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Building Community Through The Arts In Bethlehem Opens Eighth Season

Compiled by Eileen Regen with Notes from Program Chairs Martin Kessel, Dorothy and David Goldstone, and Gail Robinson Season 8 of the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation's Building Community Through the Arts initiative offers unique July, August, and September programs for music devotees, film lovers, and book enthusiasts. Though our cautions may inhibit or limit public gatherings, program designers have created comfortable solutions to bring audiences together to enjoy music, films, music, and the thought-provoking conversations that follow.

Sounds in the Sanctuary Concert Series

The Sounds in the Sanctuary Friday Concert Series presents three pro-

grams this year at 5 p.m., Fridays, July 9, August 13, and September 3.

On July 9, Bernard Rose opens the season in a live-streamed piano recital, directly from the BHC sanctuary. His program includes works of Bach, Debussy, Ravel, and Beethoven. This recital will be live-streamed from the BHC sanctuary, at no charge, by Phlume Media, Lancaster, NH. To join the live-stream please use this web address: <http://stream.phlume.com/bhc/>. This live-stream concert site will be available from 4.45p.m. on Friday, July 9.

Rose, a graduate of Columbia College and the Juilliard School, has performed as soloist, accompanist, and chamber musician across the country. He has toured

the United States with the Young Concert Artists, served as musical director of the New York Community Opera Company, and worked on several musical productions for educational television. His affiliation with many chamber ensembles includes the North Country Chamber Players in Franconia, NH, Claring Players, West End Chamber Ensemble, Laurentian Quartet, Audubon Quartet, Cremona Arts Trio, and the Rotterdam-based Daniel Quartet. He has recorded for the Library of Congress Records, KHI Records, and Centaur Records.

A dedicated teacher, Rose has taught at Sarah Lawrence College and at CUNY College of Staten Island. Many of his students are international performers.



Friday Afternoon Classical Concerts ~ 5 PM
July 9 ~ August 13 ~ September 3

For the next Sounds in the Sanctuary event, Richard Kogan will present "Mozart: The Mind and Music of a Genius" on August 13 via Zoom. Following the Mozart presentation, Elizabeth Borowsky will appear in a live conversation with Kogan.

For the final concert event, if conditions permit, the Tempest Trio with Alon

Goldstein, piano, Amit Peled, cello, and Ilya Kaler, violin, will be the only live performance of the season in the BHC sanctuary. If the live performance cannot take place, we will live-stream a special performance by the Tempest Trio. For more details and registration information, visit <https://www.bethlehemsynagogue.org/sounds>.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Iron Rail Pub + Grill

by Gary Scruton

This was not my first time dining at the Iron Rail Pub + Grill, but I am still always struck by the fact that the owners tried to leave much of the charm on this old railroad building. The big broad steps going to the front door are certainly new. But the handrail may actually be a chunk of railroad track. Nicely smoothed and painted black, but it certainly feels authentic. Even the double doors at the top of the stairs and platform have that railroad look. Then when you step inside the flooring especially strikes me. The old wooden flooring still holds some of the marks of past individuals and materials that have passed by.

There is a decent sized waiting area (which on my way out I noticed was being

well used). At the end of the elbowed corridor there is a stand that requests you wait to be seated. We did and when we asked for a seat in the dining area we were led to a booth with very high backs that well separates you from other diners.

On the table was a list of about a dozen on draft beers that are served. Therefore when our waitress came back we were ready to order beverages as well as our Saturday lunch time meals.

Janice asked for a coke and a BLT and french fries. Meanwhile I got the top item on the draft list, a Guinness, and I finally got the opportunity to try an Iron Rail pizza (meat lovers, please).

Then we sat back to take a breath and enjoy our quiet time together. But this is where things got a bit ... unusual. Janice was more

quiet than usual and did not look or act like she fell well. When our waitress did deliver our meals she took one or two bites before simply setting back and looking even less well. At that point she told me that she was headed for the car to get some fresh air and that I should take my time with my meal.

As Janice left the table the waitress was right over to ask if everything was ok. I simply asked her if I could get a to-go box for Janice's meal. She quickly said she would do so. She returned shortly thereafter with a couple of the newer cardboard style take home boxes and asked me if I wanted one of these or a pizza box to take the remains of my pizza home. It was obvious at that point that I would not be finishing the entire pizza so I

just took one of the small boxes.

Regarding the meal which Janice ate later that night she told me that the bacon was thick sliced and crispy without being overcooked. There was also plenty of it. The bread was lightly toasted (perfect) and there was also plenty of fresh lettuce and tomato slices. She has had the french fries before and really enjoys them. Again they are crispy without being overcooked.

In regards to my meat lovers pizza it had sausage, pepperoni and bacon. The sausage was especially tasty, the pepperoni was quite plentiful and the bacon was chopped up into small bits but was found on pretty much every bite. The crust was a thin crust (my kind of crust) and like I have already said, crispy without being

overcooked. The Guinness matched up just fine for me.

