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Memorial Day 2020

Every Crisis has new heroes. During the 911 attacks, they were first responders running into burning and crumbling building as others ran out. Now during the Coronavirus pandemic, the most visible heroes are the health care professionals, (doctor, Nurses and support staff, who are saving lives of others and risking their own lives while doing so.

These heroes have much in common with the people we honor today –American fallen Veterans. They are men and women who have scarified their own lives so others could live.

All of these elite heroes represent the diverse fabric of our country. Rich,

poor, black white, male and female. They come from every ethnicity and background. They come together for a higher purpose. Their dedication is obvious.

Let me add that not all our heroes are in the health care industry directly fighting this pandemic. Everyone is doing their part. Grocers, first responders, delivery workers and drive thru restaurant employees are just a few of the many people that we rely on to provide vital services for society while risking their own safety.

The military also has heroes in every occupational field. Truck drivers, cooks and administrative clerk, pilots and mechanics all

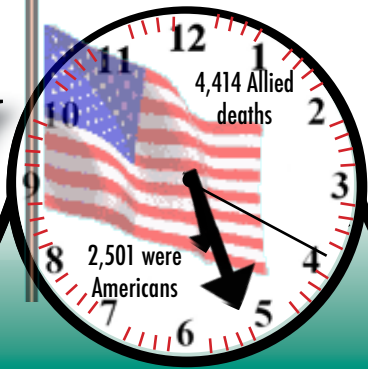
paid the ultimate price. And our National guard who are helping on the front lines both here and abroad. Approximately one million men and women of the U.S. military have lost their lives in defense of our nation since the founding of this great republic

Not all have died from enemy fire. Some have died from diseases that too often fester around war zones. All of our heroes knew they had an important job to accomplish. They were all on a mission to serve. Even when the enemy is an invisible virus or a microscopic germ, the sacrifices made are just as meaningful.

We may not have a Parade and ceremony this

year due to the COVID-19 “Stay at Home” guidelines and social distancing, but This Memorial Day as we continue to honor those who fell for us in battle, let us also pause to remember all those who have sacrificed their lives while serving others. May God bless them and may God bless you for remembering them here today. THANK You

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Trendy Dining Guide Update

by Gary Scruton

It feels like a long time since I had the opportunity to write a new article for this column. For the past four issues Trendy Times has only been published online. During that same time our Dining Guide advertisers have also seen some significant changes in how they were able to operate.

As time has passed, and rules and regulations have changed, so have the hours, operations and even the menus at every one of these fine establishments.

You are very much encouraged to call ahead any of these eateries to make reservations for outdoor seating where available. Also it moves things along much better when take out

orders are phoned in. Many spots are offering curbside pickup.

Tuttle's Family Diner:

Recently a pair of picnic tables appeared on the sidewalk in front of Tuttle's. They also offer a take out menu as well as the deli that was in place before the recent changes.

Room 111 at Victory Lanes:

According to the Facebook page of Room 111 there is a new gazebo on the back deck. NH Governor Sununu has allowed bars to reopen with outdoor serving and with restriction. So please give them a call to check out their current hours and operations.

Polly's Pancake Parlor

Polly's is open for curbside take out only at this time. Of course you can still visit their website and order up some Polly's Pancake mix to make at home.

Hungry Bear Pub & Grill:

The Hungry Bear has done some renovations to the inside of the building. They have also joined those who are reopening with outdoor seating. As with the others, be sure to call ahead for reservations and details on when tables will be available. They also continue to offer take out service.

The Happy Hour Restaurant:

Though The Happy Hour was closed for the first portion of the current situation, they have now reopened. There is a new menu that can be seen on their website and on their Facebook page. Though they are not currently able to offer outside seating, they are now open seven days a week for takeout.

Everybuddy's Casual Dining:

This establishment in Lyndonville has found a way to accommodate the new regulations and has added outdoor seating. Once more, call ahead for reservations. Plus check their ad or call them for current hours of operation as well as what is available on the menu.

Bliss Village Store:

The Bliss Village Store has been a staple on the Main Street of Bradford for many decades and continues to be open. Their deli case will continue to operate with food to go. There is also a large number of coolers for beverages, a good variety of fresh baked pastries, and many other "staples". Remember as well that Bliss Village Store offers an ice cream window and a limited seating area outside.

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Littleton Co-op Partner Receives Check

Nanci Carney, North Country Regional Director of Granite United Way, and Matt Manning, from AHEAD and North Country Hub Co-ordinator for the United Way, accept the donation given through the Partner of the Month Program at the Littleton Food Co-op. Funds were collected from member/owners and customers rounding-up on their grocery totals for the month of April to help the Granite United Way COVID-19 Relief Fund.



All of the \$4,767.65 donation is coming right back to the greater Littleton area. AHEAD, as the North Country Hub Coordinator, purchases food gift certificates and distributes them to area agencies so that they can provide food relief to their clients. This is the 3rd round of food gift certificate donations for the North Country! So far, 260 families and a total of 936 individuals here in the North Country have received relief aid to purchase food. Thanks to Nanci, Matt, Granite United Way, and AHEAD! We are stronger together!

