced upon us, happen to us every single minute, seconds in some cases, and many times our future is decided in those moments by mere inches. But we don't pay much attention to those times that nothing serious happens. Its only when it does, that we stop to think about things.

I believe that those events sometimes happen to remind us of things. I am the oldest of my family, and if things were to happen in

their proper order, I should be the next one to leave this earth. Lucy's passing reminded me that they do not. And her living at eighty miles an hour until the moment she stopped, reminded me that I too could and should do the same. Her day was full, not a minute wasted, and that brings me some comfort. If cats could have regrets, I think that Lucy had none.


I think of those that I still have around me. I want to try each day to take less and less for granted, whether it is their lives, or my own. I want to make whatever time is left either way, count for something. And I want to make sure that I didn't need just one more hug, or to say just a few more words. When all is said and done, I hope to have said and done all.

I know with all my heart that God loves his animals, and that at this very moment

she is having the time of her life! And I understand that my grief is really for those of us she left behind, but I will still miss her.

And, at night, when we all gather on our bed for a little late night T.V., as everyone jostles for their space, it always seemed a little crowded. Now there will always be an empty space, a spot that wasn't there to begin with, until that stupid cat showed up.

David Turner is a freelance writer, living in Groton. He owns "The Variety Store" next to Cumberland Farms in Woodsville. The store carries new and gently used items from Kitchen items to Tools and almost Everything in between. Profits from the business are used to help the surrounding community. Please stop by and "Help Them Help Others!"



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The event also serves as a forum for those who have an interest in aviation to come together to discuss aviation, to show off their aircraft, to share past experiences in aviation, and to just be around airplanes. A chat table is manned by aviation community members who are eager to answer questions or share their aviation adventures. Ultra light aircraft and restored older aircraft are usually flown to this event for viewing by the public. A DHART helicopter and crew is scheduled to come to the event to showcase one of their helicopters and to discuss their services. As in the past, arrangements have been made for fly-bys by military aircraft (this will depend on availability).

There will be an opportunity for adults to have 20 minute airplane rides with a private pilot. Adults are not part of the Young Eagles Program. Unfortunately adults cannot fly with their children under this program. This program gives adults the opportunity to experience flight for the first time or to see our beautiful valley from the air. There is a charge for this aspect of the program (25 cents a pound), with the proceeds used to benefit the airport. Gift certificates for flights will also be available for purchase.

Other venues at Airport

Awareness Day include a table sponsored by the Haverhill Police Department with displays of public safety programs, a table at which photos of Young Eagles with their pilot and airplane can be purchased, and finally a table where food and drinks can be purchased, again with profits going to benefit the airport.

This year's event will be dedicated to Joel Godston. Joel, along with members of the newly reorganized Haverhill Airport Commission, began this annual event approximately 13 years ago. Joel's preparation is almost continuous for this event, but he begins preparing in earnest in January. It is because of his tireless organizational skills that this event has come off flawlessly year

after year.

Joel's enthusiasm for aviation has been life-long. He began his career in aviation in the Air Force ROTC Program as he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute receiving a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He then served as an Air Force bomber pilot and then as an Air National Guard pilot, while pursuing a career with one of the corporate cornerstones of aviation, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, until his retirement in 1992. He re-entered the active flying community more than 10 years ago when he earned his private pilot certificate and based his newly acquired Cessna 182 at Dean Memorial Airport, where it now resides. He has used this aircraft regularly to introduce

community members to flight. It is rare for Joel to fly alone. He most often is seen with someone in tow (kids and adults) strapping them in for a ride around our beautiful valley, talking and explaining aviation as he flies.

Joel has been involved in the young Eagles Program since the program began. In addition to the organization of the Dean Memorial program, he has organized the program at Lebanon Airport through EAA Chapter he is an active member of in Lebanon. He has attended EAA Air Adventure in Oshkosh, Wisconsin regularly with his wife

Anmarie, volunteering numerous hours at the Young Eagles Program booth. Joel has been honored by the EAA for his contributions to the Young Eagles program by the presentation of an award for his service presented at Air Adventure in Oshkosh by the then chairman of the program, Harrison Ford. In addition to these honors, Joel has recently been honored by the Aero Club of New England in Boston for his significant contributions to aviation.

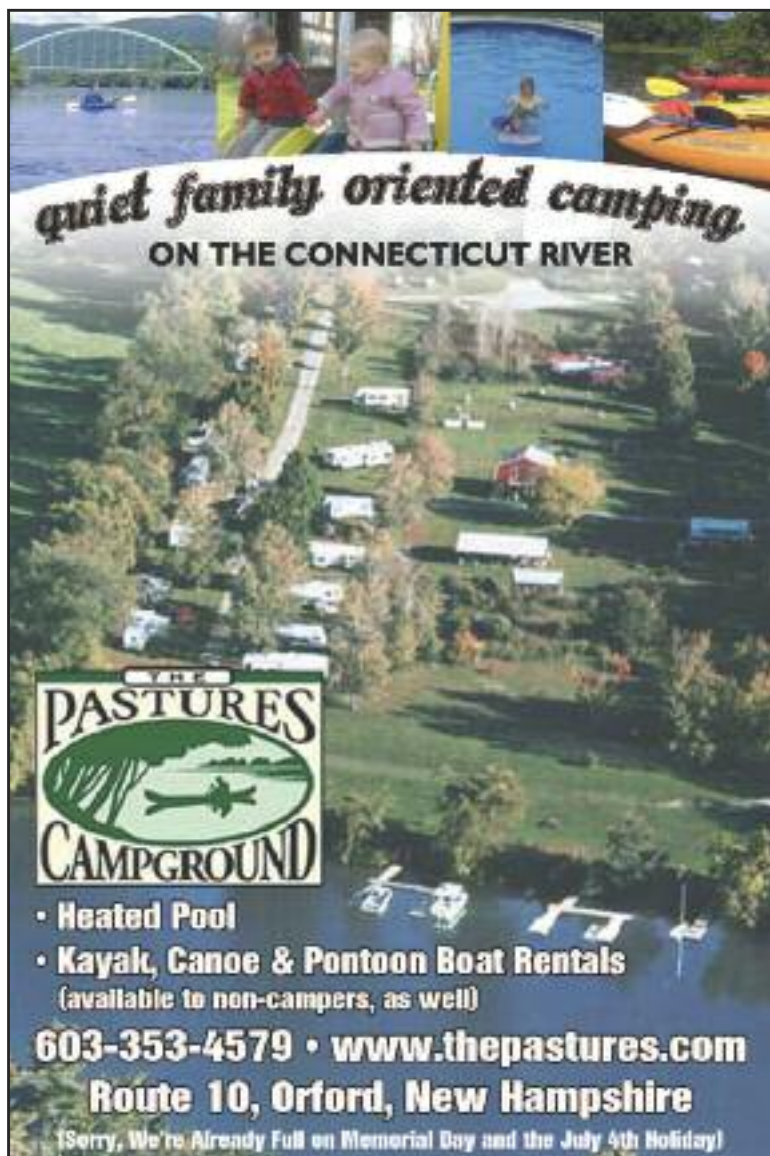
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