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Daytona Party and Slot Car Racing

Loudon, NH: If you can't attend Daytona Speedweeks but want racing in February, come to the North East Motor Sports Museum (922 Route 106, Loudon, NH) on Saturday, February 16 for our Daytona Party. It will take place from noon to the end of the day's Xfinity Series Daytona 300 which will be shown on our televisions. The Daytona Party is free to museum members and kids under 12.

Non-members can enjoy the party and museum with an \$8 online ticket or \$10 at the door.

"We are going to do more free group events for our members moving forward," said Executive Director Thomas Netishen. "Many of our members believed in the museum's mission and supported it long before construction began and now it's time to give back."

The museum's VP Bob Bianchi has built a four-lane 1/24th scale slot car oval track which will be unveiled at the Daytona Party. Guests are welcome to run the track's cars. The new track is a permanent addition to the museum. Daytona Party attendees can also drive the museum's new iRacing.com simulator. Try your skill on the high banks of Daytona or drive a modified at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. The full iRacing compliment of tracks, cars and all of its series are available.

New to the museum floor is the '60s era Gavin Couper cut-down supermodified. This car, along with a pair of 1950s big car racers, are easily accessible to fans who



want to climb in to experience the feel of a motorsports bygone era.

The party will include free food, beverages and raffle prizes. Sit back, relax, talk racing and stay awhile. A New Hampshire Motor Speedway representative will be on site to answer your questions about the upcoming 2019 racing season as well.

So, please join us on Saturday, February 16 to break the ice, talk racing with fellow race fans and enjoy the 30-plus cars and hundreds of racing related artifacts on display. Tickets for the Dayto-

na Party can be purchased at the door or online here.

About: The North East Motor Sports Museum is owned by the Racing History Preservation Group, a 501-3-C educational non-profit organization that seeks to discover, preserve and share the history of motorsports in the Northeast. The 10,000 square foot museum opened on June 10, 2017 on the grounds of the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH.



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TRENDY Dining Guide

Anthony's Family Style Restaurant

by Gary Scruton

We have probably all heard the term "comfort food". The chances are that Evonne has their own definition of just what "comfort food" actually means, or describes. Is "comfort food" a burger and fries? How about a steak and potatoes. Maybe to some it is a simple salad. Chances are good that the one thing it is not, is a complex, multi-word, description of a food that you may or may not even recognize. There are times when your version of "comfort food" is all that you want.

One of the local eateries that furnishes plenty of "comfort foods" is Anthony's Family Resaturates on Railroad Street in St. Johnsbury. We visited that establishment

recently with three people in our party as my wife's sister, Laurel, was able to join us.

Though we visited Anthony's on a Friday night, there was room for us to sit when we first walked in the front door. The waitress let us know that we could pick our own location of seating. Anthony's has a good sized counter along with several booths for two and a number of larger booths. The one we picked easily sat the three of us.

As I said "comfort food" can be defined differently by different people. On this evening Laurel's "comfort food" was one of Anthony's standard offerings, the Woodsman's burger. This is a full 6 oz. burger served with bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion. On the

side was an order of fries. She added one of the special beverages of the night, a Sam Adams Oktoberfest.

Janice remembered another one of Anthony's special offerings. It fit the bill of "comfort food" for her on this evening. It is a large edible taco salad bowl. It contains big chunks of ham and chicken along with plenty of lettuce, onions, tomatoes and more. Plus the bowl is an edible taco shell in the size of a good sized mixing bowl. She topped her meal off with a glass of iced tea that the waitress said was made on site.

My idea of "comfort food" for this evening meant three courses. I started with a bowl of Anthony's clam chowder. I have tried this before and found plenty of clams along with a nice thick

broth and chunks of potato. For a second course I went with a western sandwich. My choice was for it to be served on toasted wheat bread. The sandwich came with a handful of potato chips. The third course for me was going to be desert. My beverage of choice was to join Laurel with a bottle of Sam.

It did not take long before our waitress came back to our table with beverages. The two bottles of Sam Adams were complimented by a pair of heavy, frosted beef mugs. Janice's iced tea and Laurel's extra glass of water were both served and the waitress asked whether or not they wanted straws. "No thanks" from both ladies, their way of cutting down of plastics in our environment. (We had a good discussion about old paper straws, new metal straws, and the real question of why can't you just pick up the glass and rink?)

Shortly after that my chowder showed p with two packets of saltines. It was as good as I remembered. Very tasty and reasonably priced.

My chowder was done when a different waitress brought over my western sandwich. Our waitress came along shortly thereaf-

ter with meals for the ladies. Laurel mentioned that one of her measuring sticks on a burger is that the bun is solid and actually survived the eating procedure. Mission accomplished. Janice's salad bowl was again filled with goodies for her. My sandwich was more than heaped with the eggs, ham and cheese for a western. Not one of us had any issues with our meals.

My meal was done first which fit nicely with my plan to add dessert. The specials board that was just above my head had mentioned several items including a fudge chocolate cake. So while the ladies finished their meals I went ahead with my third course.

The piece of cake was about a third bigger than a deck of cards. I wanted to say that it was a rich cake, but it was more of a dense cake. The fudge was extremely tasty and the frosting topped it off just perfectly.

Rather than our normal two person tab this evening our total covered meals and beverages for three people. The total was \$49.87 before a tip was left for our service.

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ACT's Winter 'Shoes-n-Brews at the Inn at Sunset Hill Feb. 9

SUGAR HILL – Everyone is invited to Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust's 'Shoes & Brews' event at the Inn at Sunset Hill on Saturday February 9.

The walk will start at the Inn at Sunset Hill at 2 p.m. after which the group will head inside for brews and snacks from approximately 4 – 5:30 p.m. Even if you can't make the hike, you're welcome to join us at the tavern.

Shoes & Brews is a great way to get outside, meet new friends, and enjoy local fare! The first 'Shoes & Brews' a few weeks ago featured gobs of snow and a cheery group of all ages who enjoyed the route on skis, snowshoes, and sleds.

Kids are always encouraged to come along and

dogs are welcome!

For the 'Shoes we will move at a slow to moderate pace on the trails on and around the Sunset Hill Golf Course and surrounding woodlands. ACT conserved this historic place in 2002 thanks to the generous support of numerous community members. If we're lucky we'll get a clear day this year and you can enjoy the sweeping views of Franconia Ridge and beyond from the Inn's grounds. February's 'Shoe' portion is hosted by ACT's Rosalind Page and Outreach Director Gal Potashnick.

After the walk, we'll reconvene for the Brews at the Inn's tavern for refreshments and a warm up. Join us for a beverage, to catch up with old friends, and make some

new ones. Everyone is welcome and free to come and go as needed. The Brews portion of the event will officially run from 4 to about 5:30 p.m. but all are encouraged to stay and enjoy the delicious fare and gorgeous views from the dining room.

Registration for the 'Shoes' is required - for the safety and enjoyment of the group we must limit the walk to 20 participants - so please be sure to pre-register ASAP. Registration closes at noon on Friday, February 8th. Once registered, an email will be sent with details of meeting location.

Registration for the Brews is not required but is very much appreciated to help organizers plan accordingly. Not able to make it to both portions? You can join either or both. If you're only coming to the brews, bring a friend(s)!

The Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust is the North Country's lands conservancy, protecting land for the vitality and well-being of our region. Learn more and become a member at act-nh.org or by calling (603) 823-7777.

Hiring Begins for NEK Conservation Crews

EAST CHARLESTON, VT — The NorthWoods Stewardship Center has begun hiring local conservation crew leaders and members for the 2019 field season.

The NorthWoods Stewardship Center, now in its 30th year of operation, runs Youth Conservation Crews in partnership with US Fish & Wildlife refuges in six states, and hires 2-3 crews locally, working on trail and watershed improvement projects on public and private lands throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Vermont crews will be based at the Silvio O. Conte Fish & Wildlife Refuge, Nulhegan Basin Division in Brunswick and at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center home campus in East Charleston.

Projects vary by season and refuge but can include the building or improvement of public access trails, habitat improvement, and wildlife monitoring. Last year, crews at the Nulhegan USFWS Refuge installed 11 bog bridges on the Mooseway Trail and constructed 2.5 miles of new trail from the Lewis Pond Overlook to the summit of Gore Mountain. Local NorthWoods crews completed a Universal Access Trail at Moose Bog and Sentinel Rock, and cut over 6 miles of new trail over the

Bluff Ridge.