A huge thank you must go to Ammonoosuc Habitat for Humanity for giving their April Partner of the Month slot to Granite State United Way so that much-needed COVID-19 relief funds can come to our area. Habitat for Humanity will be Littleton Food Co-op's Partner of the Month in January 2021. They were planning to build a home in Bethlehem this summer, however due to COVID-19, that has been put on hold until next summer. Please try to round-up

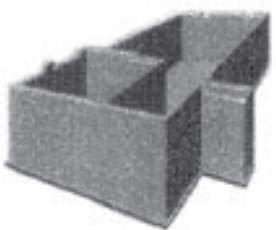
in January to help fund this building project. All proceeds will go to the Bethlehem Ammonoosuc Habitat house building project. Ammonoosuc Habitat is looking for Board members and will be looking for volunteers for next year to help with this building project. For more information, please contact Ammonoosuc Habitat at 603-616-2515 or by e-mail at ammonoosuchabitat@gmail.com.

May's 'Partner of the Month' is White Mountain Mental Health. They are a Northern Human Services agency based right here in Littleton that offers an array of services, including outpatient therapy, mental health and substance use disorder therapies for individuals, groups, and families. They also provide case management, outreach services, psychiatric services, residential services, supported employment, and 24/7 crisis intervention. Their mission is to assist people affected by mental illness, developmental disabilities and related disorders in living meaningful lives. Everyone

who needs their services can receive them, and they strive to meet ever-changing needs through advocacy, innovation, collaboration and skill. All proceeds will help ensure that they can continue offering services to those in need during this COVID crisis and beyond!

The member-owned Littleton Food Co-op serves the community by providing high quality food, offered at a reasonable price, with outstanding service. Everyone is welcome to shop and all are welcome to join. Located at the intersection of Cottage Street and Route 302 (exit 41, off I-93), the Littleton Food Co-op is open daily from 9 am-7 pm. Summer hours will start May 22nd and will be open daily from 9 am-8 p.m. For more information or to become a member, please visit www.littletoncoop.com, call 603-444-2800 or just stop by! See ya at the Co-op!

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BEEZWAX
 By John Martin



Panel 1: A character asks, "WHAT'S THE MATTER, THUGGLY?" The other character replies, "I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!"
 Panel 2: The first character says, "I WAS TOLD IT'S BECAUSE I'M A BULLY! THAT HURTS! WHAT DO YOU THINK?"
 Panel 3: The second character replies, "I THINK YOU HAVE A TRUTH-ACHE!"

Letter To The Haverhill Voters

Dear Haverhill Voters,

We hope you are well during this COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, the virus and Governor Sununu's Stay-at-Home order impacted our ability to have our Annual School District Meeting safely on March 21 or April 18. It is very important for us to have our meeting so we can operate our schools for the next school year.

The Annual School District Meeting is now scheduled for May 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM. At the Haverhill School Board Meeting on May 11, the decision was made to organize a drive through voting procedure to safely have the May 30 meeting. This method of voting has been used successfully in other NH districts who also were unable to hold their regularly scheduled meeting in March. Safety protocols will be addressed, including social distancing, sanitized surfaces and facemasks/cloth coverings.

The Haverhill School Board will also hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30. We will share the Zoom link to join with a computer as well as

a phone number for those who would prefer calling into the session. The school board will review the warrant articles as well as the procedures for voting on May 30.

To join Zoom Meeting via internet
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We understand this is a different format than we are accustomed to for our annual meeting. We will be posting information in the local newspapers, radio, school and SAU Facebook sites. Please share the information on your social media sites to help reach all our voters.

Please stay tuned for additional information and updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Superintendent Laurie Melanson at lmelanson@sau23.org

Thank you.
 The Haverhill School Board

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Discussion of Budget & Collective Bargaining Articles
3. Discussion of Process and Protocols for Annual District Meeting
4. Public Input
5. Review Proposed Ballot
6. Other Business (if needed)
7. Non-Public Session (if needed)
8. Adjournment

This meeting will be held remotely due to the current health crisis. We will be using Zoom Meeting for this virtual meeting.

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NH's Career and Technical Education Plan Among 1st to Be Approved

It is the responsibility of the 27 elected representatives of Grafton County, running from Bristol in the southeast and Lebanon in the southwest, to Bethlehem and Littleton in the north, to decide upon county fiscal matters and to oversee Grafton County in accordance with New Hampshire State Statute and County Delegation Bylaws. On Monday, May 18, Grafton County representatives met to consider and vote upon salary increases for the seven elected county officials: Treasurer, Attorney, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, and the 3 County Commissioners. Proposed salary increases for 2019-2020 as compared to 2018 were as follows: Treasurer, 0.0%; Attorney, 6.0%; Sheriff, 3.0%; Register of Deeds, 1.5%, Commissioner (Chair), 0.87%, Commissioners (Vice Chair and Clerk), 0.91%. While discussing the salary increases, representatives questioned the wisdom in offering any increases during this devastating COVID-19 economic downswing. Understanding how so many businesses are struggling and that it is certain that state revenues will take a tremendous hit in the upcoming quarter and year, the Delegation overwhelmingly voted to maintain elected salaries at the current level without any increases. While discussing this matter during the "zoom" conference, it should be noted that our County Sheriff spoke in support of not receiving an increase in salary. His understanding and support for no salary increases at this time is appreciated and reflects his understanding that in this time of economic hardship, it would be wrong to move forward with salary increases while unemployment figures are steeply rising.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recog-