Now I must say here that one more unusual thing happened during this meal. Normally we pay with a credit card. Our waitress, knowing fully that Janice had left and not come back, came over to the table, a bit earlier than would be normal, and offered to give me the check. I pulled out my card and she left her ordering/charging unit with me so that I could work my way through the process while she took care of the needs of another customer. When it came to the tip portion I realized I did not have cash on me (that is normally Janice's role) and therefore added it to the credit card charge. The charge for the meal, drinks and tax was \$35.97. The machine helped out with figuring the tip with at least three suggested amounts.

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“Racial Literacy a Healing Practice” Training Launches in St. Johnsbury

The St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation’s Spark Connecting Community grant program and \$900 for books from the Vermont Council on the Humanities for Sha’an Mouliert to facilitate a multi-modality racial literacy training grounded in cultural humility and mindfulness practices to St. Johnsbury community organizations.

Sha’an Mouliert says, “After living in the Northeast Kingdom for almost 40 years and residing in St. Johnsbury since 2008, I’m looking forward to working with St. J organizations committed to move from performative actions and efforts to transformative results”.

The training began in June, and will explore living in one of the whitest states, deconstructing whiteness, the dynamics of power, and developing sustainable strategies and practices. This training is an opportunity to explore some of the challenges facing people of color living in Vermont. Participants will build a foundational understanding of racial literacy and strategies to develop their skills using cultural humility and mindfulness practices, along with two books as a framework: Howard Stevenson’s book, Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools: Differences That Make a Difference, and Resmaa Menakem’s book, My

Grandmother’s Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending.

The St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce is hosting the monthly training at the Welcome Center in downtown St. Johnsbury. The participating organizations who are sending attendees include Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, The Community Restorative Justice Center in St. Johnsbury, St. Johnsbury Academy, and Green Mountain United Way.

“The St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to support this important training. One of my goals is to make the St. Johnsbury community an authentically welcoming and inclusive place for all our community members. Supporting and participating in this training from Sha’an Mouliert is one step our organization can take to make that a reality,” says Gillian Sewake, Director of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce.

The Spark Connecting Community grant program puts building and nurturing community front and center. The Foundation aims to support the work happening throughout Vermont’s 251 towns that builds social capital. These grants—where a small amount can make a big difference—are intended to light the spark that keeps Vermonters healthy and happy.

Cottage Hospital Auxiliary Announces 2nd Annual Little Ticket Raffle as 2021 Fundraiser

WOODSVILLE, NH - The Cottage Hospital Auxiliary announced that its annual primary fundraiser for 2021 will be the “2nd Annual Little Ticket Raffle.” In 2020 the “Little Ticket Raffle” replaced its very successful “Big Ticket Raffle” that together have helped raise and donate more than \$55,000 over the past six years for new hospital equipment and system upgrades. Tickets for the Little Ticket Raffle are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased from any Auxiliary volunteer member. Raffle tickets can also be purchased at the Cottage Hospital’s booth at the North Haverhill Fair on July 30-31 and August 1st. For more information about the Auxiliary’s 2nd Annual Little Ticket Raffle or to buy tickets, please email the Raffle Co-Chairpersons - Marcia Selent at marcia.selent@charter.net or Dottie Long at dottielong@gmail.com.

Little Ticket Raffle tickets are \$20 each and only 400 tickets are being sold which really increases the odds of

winning. There will be five cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250 and \$100 with the raffle drawing to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 12:00 Noon (rain or shine) at Cottage Hospital’s Entrance Garden, 90 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville, NH.

“Last year’s Little Ticket Raffle was a great success. This year we have five terrific cash prizes and the cost of each ticket is only \$20. The Little Ticket Raffle allows our supporters to make a donation to help Cottage Hospital,” stated Marcia Selent, Auxiliary Co-President and Raffle Co-Chairperson.

“The donation proceeds from the Little Ticket Raffle will be going to help fund new equipment and system

upgrades within the hospital or Rowe Health Center”, stated Dottie Long, Auxiliary Vice President and Raffle Co-chairperson. “Your \$20 donation will help make a big impact for the hospital.”

The Cottage Hospital Auxiliary is a tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organization. Membership in the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary is open to everyone, women, men and hospital employees. Please consider becoming an Auxiliary member. To obtain more information about the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary or to become a member, please visit www.cottagehospital.org/support/cottagehospitalauxiliary or call 603-747-9707.

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A Budget Win for NH!

The recently passed NH budget for FY22 and FY23 offers the state a bright future for years to come. The budget takes into effect many cuts in business taxes, the Meals and Rooms tax, and property taxes. Total spending, including federal funds, will be \$13.5 for the biennium. The budget reflects a cut of \$172.5 million over the prior budget in the General and Educational Trust Funds. It contains the highest Rainy Day Fund in history, set at \$158.6 million. In addition, a special fund has been created to ensure that the municipality share of the Rooms and Meals Taxes will always be available and cannot be cut to balance the budget.