Crew leaders and members aged 15-20+ are hired to work 40 hours per week for 6-8 weeks from June through August.

"This is a great opportunity for local youth interested in environmental conservation to be paid to gain training and hands-on experience in the field," said NorthWoods Conservation Corps Field Coordinator, Dusty May.

"Even for those who don't plan on pursuing a career in conservation, the YCC and NorthWoods crews provide valuable skills in learning to persevere, work hard, and tackle projects as a team. Many of our alumni consider their work on our crews to be some of the most rewarding and influential work experiences of their teenage years."

Hiring for local crews opened in January and continues through April. Interested applicants should visit northwoodscenter.org to learn more and apply, or contact corps@northwoodscenter.org, or 802-723-6551x304.

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Photo caption: 2018 Backcountry Crew member Tony Barnett clearing trail on the Bluff Ridge.



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St. Johnsbury Players Announce Auditions

The St. Johnsbury Players are proud to announce auditions for their spring production of The Night of January 16th.

Did Karen Andre kill her lover, the financier Bjorn Faulkner, by throwing him from the roof of his New York penthouse? A wide variety of witnesses take the stand including a private detective, a gangster with ties to the defendant, Faulkner's widow, his father-in-law and other expert witnesses for the prosecution and defense.

As the trial progresses through several unpredictable twists and turns, psychological characteristics come to light that reveal

each character's basic attitude toward life.

The gripping courtroom thriller adds an interactive element, where members of the audience are selected to serve on the jury and to decide the fate of Karen Andre.

The show features roles for 13 actors with flexible casting for many roles. Performance dates are May 10, 11 and May 17, 18, and 19.

Auditions will be held the nights of February 22 & 23 at the St. Johnsbury School Auditorium. For more information please contact director Michael Miley at michael.miley@gmail.com or visit St. Johnsbury Players Facebook page.



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On Thursday, January 31 NH State Representatives voted down (killed) Bill HB282 which would have amended RSA 206:26, VI to require Fish & Game officers, like all other officers, to have a warrant before they can search a boat, car, or person. WHY I might ask does Fish & Game need the authority to search without a warrant?

The law states and unfortunately will continue to state that:

1 Conservation Officers; Powers. Amend RSA 206:26, VI to read as follows:

VI. To stop and to search without, to examine in the field, in the highway, at an airbase or on the stream, any person, or any boat, conveyance, aircraft, vehicle, gamebag, game coat, creel, crate, box, locker or other receptacle, in the presence of the owner if reasonably possible, or any so-called fish house or bob-

house, in the presence of the occupant, for all wildlife, when there is reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that any wildlife, or any illegal apparatus subject to forfeiture, is concealed thereon or therein;

It goes onto say

I. To search without a warrant and examine any person or any boat, conveyance, vehicle, box, bag, locker, traps, crate or other receptacle or container for marine species, when the conservation officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that marine species taken contrary to the provisions of this chapter are concealed thereon or therein.

And...

V. To board any boat which is on public waters under the jurisdiction of this state with or without a warrant, if the conservation officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion

The United States Con-

stitution states in the 4th Amendment:

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Somehow Fish & Game officers can search you and your belongings if they deem there to be "reasonable and articulable" reason. What happened to probable cause and getting warrant?

All of your local State Representative voted to allow Fish & Game to continue searching without a warrant. 98% of Democrats voted to Kill, where as 86% of Republicans voted to Pass.

Here is how your local Representatives voted:

Ford, Susan (D, Easton) Kill
Ruprecht, Dennis (D, Landaff) Kill
Ladd, Rick (R, Haverhill) Kill

SUBMITTED BY:
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Piermont, NH
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The Denny Report

by NH State Representative
Dennis Ruprecht

Week's Bill On Its Way



As the result of extreme weather events in the summer and fall of 2017, Week's Crossing Dam in Warren was damaged. Week's Crossing Pond provided a number of important benefits to the town including: serving as a resource in the event of a fire, offering innumerable recreational activities, and supporting a healthy ecosystem.

Thanks to the leadership of Warren resident and state Senator Bob Guida, repairing Week's Crossing Dam is now one step closer to becoming a reality. Senator Guida introduced Senate Bill 121-FN which allows the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services acquisition rights and easements in order to repair and reconstruct the dam.

Senate Bill 121-FN was heard by the Senate committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Tuesday, January 29th, and was approved by the committee overwhelmingly. While at-

taining committee approval is just the beginning of the process, it's a good sign and an important first step. The legislative process is a marathon rather than a sprint, but it's a process designed to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Ensuring the best possible outcomes necessitates working together. To that end, I'm proud of the bipartisanship reflected in Senate Bill 121-FN and to be a co-sponsor of the legislation with a number of state legislators from both parties including state Rep. Sue Ford who also represents Warren, among other towns. This bill is an example of the best that the legislative process and legislators can be by recognizing a need, defining a problem, and finding a solution. I would again like to thank Senator Guida for his leadership on this project and look forward to doing whatever I can to help see Senate Bill 121-FN through.

The Rusty Bucket Hosts Exhibition for Area Up-and-coming Artists

BETHLEHEM, NH – February 17, 2019 / Four area artists from New Hampshire and Vermont have been selected to showcase their artistry at the Rusty Bucket in Bethlehem, NH, on Sunday, February 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. Each artist will be given their own spot within the functional repurposed art store, combining various media for one great show.

The four featured artists selected for this month's exhibition are Katherine Hartley Rose, of Bradford, VT; Azanna Wishart, of Thornton, NH; Jess Barnett, of Bristol, NH; and Tony Celli, of Bethlehem, NH.

Katherine specializes in ATV/UTV trail riding and outdoor photography. Her photos run the gamut from capturing the action-packed feeling of the moment to the quiet stillness of the great outdoors. Azanna's acrylic paintings are inspired by many things, including nature, symbolism, and the universe. Her art work is steeped in texture and color. Jess is an abstract expressionist. She uses a variety of media to explore the duality of personality within her imagery. Tony Celli's oil paintings are inspired by natural landscapes. His objective is to capture the essence of the scene and express

it through the use of colors and contrasts on canvas.

The Rusty Bucket is new to Bethlehem, but not to be misled, it is not a new business. The Rusty Bucket recently relocated from Lyndonville, VT, where the owners have been selling their own functional repurposed art creations for the past 5 years. Being new to the area, the owners wanted to host an event that would engage the area and shed some light on their "Little Store in the Big Red Barn." Hosting an art exhibition gives up-and-coming artists a platform to showcase their art and offers owners of The Rusty Bucket a way to introduce their nontraditional functional art to the community.

The artists will all be on hand to exhibit, discuss, and sell their artwork from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, at the Rusty Bucket. We are located at 154 Guider Lane in Bethlehem, NH (Exit 40 off I-93).

For additional information please contact Rebecca or Diane Breen 603.869.4096 www.rustybucket.net ; www.clickstock.net ; <https://www.jessbarnett.com/> ; <https://www.etsy.com/shop/AzannaArt> ; <https://www.etsy.com/shop/TonyCelli>

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In order to be on the 2019 Haverhill Ballot a Candidate must have signed up before Friday, February 1. Write in candidates can still run for office.

Positions to be voted on during balloting on: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 include:

Two Selectboard Seats (3 year term)

Registered Candidates:

Matthew Bjelobrk, Michael Bonanno, Howard Hatch, Gary Hebert

Town Treasurer (2 year term) Current Treasurer: Jonathan Hobbs

Trustee of Trust Funds (3 year term) Current Trustee: Scott Horne

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What I Have Seen Happening In Concord

by NH State Senaotr
David Starr - District #1

Getting down to work. First meeting of the Education Committee. The Democrats wanted a jazzier name, so now it is the Education and Work Force Development committee. Got started at 10 AM, a joint meeting of the House and Senate Ed committees. We must be sort of important, we had picketers in the corridor carrying anti gun posters and more school funding posters outside the committee room. Afternoon came the real meat of the meeting. We had Caitlin Davis from Board of Ed, explain New Hampshire's education funding system. Caitlin started by handing out 83 Xeroxed spreadsheet pages, densely covered with numbers. Then she launched into a blow by blow description of how much the state pays out to cities and towns. This lasted two hours. At this point, all I can say is the system is so complicated that nobody understands it. I cannot explain it to anyone. Nobody knows who gets how much money this year, or next year. I think what really happens is sooner or later the legislature will vote a pot of money for education, and the Ed dept will dole it out as far as it goes.