nize the NH Department of Education and Commissioner Frank Edelblut and his staff, as it was announced today by the U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos that New Hampshire in one of the first six states to have our Career and Technical Education (CTE) state plan approved. Many well-paying, in-demand jobs require CTE training, but not necessarily a college two or four year degree, and certainly, many who opt for these in-demand jobs, don't need or want the associated debt associated with college level preparation. The approved NH CTE plan: (1) promotes CTE teacher recruitment by developing an alternative credentialing program for new teachers, (2) collaborates with the NH Community College System to offer a three-year teacher preparation program through its educational intern's certification program...at NO cost to the educator, and (3) uses employment information to determine the continued alignment of CTE programs to "in-demand" occupations and employment sectors such as the automotive and nursing professions. For more information on this program please contact: Eric.Frauirth@doe.nh.gov

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep Rick Ladd, Haverhill
Ranking Member, House
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We Need To Get The Country Back To Work.

by David J. Starr

Every day we all consume food, fuel, clothing, shelter and any one of a zillion different necessities of life. We are running out of stuff. We have to get back to work and grow, manufacture, mine, frack, transport raw materials to factories, and transport finished goods to stores. The whole country has been out of work for eight weeks now. We are running out of stuff. You can see it when you go grocery shopping. Empty shelves, missing product, lack of toilet paper, paper towels, whole milk, beef, pork, and chicken at the butcher's counter.

And most of us need our paychecks. And business needs workers. The governor allowed hair salons and barber shops to open this week in New Hampshire. I made an appointment with Mane St Styles to get my hair cut. The proprietor greeted me at the door, gave me a new mask to replace the daughter-in-law made one I was wearing, took my temperature with one of those high tech IR gadgets, and greeted me warmly. All the staff were overjoyed to be back to work. And it did feel good to get my hair off my neck after two months.

Naturally as soon as we do get back to work, people are going to catch COVID-19. Staying at home we are fairly safe. Getting out into the world exposes us to the virus and some of us will catch it. Some of us will die from it. And the medics and the media will cry that we are killing people. Until we have a vaccine, and that is a year away according to the TV, there is some risk involved. But that risk is the same tomorrow, next week, next month, until we have a vaccine. Can we keep the country shut down for a year waiting on a vaccine? I don't think so. I am in the high risk group. But I will risk it just to eat at a restaurant. I am tired of eating my own cooking.

And, to get the country back to work we need to protect our businesses from COVID-19 lawsuits. We cannot allow lawyers to sue every business in sight every time someone comes down with COVID-19. People come down with COVID-19 because the Chinese released the virus into the world. If we give the lawyers their head, they will sue all our small businesses clean out of business. Small businesses don't have lawyers on staff, they cannot afford lawyers, and just the threat of unending lawsuits will kill them all.

By all accounts if you are under 50 and in decent health, your odds are pretty good; say 0.1% chance of dying. If you are over 70 (like me) and your health is not so good, your odds are a lot worse, say 10% chance of dying. We should let people make their own choices; we should not force people in fear of their lives to go back to work. Likewise we should not prevent people who want to get back to work from doing so.

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"I have so many wonderful memories there," said Stanley. "I think it's an incredible opportunity to work in rep and to do things as creatively as possible. I'm always inspired by how we managed to pull off those really big shows with just a handful of people and I love the spirit of community involvement that seems to be a long standing tradition at the Weathervane."

Other Weathervaners joining Stanley for this one-night event are Broadway's Charlie Alterman (Next to Normal, Pippin), Kevin Smith Kirkwood (Kinly Boots), Kimberly Marable (Hedestown), Alaina Mills (Beautiful - 1st Nat'l), Tally Sessions (Company, Anastasia), and Clyde Voce (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Color Purple). The event will be hosted by Weathervane Theatre Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini.

"Grateful, humble, star-struck," said Paulini. "The legacy of the Weathervane is undeniable and these generous artists coming together in this moment is a treat for not only our audiences, patrons and community, but for all of us working hard to keep moving forward during these burdensome times. We continue to build on the vast Weathervane family



and events like this are not only entertaining, but necessary."

Also scheduled to perform are members of Weathervane's 2019 Intern Program also known as the Patchwork Players (Patrick Agonito, Julia Bogdanoff, Theo Brown, Noah Casner, Nicholas Cooper, Drew Elhamalawy, Lily Lord, Connor McNinch, Mia Mooko, Brooke Solan, Vanessa Vacanti, and Michelle Zink-Muñoz). Founded in 1991 to immerse early career artists in practical theatre arts training, the Weathervane Intern Program has become one of the most competitive in the country.