The financial side of the budget, HB1, is complemented by a policy bill called HB2. Key policy issues considered within HB2 include the following:

- More aid and support for local municipalities and individual residents are included

than in previous budgets. Parents will have choice when selecting the appropriate schooling for their children with the inclusion of education savings accounts that on average amount to \$4,700 per student.

- HB 2 ensures more educational funding is available, including but not limited to \$30 million in school construction aid, more educational support for school operational issues, and an increase in the school infrastructure fund to ensure safety of all students in our schools.

- An additional \$42 million is provided via highway block grants and bridges aid to remove the property tax burden for road and bridge repairs.

- It empowers the legislature to have a direct role in managing States of Emergency.

- The Highway Fund received \$50 million to ensure that safe roads are maintained, including needed

winter maintenance.

- Cuts are made in the Meals and Rooms Tax, the BPT, the BET, it phases out the Interest and Dividends Tax, decreases the State-wide Education Property Tax by \$100 million. This reduction will directly lower property tax bills for constituents across NH. The SWEPT reduction will lower your education property tax by approximately .50 per 1,000.

- Creates the Department of Energy: a smaller, more functional combination of three departments (Office of Strategic Initiatives, Public Utilities Commission, Site Evaluation) with fewer staff and better coordination of services to state residents.

- Several sections prohibit the propagation of divisive concepts. This prohibition applies to government programs, protections for any public employee, teaching of any discrimination to any student, and includes the prohibition of teaching critical race theory concepts in NH public schools.

In addition to policy issues in HB2, the legislature approved HB242, an education bill that better defines an adequate education as “rigorous academic study and applied learning in core knowledge domains.” “Social studies” will read as “civics and government, economics, geography, and history.” In addition to already established subjects such as mathematics, this bill added “personal finance literacy.” These changes will better assist students in knowing our past and enable them to better understand and appreciate the world’s engineering, socio-economic, and geopolitical challenges.

Bills approved by the NH legislature this past week will strengthen NH’s economy, increase freedoms, provide educational opportunity for students and parents, and support the NH Advantage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep Rick Ladd, Chair House Education

Erin Hennessey Helped Build a Great

*Op-Ed by Senate President
Chuck Morse and
Majority Leader Jeb Bradley*

It’s hard to believe that Sen. Erin Hennessey is still in her first year in the New Hampshire Senate. In just a few short months, she has already made her mark and helped craft a responsible, conservative budget that meets New Hampshire’s needs and will improve our schools.

This budget provides relief to property taxpayers at every level. We send back \$100 million under the Statewide Property Tax. We also return \$188 million in Meals and Rooms Tax revenue with cities and towns, an increase of \$50.5 million over the last budget, and for the first time protect that revenue sharing with a dedicated fund. We also increase funding for county nursing homes by \$29.1 million, providing relief on the county portion of your property tax bill.

Erin is the only Senator to sit on both the Senate Finance Committee and Education Committee, giving her unique expertise on education funding. The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for our schools. Because enrollments were down last fall, our school funding formulas would have provided less funding for districts next year. Erin promised that this would not happen, and she delivered. She crafted a fix to the funding formulas and protected \$67 million in state aid going to our local schools.

This budget also provides \$30 million in building aid for new school construction projects, and \$35 million under the Relief Funding Plan that Erin targeted to school districts with the most pressing fiscal need. Overall, this budget increases education funding by \$102 million over current law for a total of \$2.2 billion.

Sen. Hennessey also fought to expand school choice in this budget, creating Education Savings Accounts for low-income New Hampshire families who need more choices for their children’s education. School choice helps students who

need options to fulfill their educational opportunities. Erin insisted upon transition grants to protect local taxpayers.

Thanks to the tax reforms championed by Republicans over the last several years, New Hampshire’s economy is among the strongest in the country. In fact, our state’s unemployment rate is now lower than when the COVID-19 pandemic began. This budget cuts taxes on New Hampshire employers, reducing the Business Profits Tax and Business Enterprise Tax, and increasing the threshold for filing the BET to \$250,000. That will provide immediate relief to New Hampshire’s small businesses and help create more high paying jobs for our friends and neighbors.

We also phase out the Interest and Dividends Tax on savings and retirement income, helping our seniors. We protect Main Street businesses who received loan forgiveness under the Paycheck Protection Program from an unexpected tax bill and lower the Meals and Rooms Tax for the first time in decades to give a boost to our travel and tourism industry.

We also provide more than \$15 million in state aid grants to communities to keep our water clean and add \$25 million to the Affordable Housing Fund.

While ensuring that we helped taxpayers, small businesses and our communities, we also increase the Rainy Day Fund to put more than \$158 million into our Rainy Day Fund for economic protection for future emergencies such as we faced with the Covid-19 pandemic.