Some history. Education funding, back in John Stark's time was straightforward. Towns ran and paid for town schools. Then came the Claremont decision. Some parent sued the state, claiming that schools in his town were not good enough to suit him. The NH Supremes did a quick legislate from the bench move and declared that the NH constitution required the state to insure a good education thru out the state. The Supremes were figuring this would force the state to put in an income tax, to pay for it.

Surprise, they didn't to an income tax, they decided to skim money off the city and town property tax. Originally

a Robin Hood idea, use money skimmed off the wealthier towns to subsidize schools in poorer towns. The wealthy towns objected big time, and so the system was modified, repeatedly. By today, there are so many modifications, cutouts, special cases, and obscure language that I cannot understand it, and I doubt that anyone else does either.

Tuesday I attended a meeting of the House Education committee, just to hear what might be going on.

First up was HB 327-FN-A. They talked about the superior results of a new type of mathematics class in high school and community college. They claimed the new way of teaching could turn feeble math students into Albert Einsteins. They were appealing for additional funding to support this revolutionary teaching breakthrough. If this new method is so good why not just start using it? Surely the cost to present a math class is the same no matter which way you teach it?

Then we had HB-226, which changes new teacher's probationary period from the current five years, down to three years. In short, it makes new teachers eligible for tenure in three years instead of five. I assume the teachers are all in favor.

Then we come to HB 231 which would require all school districts to have written procedures for student discipline, specifically expulsions and suspensions. Good idea, but surely school districts lacking same have had, or will have, irate parents raising Cain over why their kid was suspended or expelled. It will only take a couple of such incidents to learn even the dullest school district. I don't see why this needs to be a matter of state law.

And we come to HB 251 requiring criminal background checks for school personnel. The presenter, was a motherly looking woman who said

that she had been teaching for 20-30 years. She had to do two criminal background checks, complete with fingerprinting by the state police. At which point I had to wonder what this bill does if long term teachers had already been criminally background checked. Are we going to require everyone who steps into a school building to get a criminal background check before we allow them in the building? Are we going to require parents chaperoning school dances or trips to get criminal background checks?

And to round out the mornings work we have HB 258, which would set up a study committee (we really need yet another study committee) to study teacher preparation and education. Somehow I think we could get along with out this.

There is a marijuana legalization bill in the hopper down in Concord. My constituents are mixed on it, about 50-50 for and against, at least the few who I have spoken with, or who have written to me.. We already have "medical marijuana" legalized, so in principle all you need is a note from your doctor. The anti's have stalled licensing pot shops in red tape, so if you want the stuff you have to grow it your self or get it from the street dealers. According to the local papers, the state "shall we do pot" board came out against further legalization, and the governor has promised to veto the pending bill. The Wall St Journal ran two anti legalization pieces within the month and a lot of people up here read the Journal.

Wednesday's activities down in Concord. I learn that Democrats are doing their best to take our guns

away. They believe firearms are evil and outlawing firearms will reduce crime and bring us to a happy utopia. Those of us who live in the real world know that a gun in the cash drawer, or in the bedside table, or in the glove compartment can prevent a lot of crime. Those of us who live in the more rural areas of our state, for instance my senate district 1, find all sorts of wild life, including black bears, strolling up and down our driveways. A lot of folk up here feel better if they have a piece in the house, just in case they have to deal with the wilder sorts of wild life. Anyhow, the Democrats have introduced five new bills limiting our firearms rights.

Worst is HB687, the democrat take-your-guns-away bill. This bill allows family members, household members, or live in girl friends to ask a court to take someone's guns and ammunition away from them because they fear that someone might commit suicide or do a mass school shooting. The judge may also forbid the unlucky victim. from buying firearms and ammunition. Find an anti gun judge, and zap, that's the end of the victim's right to keep and bear arms.

One bright spot, these gun grabbing court orders can only last one year. They expire after a year unless a new hearing is held to extend them One bad spot, the government is under no obligation to return confiscated fire arms upon expiration of the gun grabbing order. Less offensive, but still bad is HB 101. Right now, regulation of possession, use, and transportation of firearms is a state matter. HB 101 would give school districts, SAU's and charter schools the right to declare gun free zones around schools. Which leads to a patchwork

of laws, which we citizens are supposed to know by heart. I like having the state put out uniform rules state wide. Makes it easier for us citizens to abide by the law.

HB 514 is a law looking for a reason to be. It is supposed to "close the gun show loophole" by requiring all gun show firearms sales to have an instant background check. Funny, I purchased a Marlin 30-30 at one of the Carver's auctions a few years ago. I had to wait around for my instant background check to come back before I could take my 30-30 home. Don't know what more this bill might be slipping thru on us, but we already do background checks for gun show sales.

HB 514 merely creates a seven day waiting period between purchase and delivery of firearms or ammunition. PITA that is.

HB 564 really ought to be rolled into HB 101. It criminalizes possession of firearms within "Safe School Zones". These are school grounds, building, and buses. Different from, and not to be confused with plain old "School Zones". Presumably the "Safe School Zones" are allowed by HB 101, should it pass. Possession of fire arms in a "Safe School Zone" is a misdemeanor. There is an exception for parents picking up or dropping off students, should they have a firearm in the car, or pickup truck.

And that is what I have seen go down in Concord this last week. There are at least 1350 bills in the hopper, many of which I have not seen or even heard of yet. If you know of any that I ought to support, or oppose, please let me know.

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WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM

Annual Meeting and Dinner - 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 10, 2018

Happy Hour Restaurant, Main Street - Wells River

*Guest Speaker – Regional Prevention Partnership Coordinator
Cheryl Chandler, BSW, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital*

Will Present

*“Substance Use and Misuse - Where we were,
Where we are and What's next”*

Dinner – Choose Roast Turkey, Roast Beef
or Baked Haddock or Soup and Salad Bar –
\$12.00 plus Tax and Tip.

Reservations Required by February 8th
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need to be a
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to attend.**

Calendar of Events

A Full Page of Events from Local Non-Profits, Schools and Towns. *Presented FREE by Trendy Times.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

1ST WEDS: THE NEWS ABOUT THE NEWS
7:00 pm
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

THE CLASH OVER WHOSE LIVES MATTER
6:00 - 7:15 PM
Joseph Patch Library, Route 25, Warren
See Article on Page 5

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

WILD & WOOLLY SNOWSHOE RACES
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
NorthWoods Stewardship Center, East Charleston
See Article on Page 8

ACT SHOES & BREWS

SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 3

A SPECIAL SAINT VALENTINES READING

1:00 pm
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER
11:00 AM Cash Game - 1:45 PM Tournament
Moose Lodge, St. Johnsbury

WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM'S (WRAP) ANNUAL MEETING

4:00 PM
Happy Hour Restaurant, Wells River
See Ad on Page 5

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

COTTAGE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING
10:00 AM
Cottage Hospital Boardroom

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

THE COOKING CIRCLE
3:00 pm
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION
MONTHLY MEETING
6:00 PM
Post Home, 4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINES' DAY CREATIONS
3:00 pm
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY MEALS

5:00 - 6:30 PM
St. Luke's Parish House, Woodsville

BATH LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

5:00 PM
Bath Public Library

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY MEETING

6:00 PM
Post Home, 4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

VALENTINE'S DAY CANDLELIT SNOWSHOE

6:00 - 9:00 PM
NorthWoods Stewardship Center, East Charleston
See Article on Page 8

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 & 16

PEACHAM WINTER CARNIVAL
Friday Evening & All Day Saturday

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY SUPPER
5:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner followed by an auction
Fairlee Community Church of Christ

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER
11:00 AM Cash Game - 1:45 PM Tournament
American Legion Post #58, St. Johnsbury

MONDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18-22

CREATING AND USING GIANT PUPPETS. in
Fairlee Town Hall Theater
See Article on Page 8

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

TWO EVENINGS OF OPEN-MIC POETRY
READINGS
3:00 pm
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

VFW Post #5245 monthly meeting
7:00 PM
VFW Hall, North Haverhill

COMPASSION: A PATH TO HAPPINESS. AN EVENING WITH GESHE THUBT

6:00 pm
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

FOREST PRACTICES THAT BENEFIT YOUR
TREES
1:00 PM
UNH Cooperative Extension, North Haverhill
See Article on Page 14

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 & 23

AUDITIONS FOR NIGHT OF JANUARY 16TH
6:30 p.m.
St. Johnsbury School Auditorium
See Article on Page 3

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

THE LITTLE FIR TREE RETELLING
1:00 PM
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

"THE LITTLE PORT IN THE CORN FIELDS"

2:00 PM
Bath Public Library
See Article on Page 7

Ongoing Weekly Events

MONDAYS

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS

11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House
NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville

BINGO - 6:00 PM

Orange East Senior Center, Bradford

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)

6:00 PM - Peacham School

KIWANIS CLUB OF ST. JOHNSBURY

6:15 PM - VFW Post, Eastern Ave.

DRAWING FROM LIFE - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Joseph Patch Library, Warren

MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Linwood Senior Center, Lincoln

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

1:30 - 2:30 PM

United Community Church, St. Johnsbury

MONDAYS/THURSDAYS

ADULT INTERVAL AEROBICS CLASS - 6:30

Woodsville Elementary School

GOLDEN BALL TAI CHI

8:30 - 9:15 AM - St. Johnsbury House

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Municipal Building, Lyndonville

9:15 - 10:15 AM

Congregational Church, East St.

Johnsbury

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Community Church, Concord

MON./WED./FRI.

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

1:30 - 2:30 PM - United

Community Church, St. Johnsbury

TUESDAYS

BREAKFAST BY DONATION

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Horse Meadow Senior Center,

North Haverhill

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

9 AM - 10 AM - St. Johnsbury House

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Congregational Church, Danville

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS

11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House

NOON - Senior Action Center,

Methodist Church, Danville

NOON - Presbyterian Church, S. Ryegate

NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

2:00 - 3:30 PM - East Haven Library

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)

Weigh In 5:00 PM - Meeting 6:00 PM

Horse Meadow Senior Center, N. Haverhill

EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Wells River Congregational Church

COMMUNITY DINNER BELL -

5:00 PM September 5- June 5

All Saints' Church, School St., Littleton

AA MEETING (OPEN BIG BOOK)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

St. Luke's Parish Hall, Woodsville

TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

RSVP BONE BUILDERS --

8:30 - 9:30 -- Monroe Town Hall

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT STRENGTH CLASS

1:30 PM

Woodsville Post Office, S. Court St

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

2:00- 3:00 PM - East Haven Library

TUESDAYS/FRIDAYS

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

9:00-10:00 AM

St. Johnsbury House

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

9:30-10:30 AM

GRACE Art Gallery, Hardwick

GOLDEN BALL TAI CHI

8:30-9:30 AM

United Methodist Church, Lyndonville

WEDNESDAYS

AQUA AEROBICS

Evergreen Pool, Rte 302, Lisbon

ADULT STRENGTH TRAINING

1:30 - 2:30 PM - United Community

Church, St. Johnsbury

BINGO - 6:30 PM

Haverhill Memorial VFW Post #5245

North Haverhill

CRIBBAGE - 7:00 PM

Orange East Senior Center, Bradford

WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS

11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House

NOON - West Barnet Senior Meal Site

NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville

THURSDAYS

GROTON LUNCHES W/FRIENDS

10:00AM - 2:00 PM / Lunch @ 12:00

Groton United Methodist Church

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS

11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House

NOON - Senior Action Center,

Methodist Church, Danville

NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville

ST. PAUL'S BIBLE STUDY ON JAMES, 6:15

PM, 113 Main St., Lancaster

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) --

Weigh-in @ 6:00 p.m., meeting @ 6:30

-- Monroe Public Library

FRIDAYS

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

9:00 - 10:00 AM - St. Johnsbury House

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Grace Art Gallery, Hardwick

1:30 - 2:30 PM - United Community

Church, St. Johnsbury

WORSHIP UNDER THE TENT- 7 PM

100 Horse Meadow Rd, No Haverhill

AA MEETING (OPEN DISCUSSION)

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Methodist Church, Maple St, Woodsville

SATURDAYS

STORY HOUR FOR CHILDREN - 10:15 AM

September thru May

Brainerd Memorial Library, No. Danville

SUNDAYS

CRIBBAGE - 1:00 PM

American Legion Post #83, Lincoln

NORTH DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH (ABC),

Worship and Sunday School, 9:30 AM

Refreshments at 10:20 a.m.

Horse Meadow Senior Center

Activities for February, 2019
Lunch is served daily at 12:00, except when noted
HMSC is CLOSED ON February 18th for President's day
Breakfast Buffet: Every Tuesday @ 8:30-10:00
Find-a-Sticker 2/6 @ Noon
50/50 Raffle: 2/13 @ Noon

*Meals are available M-F for home delivery.

*A variety of Exercise Equipment is available daily in Bertha's room at HMSC

SPECIAL DAYS:

February 5 @ 12:00 will be our traditional Chinese New Year Buffet & Games: Come join us:

February 23 @ 10:00 Cabin Fever – Penny Sale

ENTERTAINMENT: Starts between 11&11:15

Phyllis: 2/5, 2/19

The Boy-z: 2/20

Ethel Cooper: 2/7, 2/13, 2/21

Bob Benjamin: 2/28
Wayne Klinger: 2/11, 2/25
Carl, Gloria & friends: 2/6
Barry Hayes: 2/4, 2/12, 2/15

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES:
Mel Colby JP, NP (NH) will be here at HMSC for notary services, free of charge
Cancer Support Group now meets once a month: This month is 2/7 @ 10:45
Domestic Trauma Support Group @ 10:45, Thursday 2/14, 2/28

Grief Support with Florence, 2/6 at 10:30 in the library
Bone Builders: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays @ 9:30, Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 1:30
Interfaith Fellowship & Coffee beginning at 9:30 on 2/19 w/ Pastor Wayne Chevalier. All welcome!
Hearts & Hands Quilting: Mondays @ 1:00
Herbal with Elaine on Friday 2/8, 2/22 @ 12:30
Nifty Needlers: Every

Tuesday 9:00-2:00
Writers Group: Wednesdays @ 10:30
Bingo: Wednesdays @ 1:00
Floral Arrangements w/ Jane: Thursday 2/14 @ 9:30
Mahjongg: Every Friday @ 10:30
Play Reading Group: Mondays @ 10:30
Cribbage: Thursdays @ 12:30
HMSC Chorus: Mondays @ 1:00
Sewing with Rosemary: Mondays @ 10:00
Hand and Foot Cards: Fridays @ 12:30
Ukulele: Thursdays @ 1:00
Drums Alive: Tuesdays @ 12:30 come join us!
Beginners Quilting: Wednesdays @ 1:00
Free Massage with Donna Paye 2/19, must sign up
*Also, Please think about volunteering here at Horse Meadow or delivering meals!

Rachael Booth Speaks At Bath Library

The Bath Public Library is pleased to present author, Rachael Booth, "The Little Port in the Corn Fields" on Saturday, February 23rd at 2:00 pm.

In the fall of 1831, a band of 21 family members and friends ranging in age from a few months to the 44-year old family matriarch, left the comfortable, agrarian community near current-day Dayton, OH to travel by river to a new place they would come to call home - a dismal place known as the Great Black Swamp. These hardy people all lived together in a single tent while they carved their town out of this desolate wilderness. This is the history of the northwest Ohio town of Evansport, tiny in size, but rich with history. Founded in 1831, the town founders, Jacob Coy and Albert G. and Amos Evans, built mills along the little Tiffin River, becoming a giant in the local and state lumber and grain milling industries. One merchant in the town, Francis Llewellyn Key, first cousin of the famous Francis Scott Key, owned and operated a tobacco shop during the town's heyday in the mid to late 1800s. Evansport prospered through the early 1900s until

the coming of paved roads and automobiles made the usual arduous river travel obsolete. Today, Evansport is a sleepy little village with a population of around 200 with a hitherto unknown history that is fascinating to read and relive. The endurance of the hardy souls who carved this area and this town out of such an inhospitable place is something that has to be read to be believed.