The Weathervane Goes 'Round plays Wednesday, June 3rd at 7 PM on Weathervane Theatre's YouTube Channel and is presented by

community partner Whitefield Public Library with sponsorship by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. While the virtual concert is free, donations to Weathervane Theatre are encouraged. Single tickets for season 55 to be on sale soon. Donations can be made through Weathervane's website or by mail. To learn more visit www.weathervanetheatre.org. Inquiries can be made to the Weathervane Box Office by phone (603.837.9322) or by email (boxoffice@weathervanetheatre.org). Season 55 is sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, Anthony & Elisabeth Colacino, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Little Village Toy & Book Shop, and Presby Transportation Group.

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9th Annual Giant Zucchini Contest To Be Held As Scheduled: September 5, 2020

Yes Virginia, and to all the other zucchini growers in the area, there will be a Giant Zucchini Contest in Wells River on September 5, 2020. While COVID -19 has caused the cancelation of many summer events it will not stop the 9th annual Giant Zucchini Contest from happening at the end of summer this year. The Wells River Action Program has not made a decision whether or not the So Long Summer - Hello Fall Festival will be held as scheduled on September, 5, 2020, but the contest organizers have decided that the zucchinis do not have to stay home and can come out and be displayed at the approved social distant and then be safely weighed and judged. Masks for zucchinis will be optional.

WRAP is making the announcement now so amateur as well as Master Zucchini Growers will know they

should indeed plan on planting a mound or 2 of zucchini in their gardens this season.

Janis Moore, organizer of the contest, expects an unusually large crop of the green orbs this year. She remarked that "with so many events being canceled gardeners will be spending more time tending their gardens and will be able to give extra attention to the zucchinis". Final entry details will be announced at the end of August.

The rules of the contest are simple. Zucchinis being entered into the contest must be grown by the entrant and must be grown in either Orange or Caledonia County in Vermont or Grafton County, north of Hanover in New Hampshire.

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Calendar of Events

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With the current state of emergency in both New Hampshire and Vermont our Calendar of Events has temporarily also been shut down.

With this issue of trendy Times we are, however, back to full physical publication, and hope all events will soon

be able to follow.

In the meantime congratulations to those organizations and groups that have found new ways to continue in some fashion. To those we offer this space to get the word out about those new style events. As before they will be listed

with date, name of event, time and location, and there is no charge.

We look forward to getting everything back to "normal" when possible. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy.

Centennial of Women's Suffrage: One Event, Many Perspectives

Women's suffrage was a complicated and far-reaching event. Ethan Allen Homestead Museum, in partnership with League of Women Voters of Vermont, the Vermont Commission on Women, and the Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance, invites the public to explore this topic in a new, four-part virtual symposium, The Centennial of Women's Suffrage: One Event, Many Perspectives.

This debuted live at ethanallenhomestead.org/suffragesymposium on Saturday, May 16th and will be available on-demand afterward, the four symposium video presentations set the historical context and tell the stories of the suffrage movement and its impact for African American women, for Indigenous women in federally recognized tribes, for Abenaki women in Vermont, and in the role of education for women and girls.

Kathryn Dungy presents on "...the courage of their convictions: African American Women in the Fight for Women's Suffrage." Kathryn's talk discusses the role African-American women played in the struggle for women's suffrage, though they would not realize these benefits until many years later, and in many places still struggle for them. Kathryn is a professor of the social and cultural history of Latin America and the Caribbean; gender and race identity; the Atlantic World, and Antebellum U.S. at Saint Michael's College.

Beverly Little Thunder presents "On the Shoulders of our Ancestors and Mother Earth."

Beverly discusses how Indigenous women have been marginalized and their voices removed through colonization, violence, and misogyny. She emphasizes

the dire need for women to exercise leadership on our planet. Beverly is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Lakota Band from North Dakota, and travels widely to speak and share her traditions and work.

Melody Walker presents on "Navigating Freedom in Two Worlds."

Melody examines political agency and the importance of women, children, and all living creatures having that agency in society, and in being noticed and heard when exercising it. Melody is an educator, activist, artist, and citizen of the Elnu Abenaki Band of Ndinna. She is former chair of the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs.

Susan Ouellette presents on "Emma Willard, Women's Education, and the Campaign for Women's Suffrage." Susan's talk looks at Emma Willard's trailblazing work, and how education played a major role in women expressing their political voice and advocacy. Susan is a professor of Early America at Saint Michael's College. Her recently published book, "An Extraordinary Ordinary Woman" features research and analysis of the diary of Phebe Orvis, a 19th Century Bristol resident with ties to Vergennes and Middlebury.

This event is presented by the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Vermont, the Vermont Commission on Women, and the Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance, and with special thanks to Burlington Cars, 802 Cars, One Day In July financial advisors, and People's United Bank for their generous support. View the symposium at ethanallenhomestead.org/suffragesymposium or on the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum's YouTube page.

Press Release for Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild for June 2020

Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild has reopened, beginning with shorter hours, from 11- 4, Wednesday through Saturday. We are continuing to celebrate Vermont Artisans in our regular gallery, and are extending our exhibit, halted by the COVID-19 Quarantine.