We promised to protect our most vulnerable, and we delivered. This budget increases support for programs addressing mental health and substance misuse, including funding for a new forensic psychiatric hospital, additional transitional beds to tackle the emergency room boarding crisis, and full funding of the Developmentally Disabled Waitlist. We also set aside \$3 million to help seniors and veterans recover from the social isolation caused by the pandemic.

This budget provides for New Hampshire’s needs and delivers on the promises Senate Republicans made at the beginning of the year. We could not have done that without the hard work of Sen. Erin Hennessey.

Sen. Chuck Morse (R-Salem) is Senate President. Sen. Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) is Senate Majority Leader.

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Haverhill/Woodsville Roads Funding Information

In 2020, Senate Bill (SB) 414 – relative to roads within the Woodsville Fire District, was introduced to the NH Senate and upon vote of the Senate SB414 passed unanimously. It then went onto the House where it was rolled into omnibus House Bill (HB) 1234, which passed the House by a majority vote. Subsequently, the Governor vetoed almost all omnibus bills in 2020, including HB1234.

In 2021, Senate Bill (SB) 26 – relative to roads within the Woodsville Fire District, was (re)introduced to the Senate on January 6, 2021, where it was referred to the Executive Departments & Administration Committee. The committee took testi-

mony in January 2021 and the committee passed the bill by a vote of 20 (yeas) and 3 (nays) in March 2021. The full Senate subsequently passed SB26 with a majority vote. SB26 was then referred to the House Public Works & Highways Committee. The committee took testimony on May 5th, and then on May 19th the committee voted 18 (yeas) and 3 (nays) that the bill "ought to pass". The bill was presented on the floor of the House of Representatives on June 3rd and passed overwhelmingly.

The Governor signed HB2 into law on June 25, 2021, which included SB26 (Chapter 91 - Page 191). The mandate for the Town of

Haverhill to fund the Woodsville Fire District's Highway Department has been eliminated; the bill was effective upon signing by the Governor.

Brigitte M. Codling
Haverhill Town Manager
Haverhill Emergency Management Director (EMD)

Printed below is a letter to the House of Representatives which memorializes my position on this legislation and the premise of Districts / Precincts within the State of New Hampshire, which are by law, meant to serve a special purpose(s) and funded accordingly.

Letter from Town Manager Codling

NH Representatives,
I am writing to provide you, as representatives of the people of New Hampshire, information pertaining to Senate Bill 26 - relative to roads within the Woodsville Fire District.

Senate Bill 26, as amended in the Senate, grants the Woodsville Fire District the option of operating its own Highway Department and maintaining its eight (8) miles of roads, at the districts own expense.

The Woodsville Fire District, like the other precincts, is a separate and distinct municipality from the Town. The entire purpose of forming a precinct or village district is to allow a smaller group of residents to manage their own needs by removing some power from the existing municipality (i.e., the Town). Woodsville has a separate legislative body and a separate governing body, through which it exercises this power.

However, with that power comes responsibility. Specifically, precincts are responsible for funding their own activities. Woodsville has the authority to raise and appropriate its own funds from its own residents. Woodsville is free to raise, appropriate, and expend as much, or as little, money as its voters and governing body feel is appropriate. The Town has no control over that.

The Woodsville Fire District should not have its cake and eat it, too. Woodsville wants the independent power to operate its own Highway Department, without accountability to Town voters, yet it wants the Town taxpayers, the majority of whom are not Woodsville

residents, to fund it. Even though the Town's Highway Department is equipped and capable of maintaining the Precinct's eight (8) miles of roads.

Put simply: having the Town fund Woodsville's Highway Department operations, places the burden of funding the municipal operation of one municipality (Woodsville) on the taxpayers of a different municipality (the Town) while simultaneously depriving the Town authority, and accountability, over the expenditure of those funds. This is wholly inappropriate and runs afoul of basic principles of municipal governance and expenditures.

This is even more troublesome given the fact that the Woodsville Fire District's Highway Department only serves the area within its own precinct boundaries and provides no benefit to the Town at-large. The Town of Haverhill should not be required to fund Woodsville's own internal operations,

which solely benefit Woodsville.

I restate due to its importance, that the Town of Haverhill is willing and able to maintain the roads within the Woodsville Fire District through the Town's Highway Department. The Town's Highway Department already maintains eighty-two (82) miles of roads throughout Haverhill and is prepared to take on the eight (8) miles of roads within the Woodsville Fire District.

The Town is ready, willing, and able to take on road maintenance for all its residents, including those in Woodsville. However, so long as Woodsville desires to retain its own independent power to operate a Highway Department within its borders, it should bear the responsibility to fund the same.

The Town of Haverhill asks that you please vote "yea" allowing the passage of Senate Bill 26.

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Granite Staters Will Hold Sununu Accountable for His Extreme Abortion Ban

CONCORD, NH -- In an op-ed published by the Concord Monitor recently, Amplify New Hampshire board member Molly Kelly -- the 2018 gubernatorial nominee and five-term state senator - responded to Governor Chris Sununu signing the state's most extreme abortion ban in two centuries.