Rachael Booth is a retired Naval Veteran, that currently plays guitar and sings as part of Littleton Hospital's Music Therapy program. She is a resident of Landaff, NH. This is her second book.

This program is free and open to the public. There will be light refreshments served.

For more information, contact the Bath Public Library at 747-3372 or e-mail bathlibrarykjb@gmail.com

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· Education and educator expenses paid by you

· Alimony and child support paid or received

· State/federal benefits: Social Security, Veterans Benefits, SSI, Reach-Up

· Medical insurance premiums and any Affordable Care Act forms received

· If you are an owner, bring appropriate town/village property tax bill/s.

· If you are a renter in Vermont, bring your Landlord Certificate (LC-142)

· For direct deposit, pro-

vide bank forms with routing and account numbers.

· To itemize: medical expenses, mortgage costs, taxes paid, donations, etc.

Note: Vermonters can claim charitable donations (without itemizing).

*Tax-Aide is sponsored by AARP, but membership is not required for this service.

Two Local Students on Rivier University Deans List

Hope Cataldo has made the Deans List for Fall 2018. She attends Rivier University and is majoring in Early Education.

Adam Cataldo has made the Deans List for Fall 2018. He attends Rivier University and is majoring in Nursing.

The Clash over Whose Lives Matter

A Common Ground Forum takes place the 1st Thursday of every month: at the Joseph Patch Library located at 20 NH Route 25, Warren, NH.

The topic for discussion this month is: The Clash over Whose Lives Matter

Join us Thursday, February 7, 6:00-7:15 p.m. for stimulating conversation and shared opinions. All ideas are welcome, a moderator will be present to ensure that everyone will be heard.

For more information call 603 764-9072

FREE Books for the Book-Lovers

There is only one happiness in life: reading a book with the one you Love! Visit the Woodsville Library and choose books for your Valentine. We have adult and children's books to warm your heart.

Where: Woodsville Free Public Library, 14 School Street, Woodsville, NH 03785 (603) 747-3483

When: Saturday, February 9, 11:00am to 4:00pm

Why: Because we KNOW YOU LOVE BOOKS!

Puppeteers Cooperative of Boston Gives Workshop in Fairlee

During winter break, Feb. 18 to 22, Sara Peattie of Boston-based PUPPETEERS COOPERATIVE will give a workshop on creating and using giant puppets. Workshops take place from 2 to 4 each afternoon in Fairlee Town Hall Theater and culminate in a free pageant for the public on Friday evening at 6. Anyone age 8 to 208 is welcome to participate. There is

a \$20 fee for materials, and you get to keep your giant creation for parades, theatrical productions, circuses, street theater, videos, Halloween, marches, parties, or just for fun. Space is limited, so be sure to register early. See Fairlee Community Arts at <http://www.fairleearts.org> for more information and to register.



Wild & Woolly Snowshoe Race, Saturday, February 9, 9:30am – 2pm, Multiple classes \$25-\$55.

Enjoy a day of snowshoe races for all as part of the Island Pond Carnival Weekend. Competitive snowshoe races: 2.5k, 5k, 10k, and 15k, through groomed and snowshoe packed forest trails. Races co-hosted with Ironwood Adventure Works. Free lunch, s'moreos, and fun family carnival events around the lodge! Come to race and bring the family! Register and more information on our website.

Location: NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Drive, East Charleston, VT



Upcoming Events at NorthWoods Stewardship Center

Contact: 802-723-6551, northwoodscenter.org, events@northwoodscenter.org

Valentine's Day Candlelit Snowshoe

Thursday, February 14, 6-9 pm, \$15 single or \$25/pair

Join us at NorthWoods for a self-guided candlelit snowshoe walk! A warm fire, hot cocoa, and cookies to follow at the lodge.

Location: NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Drive, East Charleston, VT,

Contact: 802-723-6551, northwoodscenter.org, events@northwoodscenter.org

Winter Day Camp

Monday, February 25th - Friday, March 1, 9am-4pm daily \$225/week or \$50/day

Don't let your kiddos (aged 6 -14) get bored during Winter Break! Join us at NorthWoods for outdoor exploration by snowshoe and ski, indoor arts, crafts, cooking and learning. We will adventure in the winter woods while learning and improving ecological, historical and outdoor skills, indoor campcraft, and games. Gear and homemade lunch included. Camperships available.

Location: NorthWoods Stewardship Center, 154 Leadership Drive, East Charleston, VT

Contact: 802-723-6551, northwoodscenter.org, events@northwoodscenter.org



The Three photos above were all submitted to Trendy Times by the email of Scott Fitts. We want to not only thank the sender for these wonderful shots.

But we also would like to encourage others to join in. Almost everyone now has a camera on their phone. When you use it to take a great wildlife shot, or perhaps a superior scenery shot, or just an image that you think should be shared among our wide ranging readers, feel free to send it to us.

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Riverside 3rd grader Rosa Patoine presented herself as Medusa in The Riverside School's morning assembly as part of the school's annual Mythology Day tradition. In the background are other 3rd graders (l-r): Gabe Adams as Mars, Sawyer Daffinrud as King Midas, Clint Heinrich as Atlas, and Quinn Amidon as Polyphemus.

Formerly called "Saturnalia," a Roman winter holiday, Mythology Day includes costumes, brief speeches in front of students, faculty and parents, and activities connected to classical mythology led by 8th graders. Started in 1981 when the

Sunsets and Pizza Deliveries

by Maggie Anderson

Did you see the Tonight Show the time Johnny Carson had Mr. Rogers on and the tent wouldn't spring open? He brought a piece of film from one of his show's tapings. It was supposed to be a demonstration of one of the new whiz-bang anybody can do this tents and no matter what he did that sucker wouldn't open. Finally he threw it across the stage and said some things Mr. Rogers never uttered on camera before and told his crew to get that thing out of there.

Then he turned to Johnny and said " Things don't always go right in the neighborhood." Priceless!

Yesterday was one of those days for me. Google had jet lag or something and though I had a suspicion the directions to the writers meeting were, not on the wrong side of the tracks, but certainly on the wrong side of HWY 101, I followed them like an orphaned lamb. Of course I was right and the meeting was on the other side of the highway so I showed up 15 minutes late because I wasn't smart enough to trust my own instincts!

I signed up at the front desk, found an empty chair at one of the tables and nearly fainted when the facilitator stood up and announced that she was happy so many had come to join the discussion at the Death Cafe! So I get Mr. Rogers that's for sure.

Turns out the writers had all migrated from their usual room to see what the Death Cafe crowd was up to. I don't know if they were looking for new material or old material seen from a differ-

ent perspective. In any case I had driven the 40 minutes to get there - nearly an hour if you allow for my detour - so I was determined to see what it was all about myself.

We started where we'd sat down and before the break for cake and coffee we were told to find another table so the discussion was fresh when we began again. NOTE - if any of you ever set one of these discussions up yourself serve good coffee, if I was forced to drink another cup of that stuff I may have needed some serious help from the Death Cafe, or maybe because of it!

The "pick your own check out date" rules are like survivor rules, they change at each state line. In Oregon you can check yourself out of this world but you have to do it yourself. The doctor can prescribe a boat load of pills, even deliver them right to your front door, but you have to take them yourself. Whereas in Washington you can give the doctor a buzz and he comes to your bedside and gives you a lethal injection when you decide it's time.

One of the women at my first table said she intended to choose her own date with destiny, she said that she had a cottage on the beach here in Oregon but didn't think she could down all the pills she'd need so she's planning to go to her home in Washington and simply pick up the phone and order a shot. What, right after her pizza delivery?

I told the gang at my table that I didn't always have the best sense of timing and I don't plan to choose a check out date because I'm afraid I'd check out a day too soon and miss a beautiful day like the one we had here yester-

day. Personally I can't imagine wanting to rush things, I never have enough time to enjoy the world around me as it is and right now I've reached a place in my life where I can actually enjoy a little more of it. They're gonna' have to haul me out of here kicking and screaming!