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Virginia 2

by Elinor Mawson

After the strange visit we had with Virginia, we didn't hear a sound from her for nearly a year. Then one morning, Louise summoned the three of us and announced that Virginia was coming to visit, and wanted to see us. Ron, Roger and I weren't particularly pleased to be reminded of Virginia and her unorthodox ways.

So off we went to Louise's house and there she was--dressed to the nines and very jovial and welcoming. A red flag went up, but we didn't say anything, waiting for the shoe to drop. And drop it did.

"I am going to open a restaurant!" Virginia declared. It will be called "The Black Pearl" and it will be the only high end restaurant in our area!"

We looked at each other. We weren't the least interested or excited about this "adventure" of hers. And we had no idea how she was going to pull it off.

"Ron", she drawled. "I know that you have operated nice restaurants in the past and I want to hire you to help me open the Black Pearl!"

Ron rolled his eyes. He had retired from all his past ventures and had no interest in starting another one. "I'm not interested!" he said.

Virginia wasn't going to take no for an answer. She waxed eloquent as she tried to encourage Ron to change his mind. Eventually the perks appealed to him and he started to look interested and Virginia swooped in for the kill.

Ron reluctantly agreed to help Virginia open her restaurant and packed his bag and left for Maine. We wondered how things were going and didn't hear a sound from either Virginia or Ron.

Less than two weeks later, Ron appeared. We all went for coffee while he told us of his experience.

"The place was a dump!" he began. "It needed everything--a new kitchen, new furniture, a complete makeover. The floor was so bad that a false step would put you in the briny deep. There was no parking, no nice entrance, and no em-

ployees who would look at the place twice. Every time I would suggest something to Virginia, she would either change her mind or talk me out of it. When I told her she needed new appliances for the kitchen she told me we would have to buy second-hand. When I suggested window treatments, she said we didn't need them, the scenery was enough. Every time I opened my mouth, she would tell me I didn't know what I was doing. I wanted to leave after the first week, but decided I would give it my best try, but it was more of the same. So I came home."

None of us were surprised. Virginia was a strong-minded lady and her word was law. And we wondered how she was ever going to open the Black Pearl.

Eventually she called us again. We were invited to the Grand Opening of her restaurant. "Bring your best clothes!" she said. "It is going to be wonderful!"

When we got to her house, it was still cold. She was in and out and didn't say much about her restaurant, although when the time came she told us to get into our finery. When we came down after changing, she told us that the place wasn't quite ready and we would have to go to McDonald's to get something to eat. We saw another red flag, but duly went for a few Big Macs and some fries.

After eating, we didn't know what to do. We talked it over and decided to go back Virginia's house and wait for more orders.

They never came. We sat around in our good clothes and chatted. There was no sign of Virginia all evening, so, shaking our heads, we put on our nightclothes and went to bed.

I don't remember much about the next morning; I think we got ready and went home. There was no mention of the Black Pearl then or subsequently. And we never saw Virginia again, either.

PS This is a true story, odd that it might be. I have been in strange situations from time to time, but this has to have been the strangest.

North Haverhill Fair Joins List of Cancelled Summer Events

The North Haverhill Fair's volunteer Board of Directors has made the decision not to hold the 76th North Haverhill Fair which was scheduled for July 23-26, 2020 at the Fairgrounds. This decision was not made lightly. We considered several factors, including:

- The governor's order currently limits gatherings to 10 or fewer people and we do not foresee that changing enough to allow us to hold our traditional event.

- On May 18, New Hampshire's 4-H organization announced that 4-H members would not be participating in any fairs this year. The North Haverhill Fair was organized to help promote 4-H and the great work that 4-H members do throughout the year. The Fair has maintained its focus on 4-H through the animal "show" events and building exhibits that are the cornerstone of the Fair. Without the participation of over 200 4-H members, and their families, judges and support staff, the Fair would not be the same.

- Protecting the health and safety of our volunteers, exhibitors, and guests was a primary concern. The Fair is supported by over 300 volunteers each year. Many of these volunteers have been part of our Fair for years and some of them are the third or fourth generation in their family to have a connection with the Fair. Some of our volunteers are in higher risk health or age groups for COVID-19, and we were most concerned about them.

In 2019, the Fair spent over \$100,000 with local businesses and organizations for the supplies and services necessary to make the Fair happen. In addition, approximately \$33,000



was paid in premiums and prize money to exhibitors and competitors, including 4-H. The single largest fixed expense for the Fair is the property tax payment to the Town of Haverhill which will be paid out of the Fair's reserves this year as there is no state support for fairs in New Hampshire. We waited as long as we could to make this decision, hoping that there would be a way to proceed which would minimize the impact to our local economy, but as this point there isn't one. We truly hope that we will return to an in-person event in 2021 and again

have a positive impact on the local economy.

All that said, we are not "cancelling" this year's Fair – we are transforming it and looking for ways to have a "virtual" online Fair! We will begin brainstorming how we might do this and what kinds of things could be included. If you have ideas, please let us know either via our Facebook page or via email.