By Molly Kelly

When I first ran for the state senate and challenged an incumbent Republican, I did so motivated by his leading role in shepherding our state's first abortion restriction into law. I did not shy away from the tough battle then, and I won. Once in Concord, we made sure to always stand up for access to safe, legal abortion. We trusted that women are capable of making their own private health care decisions.

Governor Sununu, on the other hand, just signed the most extreme abortion ban in two centuries. This is the opposite of trusting women, and the stakes for New Hampshire women could not be higher.

Instead of trusting women, Sununu has chosen to insert the government into this deeply personal decision that should be left to women. That's wrong.

Sununu's abortion ban goes even further and forces medically unnecessary ultrasounds on all women

seeking abortion care -- even if they are a victim of rape or incest -- and compels them to pay for this additional expense. According to RAINN, one out of every nine women under the age of 18 is a victim of sexual abuse. Think about that. For a young Granite Stater who is a victim of sexual abuse trying to access abortion, Sununu's abortion ban will require her to undergo a frivolous ultrasound and cover the added expense herself.

Further, I question the intent of mandating an ultrasound. Women are not strangers to their own bodies and are not looking for the government to educate them.

New Hampshire has a long, bipartisan tradition of protecting the right to privacy. Instead of upholding this tradition, Governor Sununu has chosen to put women's health at risk and break his own promise to Granite Staters. "Abortion restrictions? I'm not looking to make any changes on that...I don't think we're looking to make any abortion restrictions in this state," said Sununu in October.


Now that the Governor has signed this extreme abortion ban into law, Granite Staters will hold him accountable.

Read the entire op-ed: <https://www.concordmonitor.com/My-Turn-Sununu-abortion-ban-41153515>.



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Calendar of Events

EVENTS FROM LOCAL NON-PROFITS, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS. PRESENTED FREE BY TRENDY TIMES.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

REPUBLICAN FUNDRAISING DINNER
Grappone Center, Concord

FRIDAY, JULY 9

LIVE STREAM PIANO RECITAL
5:00 PM See Article on Page 1

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM
Post Home, 4 Ammonoosuc St., Woodsville

SUNDAY, JULY 11

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER
11:00AM-1:15 PM Cash 1:45 Tournament
Moose Lodge 1779, St. Johnsbury

ROYAL TOWNE BAND

f3:00 PM - Donations gratefully accepted
Haverhill Common, Rt 10, Haverhill

MONDAY, JULY 12

ROSS-WOOD UNIT #20 AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING
6:00 PM
Post Home, 4 Ammonoosuc St., Woodsville

NGCRC MONTHLY MEETING

6:30 PM
Littleton Elks Club, Lodge #1831, Bethlehem

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

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

THURSDAY, JULY 15

VFW POST #5245 MONTHLY MEETING
7:00 PM
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FRIDAY, JULY 16

LINCOLN-REAGAN DAY DINNER
Indian Head Resort, Lincoln

SATURDAY, JULY 17

YARD AND BAKE" SALE
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Bath Historical Society Building, Rt. 302, Bath

PENNY SALE/SILENT AUCTION/50/50 RAFFLE

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM See Ad on Page 3
Bradford Masonic Hall, 1958 Waits River Road

SIMDAY, JULY 18

COHASE CHAMBER GARDEN TOUR
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
DENNY PARK Bbandstand, Mains St., Bradford
See Article on Page 7 and Ad on Page 8

ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM

12:00 NOON - 3:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

MONDAY, JULY 19

HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

SIMDAY, JULY 25

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Bands this year include the Dave Keller Band (Montpelier) featuring blues and soul, leading off. Then The Mammals (Hudson Valley, NY) bring their rollicking brand of Americana and folk music to the stage with Linda B and the Barncats, featuring Haverhill's native

daughter, Linda Boudreault, bringing their lively set of R&B to the stage to wrap up the event. The local duo of Randy Wales and Phyllis Shea will play on the small stage between sets.

Scott Danforth's BBQ food truck and Billy Brigsten's Bright Sun Kitchen will be the featured food vendors, with ice cream, desserts, and assorted beverages also available.

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32nd Annual Ogontz Choral Workshop w/Conductor David Hill

This summer's Annual Ogontz Choral Workshop will take place August 9 - 11. Once again this year, singers and conductors will convene via Zoom, but despite this pandemic limitation, the workshop promises to deliver musical delights, insights, and vocal power. David Hill and Paula Rockwell will Zoom in from their homes in England and Nova Scotia to lead attendees.

David Hill — one of Europe's leading choral directors, presently with London's Bach Choir as well as Yale University's Schola Cantorum — will lead the study and singing of Anton n Dvořk's Requiem Mass.

Regarding the work David Hill has said, "Dvorak had an inexhaustible gift for memorable melody and rich harmony. The Requiem was written in 1890 and shows him at the peak of his career. He was deeply religious and the work reflects his faith and spirituality. The Requiem, was composed in 1890 for the music festival in Birmingham, England. Dvořk conducted the first performance in 1891 and the Requiem went on to receive international acclaim. It is the ideal work for us to study over the three days, to absorb its beauty and architecture."