There were a couple of booklets mentioned that I flipped through, I wrote their titles down for a buddy who teaches a class on getting organized and clearing the paper trail and setting up accounts, etc, etc., because I thought he might be interested. One is called "TELLING MY LIFE'S STORY" right up my street and "FINAL BUSINESS" both written by Marty Hogan.

I also love the booklet called "FIVE WISHES" it's really basic common sense and addresses what the departing actually wants - before they leave and nobody has a clue what they held most dear. The "FIVE WISHES" is wonderful, I've used it before with some of the people who've shared their last few months with me.

I think books like these are really helpful and a meeting like the Death Cafe can be a positive experience, even if you find yourself sitting in by accident, with two exceptions - one, don't expect everyone to agree with everybody else at the table - I'm not leaving until I have no choice, even if they try to convince me that setting my own checkout date is a choice - and two, if clearing a path means I have to skip this sunset to make sure the dirty dishes aren't left in the sink I guess you know I'm planning on watching the sunset, somebody else can wash the dishes one last time!!

On Thursday January 10, our good friend and colleague Rodney Mitton had a severe fall. His injuries were life threatening, so he was brought to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for emergency surgery. He is in stable condition and recovering well, yet remains in the ICU.

Rodney has worked at the Co-op for many years and is well-known by many in our community. As you can imagine, this injury and hospital stay has created a financial hardship for his family.

The Littleton Food Co-operative has always kept these three words in mind while making decisions - People, Planet, Profit. With

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the first word being people, here was one of our beloved colleagues in trouble. Since January 10th we have allocated our fundraising efforts to the Mitton Family; so far we have raised \$7,978.51 through the Round-Up Program at check out, donations, and a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

Our next Partner of the Month, Mt. Eustis Ski Hill, has kindly offered to donate the first week of fundraising at the Co-op back to The

Mitton Family. As volunteers, The Mt. Eustis group knows how much community support means. Our members and customers know how much community support means. It takes a village that truly cares for one another to uplift one another. A big hug and thank you from our Co-op heart to yours. [We are grateful for the outpouring of funds, donations, and help from everyone in our community, and thank you for your support!]

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Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

New Hampshire General Court Report

Well, if there was any question about Democrats increasing control over our lives, let your doubts be removed.

HB 282 would require Fish & Game officers to obtain a search warrant, like all other law enforcement – 98% Democrats voted to kill.

Massimilla (D) kill; Egan (D) kill; French (D) kill; Hennessey (R) pass

HB 124 repeal uncon-

stitutional law to violate 1st Amendment right of freedom of speech – 100% Democrats voted to kill Massimilla (D) kill; Egan (D) kill; French (D) kill; Hennessey (R) kill

HB 120 declares that young job seekers won't know how to safely pierce ears until they pay the state \$110. 99% Democrats voted pass

Massimilla (D) pass; Egan (D) pass; French (D) pass; Hennessey (R) kill
More to come.

Robert Peraino
Fanconia

Robert,

I am happy to know that you are keeping an eye on our elected officials and are reporting back to the rest of the voters. Not everyone has that opportunity, and your willingness to share these facts are appreciated.

As I am sure you are aware, I attempt to be very neutral on the D vs R questions. I realize that in today's world that letter can say a lot about the person who precedes it. But I also strongly believe that there needs to be much more to our governmental bodies than simply wick party has the majority. Our elected officials need to view all sides on every issue in order to cast a proper vote either for or against a particular bill.

Again Robert, thanks for the update and I will certainly look forward to seeing more from you in the future.

Gary Scruton (I), Editor

As Town Meetings Approach, and our Legislatures are in full swing, everyone has an opinion on many items being discussed. We are happy to pass along your thoughts (along with a response from the Editor).

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Haverhill Candidate Platform

The first of two planned Candidate Platforms was held on Wednesday, January 30th for candidates and voters in the Town of Haverhill. Tables and chairs were set up for each of seven positions that are to be elected on Tuesday, March 12 by ballot.

At the time of the Platform there were two known candidates for two seats on the Haverhill Select Board; Michael Bonanno and Gary Hebert. For the two Haverhill School Board seats there was only one known candidate; Richard (Dick) Guy had signed up for re-election to his seat from the pee-existing Woodsville School District. The position of Moderator for the Haverhill School District, for a one year term is also to be elected this year. Incumbent Alfred (Jay) Holden has signed up for that position. Two other positions to be elected this year for town

officers include Town Treasurer (2 year term) and Town Treasurer (3 year term).

Two of the announced candidates appeared at the Platform in order to answer questions from members of the public. Those two were Richard Guy and Michael Bonanno.

Before the Friday deadline to sign up to be placed on the ballot two more candidates emerged for the two Select Board Seats. Matthew Bjelobrk and Howard Hatch have added their names to the ballot. (Due to illness we were unable to contact the SAU to see if more candidates had entered for School Board).

The second Platform will take place on Saturday, March 2 from 10 am until 1 pm. This event will be at the

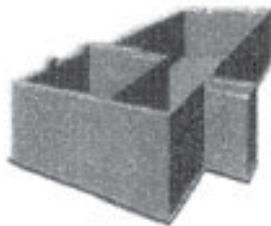
Haverhill Town Office Building (the Morrill Building) on Main Street in North Haverhill. Again all candidates, whether signed up to be on the ballot, or hopeful write-in candidates are being urged to attend in order to meet voters and answer their questions. This event will not be a debate. The format is simply to allow for face to face conversations between candidates and voters before balloting on March 12.

As before, all voters and candidates are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge for any one to attend. The event is being sponsored by trendy Times as a public service. Thanks to those who suggested this event at the spring 2018 Vision for Haverhill.

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Market Outlook for 2019: Uncertainty is Certain

To say the financial markets were a bit bumpy in 2018 may be an understatement. The S&P 500 was down 6.2 percent for the year, the first time this key index fell since 2008, during the financial crisis. So what can you anticipate in 2019? And what investment moves should you make?

Let's review the causes for last year's market volatility. Generally speaking, uncertainty was a major culprit. Uncertainty about tariffs, uncertainty about the continued trade dispute with China, uncertainty about Brexit – they all combined to make the markets nervous. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates four times, and even though rates remain low by historical standards, the increases caused some concern, as higher borrowing costs can eventually crimp the growth prospects for businesses.

And now that we're into 2019, these same uncertainties remain,

so markets are likely to remain volatile. Although the Fed has indicated it may be more cautious with regard to new rate hikes, there are indications of slower growth ahead, particularly in China, the world's

second-largest economy. And after strong 2018 earnings growth, helped by the corporate tax cuts, corporate earnings may grow more slowly – and, as always, earnings are a key driver of stock prices. Nonetheless, the U.S. economy is showing enough strength that a recession does not appear to be on the horizon, which is also likely to be the case globally – and that should be good news, because an extended “bear” market typically does need to be fueled by a recession. Ultimately, the projected continued growth of the U.S. economy and the possible resolution of some uncertainties could help markets rebound.

As investors, we cannot control the everyday ups and downs in the markets, but we can control our decisions, look for opportunities and keep a long-term perspective within our investment portfolios.

Consider these actions for 2019:

Be prepared for volatility. As mentioned, many of the same factors that led to the market upheavals of 2018 are still with us, along with the impact of the partial government shutdown – so don't be surprised to see continued volatility. The more you're prepared for market turbulence, the less startled you'll be when it arrives.

Stay diversified. At any given time, different financial assets may

move in different directions: stocks up, bonds down, or vice versa. To help dilute risk and take advantage of different opportunities, you should maintain a broadly diversified portfolio containing stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities and so on. You may need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain an appropriate proportion of each asset class, based on your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

Take a long-term perspective. It can be disconcerting to see several-hundred point drops in the stock market. But you can look past short-term events, especially if your most important financial target – a comfortable retirement – is still years or decades away. By keeping your focus on the long term, you can make investment decisions based on your objectives – not your emotions.

If 2019 continues to be volatile, you'll need to stay prepared and make the right moves – so you can be confident that you did everything you could to keep moving toward your financial goals.