The 77th annual North Haverhill Fair is scheduled for July 28 – August 1, 2021. We hope to see you there! In the meantime, stay safe and stay healthy.

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Yellow Polka Dots Maybe?

by Maggie Anderson

When Hank and I first got married I used to tease him about going through the trash while we were waiting in line to check out of the grocery store.

All the classic pseudo-newspapers, yellow journals, tell-alls, and trash mags were spread out like jars on the shelves of a penny candy shop, just daring you to spend the last penny in your pocket on something that promised so much yet delivered so little.

Most of the penny candy racks have vanished completely or are now offering the same penny candies for ninety-five cents a pop. The rest however are flourishing perhaps as never before.

People seem so hungry for news of some superstar's philandering, some supermodel's flaws or new flab we practically salivate on our way to the cash register. Because the store owners know we are all children screaming for a fix that will bring the high low and thereby increase our own worth - to ourselves if not to anyone else - they fan the news of how the mighty have fallen out like a hand of cards as we pass, egging us on and daring us to spend our last penny on what promises so much and still delivers so little.

I don't understand this. I never did. I was always saddened to read in passing of somebody's husband playing the field while filming a western in some remote site. I always mourned the women whose images were splashed across the front page - at eye level, of course so you couldn't miss the big news - accompanied by huge glaring headlines of what a beauty she used to be, how she's let herself come to this, or what her latest attempt at perfection

cost her under the knife of a less skillful plastic surgeon than she was counting on.

These days the internet has picked up any perceived slack of newsstands and grocery check outs. Headlines fly by on a reel set to tempt you to reach for the brass ring; same empty promise but time has apparently not dulled the need to wallow in another's suffering or greed.

In many ways that makes my life easier. Lots of mornings I crawl out of bed knowing I need to put pen to paper and come up with lines others might actually want to read, maybe even share with another. The headlines roll across my computer screen before I've even had a chance to check my email to see if I have a note from some friend with a story to tell or a joke to jump start my day.

This past week was no different. Two bits practically reached out and grabbed me.

The first was mention of a new tell-all written by a former Playboy model. My first thought was, apparently baring all wasn't enough for her so she's going to tell you about anything you might have missed about her when you gazed glassy-eyed and drooling on her tastefully rendered photo in Playboy's centerfold.

Everybody knows guys have always purchased Playboy for the articles anyway, right?

The second article was a blurb - and the offer of photos if you simply clicked on

the site - about an Italian designer who, not wishing to be left out of the world's efforts to stay safe amid the viral chaos I guess, introduced a line of trikinis. An ever itsier and bitsier bikini with a COVID-19 mask in matching fabric.

This could be a winner for everyone. The guys still get to ogle the beach beauties - even though they can't see anyone's face, like that's where they were looking - and for that very same reason, even those of us who wouldn't be caught dead at the water's edge in a bikini might just give this new trikini a shot.

The biggest winners will be the designers and manufacturers who blow thirty-five cents to purchase four inches of colorful fabric and then, as fast as possible before all the chaos ends, pass the new trikinis on to their adoring fans for the paltry sum of \$468.00 neatly scrolled in gold lettering on the designer's distinctively-shaped price tag.

I suppose I could scour the headlines for more junk, strike that, more timely offerings, but I have to make a quick run to the grocery store. Shopping has been whittled down to only necessities these days and right now my necessities are coffee, more half and half to mellow every sip of it, and, yep you guessed it, we're out of toilet paper.

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People will complain. Others will be patient. All our perspectives will vary. Please try to stay educated. And stay healthy! It can be a gift. More time to get those Honey Do List items done.

The extended vacation you always wanted. Plant a garden and do that hobby you put on hold. Read a good book and rest. Give your pets attention!

Instead of feeling lonely, because your everyday routine is being withdrawn, find an alternative to connect with family and friends. Those activities once did that. If you can work from home you are lucky! Otherwise, wait for your job. Our lives will not be the same.

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Getting Through the Pandemic: You've Got Resources

As we go through the coronavirus pandemic, with its constant threat to personal health and its devastating impact on the economy, it can be hard to find a silver lining. But if there is one, it's that government agencies, private businesses and nonprofit organizations have contributed, in one way or another, to helping relieve some of the stresses – financial, physical or emotional – that many of us are feeling. So, it's important for you to know what types of help are out there.

Here are some of the key areas in which resources are available:

• **Unemployment** – The CARES Act, a major piece of the recent economic stimulus packages, expanded several aspects of unemployment insurance, including eligibility, amount and duration. To learn more about unemployment insurance flexibility during the COVID-19 outbreak, and to find a link to your own state's unemployment insurance office, visit: <https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/unemployment-insurance>. You might be able to collect some benefits even if you're still working. Specifically, if your hours have been reduced,

you could receive part of your unemployment benefits as short-time compensation. Your company's human resources area can let you know if you're eligible.;

• **Banking/Credit Cards/Consumer and Student loans** – Many financial institutions are offering loan modifications, fee waivers or new lending products to help consumers during this time. To see what's available, contact your own bank or credit union. Credit card issuers and other consumer loan providers are also offering programs to help borrowers; to learn more, visit these creditors' web sites or call their customer service lines. And, as part of the CARES Act, borrowers can stop making payments on federally held student loans through Sept. 30, 2020.