In addition to the Dvořk Requiem workshop participants will study shorter works from European Sacred Music, a collection of over 50 examples of the finest sacred choral music from continental Europe, ranging from the 16th to the 20th century, selected and edited by John Rutter.

Paula Rockwell, beloved for her many years at Ogontz as a vocal coach as well as a marvelous and heart-felt performer, will lead a master class, inspire

singers with her rousing warm-ups, and in a workshop highlight this year, perform her annual Ogontz recital live from Nova Scotia.

The annual Ogontz Workshop is designed to inspire experienced singers, choral conductors and teachers, and importantly, to help less experienced musicians hone their vocal and choral skills. The sense of inclusion, learning, and fun keeps Ogontz a cherished annual event, with people attending year after year.

In addition to two sessions each day exploring the repertoire, this year's program will include a lecture by David Hill on the life and music of American composer, Amy Beach as well as virtual field trips to Camp Ogontz, Green Chair Happy Hour, Name That Tune games, and Yoga for Singers. The daily activities will begin at 8:30 am and be comfortably paced throughout the day.

In the summer of 2022 workshop attendees should again be able to enjoy all the glories of Camp Ogontz, the breathtakingly beautiful 350-acre private camp in the White Mountains of northern New Hampshire.

The cost of enrollment for this year's 3-day online workshop is \$200, with the Dvořk score in pdf format provided as part of the tuition. European Sacred Music, will be available for order online. Most sessions will be recorded so that musicians may experience the event at their convenience.

Further information and online enrollment are now available at <http://ogontzarts.com>. Any questions may be directed to Claire Mead via claire@ogontzarts.com or (215) 962-2998.

Tickets Now Available for 10th Annual Cohase Garden Tour

WELLS RIVER, VT -- The 10th Annual Cohase Garden Tour is scheduled for Sunday, July 18th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour kicks off at the Denny Park bandstand, 9 N. Main Street, Bradford, Vt., across from the Wells River Savings Bank. The Cohase Chamber of Commerce holds this event each year with the support of local business sponsors: North Haverhill Agway, JM Landscaping, and North Country Organics.

"Now in our tenth year, with the incredible generosity of garden hosts, we have been able to let the public visit over fifty amazing gardens in the Cohase region. Each garden is different, and we all have our favorites of those visited and enjoyed," remarked Marvin Harrison, chamber board member and organizer of the garden tour.

Visitors on this year's tour are invited to stroll through four beautiful and unique private gardens with a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers, including an

English-style garden and an art studio with work on display. The tour continues at Root 5 Farm, a certified organic vegetable farm on the Connecticut River with tours of their fields and hoop houses. Finally, visitors are invited to Montview Vineyard for wine-tasting and an optional catered lunch. The tour takes visitors along scenic back roads between Bradford and Corinth, Vt. Drive time is less than one hour, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the gardens.

Admission is \$20 (free for children under 12), and tickets can be purchased in advance at cohase.org or in person on the day of the event. For more information, email chamber@cohase.org

or call 802-518-0030. To reserve your catered lunch, call Montview Vineyard at 802-439-6160. Select from a grilled lemon chicken or mozzarella, tomato and basil sandwich with homemade cookies for \$9.00; add a glass of wine for \$5.50. Visitors are also welcome to bring their own picnic lunch to enjoy along the tour.

The Cohase Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit serving the towns of Bradford, Fairlee, Newbury in Vermont, and Haverhill, Orford, Piermont in New Hampshire. It is committed to fostering a vibrant economic climate by encouraging cooperation and communication among the region's communities.

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8 Welcome Back, Friends in Council, General Federation of Women's Clubs/NH

We have resumed our meetings after 8 months, with a dinner at the Ogontz Camp for members and guests following COVID precautions. We're vaccinated and can safely gather for friendship and the planning of projects to support Lisbon and the communities in the surrounding area.

The purpose of Friends in Council, originally organized in 1897, is to aid and improve com-

munities for the betterment of its citizens and the environment through volunteerism.

FIC members volunteer in the hospital, local libraries, animal rescue, Art Gallery, local food pantries, etc. Donations are made to local schools, food, music and nature programs; Boys and Girls Club of the North Country, senior programs, etc.

FIC is sponsoring a Lisbon out-

door music concert on Thursday, August 26, at 6 pm.

The major fundraiser is the quilt raffle. Every two years members of Friends In Council design, cut pieces of colorful fabric and sew them together into a unique creation which is then quilted.

FIC invites interested ladies to join us at our next meeting and find out more. Call (603)838-5149 and leave a message.

NGCRC Monthly Meeting

The Northern Grafton County Republican Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021 at the Littleton Elks Club, Lodge #1831, 42 Main Street, Route 302, Bethlehem, NH. Guest Speaker, Hal Shurtleff,

Chairman of Camp Constitution, will address the topic "Know Your Constitution".