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The Flea Market #2 Ken and Betty

by Elinor P. Mawson

Ken was a long-time bachelor until he met Betty, a divorcee with 2 adult daughters. It must have been love at first sight on both their parts, because they were crazy about each other. Ken was a self-appointed manager of the flea market; he took care of the rent (dealers paid him), and he let them know that there was a lot he knew about antiques. His specialty was coins and stamps, but occasionally he met up with a “buddy” and brought some really interesting stuff into his showcase. When an in-house dealer asked him the price of something, he would quote a top dollar which left no room for a profit. The following day, he would let everyone know that he had sold that item; he didn't have to tell them that it was sold for a much lower price. He had some pet sayings, “This

is the real McCoy” or “How many do you want?”

Ken was slightly hard of hearing, and once when a customer asked him if there was a rest room, he thought the man said “restaurant”. “Do you want a place with some atmosphere?” And “Which direction are you headed in?” The poor man was in dire straits when someone who had heard this exchange set Ken straight. It was a source of laughter for the rest of the day.

Betty, on the other hand, was a dealer's dealer. She specialized in textiles, and her section of the flea market looked like a linen-lover's dream. Betty could do up a fancy christening dress so it looked brand new. Her other items looked new also; she could sell a bureau scarf or guest towel to people who didn't know what an iron was for. I could only imagine that when they put the item

in the laundry, it would never resemble the piece they had bought--Betty had the ironing down cold.. She also priced everything (unlike Ken) and she priced them to sell. She only came into the flea market on Sundays (the busiest day). The rest of the time, she took care of her home and did up her inventory. I was in her house once and you could eat off the floor.

The flea market was owned by the man in the hardware store next door. He was a decent landlord, but eventually he was approached by a wallpaper merchant who was interested in a large space and the flea market qualified. The landlord sent out letters to the dealers announcing that they had to move and had a month to do it in. Everyone was incredulous--they would have to find another venue or go out of business. It took some doing, but a new venue was found and three dealers signed up. The others found places nearer their homes. It wasn't long before several new dealers showed interest in the new shop and the deed was done.

But I'm getting ahead of myself! I have to tell you about Earl and Dot and the 3-dollar bill man.

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What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About Ice And Cold

Winter has arrived. The snow has been abundant over the past few weeks, we have had multiple days of sub-zero temperatures and rain on top of the snow followed by more sub-zero temperatures. Ice covers the snow and everything else, welcome to the real winter.

The USDA.gov has published an article titled "How to Drive on Black Ice", which is full of advice on driving during changing weather conditions. I found it interesting to note that several times in the article, it reminds you that "black ice" is invisible. The key points of the article is to drive slow, watch out for changes in road conditions and be aware of your surroundings. The bold statements, Do not touch your brakes while slipping on ice, have been a part of winter driving as long as I can remember.

The original home improvement guru, Bob Vila, has an article on ice removal and another about the proper way to shovel snow on his website bobvila.com in case you needed to be reminded that rock salt will destroy your cement steps and path.

I read his articles and several other internet postings -- everyone has an opinion about what to do with ice and snow. There are Youtube videos about what not to do and funny mis-haps of the unprepared, if you want to see what not to do.

Here are my tips -- 1) Pay attention when you are driving. If there is a weather alert, stay home if you can. 2) Have bottled water and food on hand in the event of a power failure. 3) Make sure your heating fuel is at a good level and all vents to outside are clear. 4) If you have to go out on the ice, use "ice cleats" that strap onto your boots to help prevent slips and falls. 5) Carry your cell phone in your coat pocket, if you do fall, you will want to be able to call for help. If it is in your hand and you fall, you could drop it or lose it in a snow drift.

This is the season when being safe and practical make sense. It is good to call your neighbors and see how they are doing, it is important to keep the heat on and it is smart to ask for help. Let us all be safe this winter.

To the editor,

"US Congress members are a clique of elitists"

Wearing the latest fashions, displaying fashionable jewelry, "working" only four (4) days a week, receiving lucrative pay and pensions plus other benefits not relegated to the average citizen, a US representative or senator to Congress has an enviable life!

Swearing an oath to support the US Constitution, these individuals are sworn to protect the interests of US citizens and the territory of the United States of America.

However, recent facts reveal the opposite. While 800,00 plus federal employees worked for no pay during the recent government shutdown, our representatives and senators did no work for plenty of pay! While our federal agencies were closed, our Congress men and women and sen-

Nick,

I agree that our US Representatives and Senators should not have been receiving pay during the shutdown. To be fair I believe I heard that at least one of them did donate their pay to a non-profit organization. I would suggest one step further. The staff members of those same elected officials should also have pay checks with a zero.

Again, trying to be fair, I believe there is talk of legislation that would not allow such shutdowns in the future. A wish move, i believe, and

Letter to the Editor

ators enjoyed their holidays with their families, some even enjoyed elaborate vacations far away from Washington, DC. They refused to debate, and negotiate a reasonable resolution to protect the American citizens and taxpayers they swore to protect by securing our southern border.

If our representatives and senators really wanted to do good for the hard-working US citizens they say they represent, the same hard-working US citizens who pay their lucrative salaries and benefits, it would make sense for them to introduce legislation which eliminates their own pay while the government is shut down. Their legislation should further mandate that these same representatives and senators stay in Washington, DC, and negotiate until a reasonable, beneficial compromise for the common good of US citizens is reached.

These representatives and senators may enter the hallowed halls of Congress as middle-class wage earners, but climb to elitist millionaires after only a few short terms in office. Rank and file Congress men and women receive \$175,000 a year while "leaders" collect \$193,000 a year; the "Speaker" of the House "earns" \$225,000! For what, I ask?

Is it any wonder that these same people run for office again and again, establishing dynasties for themselves and their families?!

Take Nancy Pelosi, for example. She owns a Napa Valley vineyard in California, and lives in a posh San Francisco mansion surrounded by an insurmountable "fence." And, she's the tip of the iceberg!

Nick De Mayo
Sugar Hill, NH

therefore I am not sure that it will pass.

Regarding the dynasties that some of these elected officials have created, I agree. My solution is for term limits on reps and senators, just as we have with the presidency. I'm not sure what the right number of terms would be, but something so that being an elected official in Washing is not a career. Our founders hoped that the legislature would be a body of the people, not just those who can afford to run.

Gary Scruotn, Editor

Caring for Wild Apple Trees and Crop Trees for Wildlife and Timber

Caring for Wild Apple Trees and Crop Trees for Wildlife and Timber is a Grafton County Conservation District (GCCD) workshop geared toward landowners who want to learn more

about managing wild apple trees, identifying and managing crop trees, and how to help them grow better for wildlife, timber production, and other purposes.

Join Tom Ebert, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist, and Jim Frohn, Grafton County Forester with UNH Cooperative Extension, on Friday, February 22, 2019 and learn about forest practices that benefit your trees. The workshop starts at 1:00PM at the UNH Cooperative Extension Conference Room at the Grafton County Complex, Route 10, North Haverhill, NH.

Are you wondering how to improve your woodlot for wildlife, increase the growth and value of your timber, or just want healthy, vigorous trees growing in your forest? Do you have apple trees growing in your woods or a crowded stand of trees? Our workshop will introduce the concepts of caring for wild apple trees to benefit wild-

life, as well as the concepts of crop tree management for a variety of benefits including, wildlife, timber, and other forest stewardship goals.

Landowners are often encouraged to contact NRCS or UNH Cooperative Extension for a woodlot visit to learn about conservation practices that can enhance wildlife habitat, forest vigor, quality, and value. NRCS offers technical and cost-share assistance to eligible landowners for several conservation practices that improve forest and wildlife habitat.

The 2019 GCCD Plant Sale offers a variety of shrubs great for wildlife food and cover, pollinators and buffers. We have balsam and Fraser fir, wildlife shrubs, apples, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, and hardwood trees. Plant Sale information will be available at the workshop, or can be requested by calling Pam at (603) 353-4652.