• **Health care** – Losing employment often means losing health insurance. If you've recently lost your coverage, you may be eligible to participate in the special enrollment period to sign up for an Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance plan. Depending on your income, you may be eligible for subsidized health insurance. To see if you qualify for the special enrollment period, or for Medicaid or CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), go to <https://www.healthcare.gov/screener/>. If you don't qualify for Medicaid or CHIP and can't afford health insurance, you may be able to get free or low-cost services at a community health center. To find one near you, go to <https://find-ahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>.

• **Mortgage** – Another provision of the CARES Act allows you to

apply for suspension or reduction of your mortgage payment for a limited time if you have a federally backed mortgage (FHA, VA, USDA, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac). You'll need to contact your own mortgage service provider to request this relief.

• **Utilities** – Many gas, electric and water service providers are temporarily suspending disconnections of customers unable to pay their bills due to the effects of the pandemic. Also, some utilities are suspending late fee charges. Contact your local utilities to determine the benefits for which you may be eligible.

• **Telecommunications/Internet** – Numerous broadband and telephone service providers (<https://www.fcc.gov/keep-americans-connected#pledges>) have agreed to temporarily stop terminations and waive late fees for customers facing financial struggles arising from the pandemic. And some providers (<https://www.fcc.gov/keep-americans-connected/above-and-beyond>) are also offering other benefits, such as free internet service to students and teachers and increased broadband speeds for customers working remotely.

These are challenging times, to say the least. But by availing yourself of the appropriate resources, you may well be able to make your life easier.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Memorial Day: A day to remember and honor the many brave men and women who answered their ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield. Congress established a National Moment of Remembrance to be observed every Memorial Day at 3 p.m.

During this Memorial Day week take time out of your day, regardless of

your activity, and observe a moment of silence to remember our fallen heroes who fought and died for our freedoms.

From Flanders Field by John McCrae: "We are the dead. Short time ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders Fields."

John O'Brien
Orford, NH

John,

I realize that by the time this edition of trendy Times is distributed it will be too late for folks to take that moment of silence on Monday. I would suggest that if you did not take that moment, then you try again on the traditional Memorial Day of May 31. For that matter, any time would be a good time to honor and remember those who have paid that ultimate price.

It is true that all who have served our nation have raised their hand to make that potential pledge. Memorial Day is the day we honor those who paid that price. But let us not forget those who were lucky enough to survive.

During the current pandemic, let us also remember and honor those who are working a different front line. Some who have given their lives, and many, many more who have saved lives while risking their own.

To all, please stay safe and health.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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Alternate Income

by James Taber,
M.S., HS-BCP, Veteran.

Many people work second jobs, or an assortment of part-time jobs to fit their lifestyles. Some of these lifestyles are student, homemaker or retiree.

One of the best attributes of home-based or part-time work is flexibility. As any student or person raising a family will attest, flexibility is often what they base a job upon.

That often runs into conflict with a full-time job where flexibility is often minimal or nonexistent. When I was in college I worked 3 different jobs to fit my class schedules and also maintain my need for an income.

I worked weekends in security, weekdays in a retail store, and weekday evenings as a personal trainer in a health club.

This, along with full-time college, kept me on the go and scheduling constantly was a major drain on my personal time. With a family I cannot even imagine it, although many of my classmates did just that.

I did find it much easier as a graduate student and full-time employee to make the two mesh, due to better time management skills and also more flexibility in my class work and schedule.

Along the way to finding good flexible work that fits the schedules of student, retiree, and homemaker I have found some good sources of income that are generally, perhaps, not touched upon by most people.

In fact, I would dare to say most people have not even heard of these positions. The position I speak of is that of working for an information broker as an Independent Contractor.

I have been doing this for many years and making fairly good part time money with a minimal expenditure on my part while performing the job.

Information brokers are

companies that do everything from collect information for credit companies to criminal and motor vehicle checks for employment agencies or companies.

Their method of operation is to hire part-time, Independent Contractors, all over the country, who then do searches of courts, DMV, etc., looking for criminal records.

In addition I have worked as a secret shopper where I went into places, a restaurant for instance, posing as a regular customer then using a checklist graded my visit on areas such as cleanliness of staff and facilities, friendliness of staff, and quality of food.

This information is then generally submitted electronically to the company who hired me. In this position I was paid a stipend and also reimbursed for the money I spent on the meal.

There are other venues also such as business verifications where you physically go to verify a business location for a company that is located out of state.

It is generally not a type of work where you will make a huge amount of money and in my case works best as a supplemental income. I do find it interesting and fun and if you're a curious inquisitive type you might also.

As in the case of most job opportunities at this time, I have generally found these type of opportunities online, and as in any online venture be very careful whom your dealing with and especially careful about giving out any personal or financial information online.

About the author:

James Taber has an MS in Psychology and is a US Navy veteran who was raised in the wilds of rural Vermont, and counts reading, writing, fly-fishing and lasagna as his passions in life.