Coffee and Cookie Social will be at 6:00 P.M. followed by our guest speaker and the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Fellow Republicans,

Like-Minded Conservatives, New Members and Guests are Welcome to attend. Interested persons may contact janicenovak@myfairpoint.net or call 603-823-5011. Keep New Hampshire RED!



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Broadway's Christina Sajous directs Green Day's American Idiot at Weathervane⁹

WHITEFIELD, NH - Weathervane Theatre is pleased to welcome Broadway veteran Christina Sajous to the Weathervane as director of Green Day's American Idiot. An extensive career in theatre and television, Christina makes her directorial debut with Green Day's American Idiot, the same show she made her Broadway debut as a member of the original Broadway company.

Sajous reflects: "As a director I have more of an opportunity to explore American Idiot from all dimensions. As an actor, I enjoy the dissection of the psychological and physical journey of a character, but as a director I help bridge the communication between character to story and story to audience. It's very rare to revisit a show after 11 years, but it's even rarer to have the freedom to reinvestigate the story with new artists, my personal experiences and points of view, while maintaining the integrity and heart of what was originally intended."

Based on Green Day's Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum concept album of the same name, this electric-rock musical of youthful disillusion is inspired by contemporary media featuring music by Green Day, lyrics by Billie

Joe Armstrong, and book by Billie Joe Armstrong and Michael Mayer. American Idiot's politically charged narrative is a voyage of discovery for three bored teens who struggle to find themselves in a post-9/11 world that's gone haywire. Originally written as a social commentary on the media and political arenas during the George W. Bush administration, this Tony Award-winning musical about finding one's way and identity is as timely as it is timeless.

"Unfortunately, I hate to admit it, but American Idiot has as much (possibly more..) relevancy now, than it did in 2010," said Sajous. "Mostly because we should have been further along after everything we experienced after 9/11... but here we are in 2021 surviving a pandemic, protesting against race wars, killing/attacking innocent human beings, suicides, families divided, countries divided, political bullies, broken dreams and broken hearts. The pandemic was the year of fighting viruses with many highs and lows...globally. American Idiot is a universal story that touches the many facets of our lives from history, to present day... yet giving birth to the "hope" of a better future."

Speaking of a better future, Weathervane's cast of

American Idiot features 10 incredibly talented and promising early career artists: Ricky Moyer (Johnny), Nate Blakley (Will), Nicole Fluegge (Heather), Kinza Surani (Whatshername), Jewell Noel (The Extraordinary Girl), Nasir Panjwani (Tunny), Nicholas Cooper (St. Jimmy), Sunayna "Sunny" Smith (Favorite Son), Connor Buonaccorsi (Dance Captain / Ensemble) and Matthew J. Kelly (Ensemble).

"I am impressed with not just the cast, but the entire team of Weathervane," said Sajous. "Everyone is working, performing, rehearsing various shows at once, and to still walk into the room with a grounded focus and physical agility that is required for American Idiot blows my mind. They have inspired me to fall in love with the theatre again."

In addition to direction by Sajous, Weathervane's production of Green Day's American Idiot features music direction by Ben Covello and choreography by Marisa Kirby. Additional creative team: Rien Schlecht (Production Management), Kelly Bernard (Technical Direction), Sally Tabaka (Costume Design), Hillary Jeffers (Associate Costume Design), Anna Gautreaux (Scenic Design), Hayley Christensen (Sound Design & Associate Production Management), Ellen Houlden (Properties Design), Scout Hough (Lighting Design), and Mollie Heil (Production Stage Manager).

Performed in person audiences only, audiences are currently capped at 48% and socially distanced throughout the theatre. The theatre has a new HVAC/Air Purification System that filters the air and provides heat and air conditioning. Masks are required for unvaccinated patrons and complimentary masks available on premises.

Green Day's American Idiot runs in alternating repertory July 1 - August 10th. Weathervane's 56th summer season runs June 26 - September 4 with 7:30 PM performances Monday - Saturday and additional 2 PM performances on Thursdays and Saturdays. Ad-

ditional summer productions include Buyer & Cellar, Hello, Dolly!, Disaster!, Kinky Boots, Amadeus, and The Addams Family. Single tickets, dinner and a show packages, and ticket subscriptions now available at www.weathervanenh.org. Tickets range \$34-\$37. Depending on availability, \$17.50 tickets for American Idiot are available the day of the performance for patrons 35 and under. These must be purchased in person with a valid ID.

The Weathervane Box Office is open by phone (603-837-9322), email (box-office@weathervanenh.org), and in person Monday - Saturday. Hours Monday - Wednesday and Friday are 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM and 4:30 PM - 8 PM. Hours Thursday & Saturday are 11 AM - 8 PM. Tickets can be purchased 24/7 on Weathervane's website.