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What I Have Seen Happening In Concord

by NH State Senaotr
David Starr - District #1

The Senate Education and Work Force Development (WFD for short) Committee met Tuesday morning and heard testimony for and against six bills. It did not go into executive session to declare any bills "Ought to Pass", or "Inexpedient To Legislate". First up was SB 136, a bill about in-state and out-of-state tuition at colleges. It wanted to establish a bunch of appointed administrators and rules and regulations. It was stated verbally during the hearing that kids who graduated from NH high schools would get in-state rates. This sounds reasonable. This idea did not appear in any of the bill write ups.

Moving right along we get to SB 144, a bureaucratic squabble that should have been settled by a phone call or two. When we legalized Keno a while ago, the sweetener was a promise that all the Keno revenue would go toward funding kindergarten. Apparently the lottery commission was stuffy about letting the Dept of Ed know how much Keno revenue was available and when it might be available. So DOE came to us, the legislature, to lay the hammer to the lottery commission and get them to cooperate. Anyhow the lottery commish allowed that they had \$5.25 mil in Keno money this year, and they would know how much they had every year by 27 June. As an aside, they admitted to \$96 mil in overall revenue, a nice chunk of change.

And now we got to SB 107, which would allow certain kids to stay in foster care until they reached the age of 21. A lot of passionate support for this one. It was revealed that only 12 kids would be eligible, which does not sound like a budget buster to me.

And now a hot potato, SB 196 which would reverse last year's bill to make "non-academic" school surveys opt-in, rather than opt-out. Three witnesses provided examples of truly awful "non-academic" surveys which asked about student's sexual orientation, racial heritage, whiteness, social standing. The questions aggravated racial and social tensions and exposed students with non-standard sexual orientation to bullying. A lot of social science types testified that opt-in had reduced response to their surveys from 85% to 30% and ruined their data collection plans.

And now, an even hotter

potato, a bill to require that school starts AFTER Labor Day. Personally I am in favor; I think starting school in August is child abuse. A bunch of summer business folk, Whale's Tale Waterslide, Clark's Trained Bears, and others testified that starting school in August was hurting their business. A bunch of school admin types testified that they just had to start school in August to fit in the state mandated 180 school days,

And last, but not least, SB 108 which would make private schools eligible for the Governor's Scholarship program.

Wednesday I went to a House committee hearing on HB635. This was from Berlin, asking to do a special "in lieu of taxes" deal on a project to build a super greenhouse to grow tomatoes and salad greens. By rights, a city or town ought to be able to write tax deals on their own hook, and not have to come to the legislature for permission. But things don't work that way. Berlin sent their mayor, their city manager and some other folk to testify in favor of the project.

This greenhouse project was so big that they were going to put in their own electric power generation and use waste heat from the engines to heat the greenhouse[s]. Co-generation it is called. I testified in favor, there was serious investment (\$ millions), it would employ a lot of people, and I like fresh tomatoes in the winter as much as anyone, and all the Berlin people were in favor of it, they need the industry. What's not to like? This was just a hearing to present testimony, the committee did not go into executive session to vote the bill "Ought to Pass" (OTP in legislative speak).

In the afternoon Republicans held a caucus to discuss bills coming up in the Senate session to be held the next day. That ran till 3 PM.

Thursday was my first real Senate session, the kind where we get to vote on bills. Surprisingly, we just voted each bill as Ought to Pass (OTP), or Inexpedient To Legislate (ITL) rather than pass or kill. There was talk about "second reading" so I guess the same bill gets put on the floor again and maybe again and we vote pass or kill on the last reading of the bill.

For bills, we started with SB16, whose purpose was obscure but deemed harmless. Voice vote made it OTP. SB 17 was the same thing, obscure but harmless

and voice voted OTP. SB 18 was next. It was about employee wage deductions and we Republicans objected to it. We had a roll call vote on this one, 14 democrats voted OTP and we 10 Republicans voted ITL.

Moving right along, we had SB 43, which created yet another study commission, this one to study barriers to increased land development in New Hampshire, most likely caused by snob zoning, greenies, and NIMBYs. Voice vote made SB43 OTP.

Now we get to a bad one, SB2. This wanted to take \$4 mil out of the unemployment trust fund and blow it on "work force development". I am against skimming money from unemployment, an essential service, to fund anything else, particularly when we have already voted \$84 mil for "work force development" and we haven't spent it all yet. There was a lot of debate on this one, lasted an hour. Did a roll call vote, 14 democrats voted OTP, and we 10 Republicans voted ITL. I hope the governor will veto it.

Then we have SB5 once described as "Medicare Expansion" raising Medicaid reimbursement rates for men-

tal disorders and drug rehab. The rates have been so low that hospitals have failed to add mental health beds, even with good solid state subsidies. The hospitals are all just scraping by, and they need the money. We did a roll call vote on this one and it got unanimous OTP.

And finally we got to SB 11 which did funding for 44 more mental health beds. We need more mental health beds; we have something like 40 patients confined in emergency rooms, waiting for a bed to open up. We Republicans offered an amendment adding mobile crisis teams, more beds, and more funding. Vigorous debate. The democrats voted our amendment down on a roll call vote 14 to 10. And then they voted thru their original sparse version on another roll call 14 to 10.

As we had dealt with all the bills on the calendar, a motion to adjourn was offered and passed. Out in the real world a motion to adjourn means everyone gets up and leaves the room. Not in the Senate. President Soucy says something like "Morning session is adjourned (it being after 2PM) and afternoon session starts right now." Fortunately all we did in afternoon session was listen to a couple of eu-

logies, about people I had never heard of. I listened, respectfully. Then we had a second motion to adjourn and we actually got up and left.

Then I got my portrait taken for the website. Around the statehouse everyone refers to portraits as "head shots". Scary word. Head shot is what you do to deer with your 30-30 if you are stupid enough to pass up a shot to center of mass. And finally Chris Ellms, one of the governor's guys, button-holed me and I had a nice chat with Chris Sununu. He inquired about the Nansen ski jump project over in Berlin, and allowed as how after an exceptionally good year there was just a tad of money that might be spent on North Country infrastructure. Which is fine by me, and unfortunately I could not think of any North Country projects other than rebuilding Lakewood Elementary school in Littleton. If anyone knows of worthy projects, pass them on to me, there might be a little funding to be had.

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Blueberry Bars

Hello hello my fellow chefs! I hope you are all healthy and tolerating the cold and snow. I don't know about you but Spring can't come fast enough for me. Today's recipe is Delicioso and makes about 20 to 24 bars. I got 24. You can cut them larger or smaller. They are a crowd pleaser. Okay, here's how to make this wonderful dessert.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Grease generously a 9 By 13 pan, I used a glass baking dish but use metal if that's what you have. I used Pam spray for baking.

Ingredients for the bottom crust and topping

1 1/2 Cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 Cup of granulated

brown sugar.

1 teaspoon baking powder
3 Cups all purpose flour
1 pinch salt

Mix dry ingredients well

Then add 2 sticks of cold butter (cut in half then in half again so when you slice you will have 4 pieces of butter pieces.

Mix well

Scramble 2 eggs and add to dry mix mixing well. I used the whisk to combine. It will be course texture.

Pour half of the crumbly dry ingredients into greased baking dish sides and bottom, press to even out and bake for 7 to 8 minutes.

While that is baking make the blueberry mixture.

Ingredients for blueberry center

4 Cups of fresh or frozen blueberries (I used frozen and let them defrost).

1 1/2 Cup granulated sugar
4 teaspoons corn starch

1 1/2 teaspoons of lemon juice

Mix well

When bottom crust is done pour the blueberry mixture over the warm crust and even out.



Then pour the remaining flour crust mixture over the blueberries.

The blueberries will bubble through a bit. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. It should lightly brown and edges will brown too. Remove from oven and let cool on wire rack for 30 minutes or so. Feel the bottom to test for coolness. They cut easier if cooled.

They are eye appealing and look professional, and everyone will love them. Cut into bars. You can store them in covered container or dish with plastic wrap. They last 4 to 5 days or refrigerate to last longer. The first ones are the hardest to remove, a couple of mine broke but they still are good. If you refrigerate them leave them out for about 30 minutes or you can microwave for a few seconds. Enjoy with a nice cup of coffee or tea or milk, you can even have with a nice scoop of vanilla ice cream.

I hope you enjoy this recipe and they smell great while baking.

Any questions you can contact Gary and I will help you out.

Well folks until next time I'm signing off, Sincerely Cin Pin.

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