What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About Home Safety

The first of many warm days are upon us and it is time to open the windows and get some fresh air into our winter weary homes. It is always interesting to think about the spring cleaning rituals we continue from our families. Washing the curtains, dusting the knick knacks, and washing the walls is all a part of the spring cleaning ritual.

Safety is also important while doing these chores. When we are cleaning, there are many products that will make cleaning easier but they need to be handled with care. If you have small children or pets, they should be kept away from cleaning solutions. Accidental poisoning from pets drinking from the cleaning bucket or a child mistaking the cleaners for something else can be deadly. Put the (www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/Home_Safe_for_Everyone) Poison Control Center's hotline in your cell phone, (800-222-1222). Never mix ammonia and bleach, it causes a poison gas that can kill you. Use eye protection or face protection when using liquid cleaners, especially when cleaning over head.

Be sure to check your ladder before using it. A broken or "wobbly" ladder could cause a fall. Area rugs should have "no slip" pads under them to keep you safe from slips and trips. If you have had a fall in the past six months and are over 55 years of age, it may be time to get a life-line or fall alert. There are many devices available, some are like a wrist watch, others like a necklace and others are built into cell phones. The object is to have a means of contacting help if you fall. For people that are on a lim-

ited budget, the Lions Club (Littleton, New Hampshire Lions Club. P.O. Box 104. Littleton, NH 03561) does pay for this service. If you have a cell phone plan, call your carrier and they may be able to provide you with a phone that has an "emergency" button.

Of course, checking your smoke detectors is always a good idea. For the smoke detectors that are out of reach or you are not sure how to check, call your local fire department and ask them if they can assist you. Smoke detectors need to be replaced every ten years, that would be a job for an electrician as many current smoke detectors have dual power, a hard line and a battery. While we are on this topic, don't forget to check your fire extinguisher in the kitchen. There is a label that tells you how often the fire extinguisher needs to be checked and serviced. If you ever need it, you will want the fire extinguisher to work properly.

Spring cleaning can give one a great sense of satisfaction and being safe in your home is even more satisfying. Let's have a great safe spring season.

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Old Fashioned Apple Pie

Hello hello my fellow chefs. Well I'm enjoying these days of sunny skies and warm weather. I'm wearing my face mask when I go out shopping and I can not stand it because it fogs up my glasses. It's so annoying, but I follow the rules.

My oven is not working again, so I had to go to my friend Jane's house to do this recipe. Well let's get this recipe started, here is what to buy and how to make it. By the way I find that using the variety of apples in your pie always comes good.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Ingredients
1 Package Pillsbury Pie Crust (you can certainly make your own if you want I choose the Pillsbury)
8 Large Apples (I used



Cortland, Macintosh and Delicious) that is what I had so use what you have.

1 Cup sugar
3/4 Cup Flour
1 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp Cinnamon
1 tsp salt
3 Tbsp cold butter cut in small quarters
Milk to pat on hands and pat on top crust
Peel your apples and

slice and put in large bowl. In medium bowl put your dry ingredients and whisk together the sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt. Pour over the apple slices and mix well. I tossed mine with my hands that way you can make sure every apple gets covered.

Put your bottom crust in your pie plate. Spoon the bowl of apples into the crust. Dot with butter cubes and put top crust on. Pour a little milk in your palm wetting both hands. Press lightly over your mound of apple shapes Seal edges with a fork or do your own edge !!! Put it in the oven and bake for 45-50 minutes or when brown. That's it!

Well folks I hope you enjoy this recipe. It's easy peasy and very "Delicioso". Serve alone or with ice cream. I chose with ice cream.

If you have any questions please call Gary and I will help you out. Until next time I'm signing off, Sincerely, Cin Pin.

Emily Aleta (Taylor) Goodridge: OBITUARY

Bradford, VT - Emily Aleta (Taylor) Goodridge, 68, of Sand Hill Road in Bradford, VT died Monday, May 11, 2020 at her home after a long battle with cancer.

She was born August 16, 1951 in St. Johnsbury, VT the daughter of Richard Taylor and Audrey (Fellows) Taylor. On October 24, 1970 she married Albert C. Goodridge Jr. Mr. Goodridge died in 2017.

For more than 21 years Emily worked for Perry Oil Service at the Bradford Liquor Store.

Survivors include a

daughter, Angela Goodridge of Hardwick, VT, three sons, Jeremy Goodridge of Corinth, VT, Jeffrey Goodridge of Bradford, VT, and Corey Goodridge and his wife, Amanda of Bradford, VT, 3 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, a sister, Betsy Wotton and her husband, Roger of Grafton, NH, and three nieces.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Sawyer Cemetery in Bradford, VT. Arrangements are by Hale Funeral Home of Bradford, VT.



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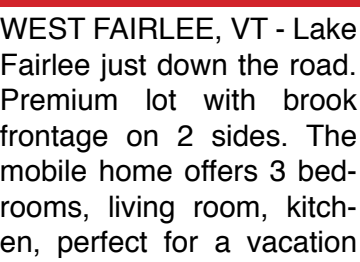
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