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Letter to the Editor: Woodsville Road Money

Governor Sununu has just signed the NH budget which means the SB26 "Road Money" bill is now law. SB26 eliminated the mandate that Haverhill taxpayers fund the Woodsville Fire District Highway Department. Below, I will be describing a 2019 email that is a perfect example of why SB26 was necessary. It involves the Interim Town Manager at the time, Glenn English, and Woodsville Fire District (WFD) Commissioners, Dick Guy, Paul Kidder and Steve Wheeler. A copy of this email was included in documentation provided in response to a 91-a Public Records request made by Susan Olson who had been hired by Grafton County to investigate Woodsville Water & Light.

February 11, 2019 Glenn English, Interim Town Manager email to WFD Commission Chair, Dick Guy:

"We have added about \$17,000 to the "Road Money" bill in the 2019 budget. Please let me know if you wish to pursue a reconciliation of the 2018 budget, as well."

February 12, 2019 Richard Guy, WFD Commission Chair, responded and forwarded to Paul Kidder & Steve Wheeler:

"My vote would be to leave it alone for last year. We ended up with more than we started with and I don't need to rattle the cage on road funding."

February 12, 2019, Paul

Kidder, WFD Commissioner, responded:

"Works for me."

February 12, 2019, Steve Wheeler, WFD Commissioner, responded:

"OK by me."

What is wrong with this email? Let me count the ways.

First of all, the 3 commissioners listed above were communicating via email, when meetings have to be announced to the public beforehand.

Then, they're not only communicating, but they're voting outside a publicly warned meeting.

RSA 91-a requires that if a quorum of any public board meets, speaks, votes, it must be done in a publicly warned open meeting

Now on to Dick Guy's response to ITM English's email:

He "votes" to "leave it alone for last year". "We ended up with more than we started with". He is admitting there were lapsed "road money" funds. This means they didn't use all the road money they appropriated from the Town of Haverhill. Lapsed (unused) funds must be returned to the Town of Haverhill and "Road money" can only be used for road expenses and not filtered to other areas in the WFD.

ITM English is adding more money to the 2019 Budget for them, even offering to try to get them some from the previous year. But Dick Guy "votes" to "leave it

alone for last year". He doesn't "need to rattle the cage on road funding." Oh my no, wouldn't want to be calling any unnecessary attention to the road funding, which your commission is illegally retaining lapsed funds from. And why is ITM English not demanding return of lapsed funds, as was his duty as ITM? Instead, offering them more?

The two other players in this email, Paul Kidder and Steve Wheeler, are just 2 more examples of those who swear to no wrongdoing, yet follow along with the Good Ole Boy (GOB) party line and nod their heads when instructed.

The described email is about as clear as you can get as to why SB26 was necessary. WFD has been able to get road money from the Town of Haverhill for many years without having to reconcile it's use and have retained lapsed funds.

I'm heartsick over the divide in our town which is being perpetuated by the GOB's who continue to throw fuel on the fire as they think it enables them to maintain their cover.

Please Haverhill residents, open your eyes to what's been going on for more years than any of us can imagine. WE can not allow this to continue.

(If you'd like a copy of the email, find me on Facebook. The papers wouldn't print it without charging me for the space!)

Marilyn Blaisdell
North Haverhill, NH

Marilyn,

Let me first start by taking exception to your last statement. I, Trendy Times, did not ask for any payment in order to publish your information on this matter. I did receive the indicated information from you after the deadline for our June 22 issue. When I received the above Letter I contacted you to see which you would prefer I include in this edition as I generally only place one Letter to the Editor per issue from any single individual. (This space does have a cost.) So please do not make a general statement such as that when it is not accurate.

Regarding the issue of Woodsville Road Money itself, this is more information for the

voters of Haverhill to know and consider. It is probably not all of the information that will come forward.

You mentioned an investigation being conducted by the Grafton Country, it will be interesting to see just what that turns up. Plus there is still the finished audits of the Woodsville books to come forward. All of these will give the voters of Haverhill, and even more so of Woodsville, a better view of what should be changed and how best to move forward.

I simply hope and trust that calm consideration will take place in order to pick the best path forward for all of us.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Thanks to Flag Wavers

MANY THANKS to all who were able to participate in our Flag Day waving activity in Littleton, NH on Flag Day, Monday, June 14th.

There were approximately 20 Northern Grafton County Republican Committee members and friends who showed up at the Mascoma Bank Knoll on a rather "dicey" weather day, and braved the threat of thunderstorms. But, the weather held as we stood our ground, and waved the many American flags we brought to the amazement of many passers-by. Some women in the group devised a system of promoting Patriotic songs via their cellphone and the use of a megaphone to everyone's

proud, listening pleasure. People were quite surprised! We received many, many "thumbs-up," honking horns, and roars from the motorcycles that went by. At 2:00 pm, we paraded up one side of Main Street to the Post Office, crossed the street at Bank of New Hampshire, and paraded down the other side of Main Street waving our flags all the while. A tremendous measure of pride and success was accomplished that day by a small group of Patriots, many who are members of the NGCRC! We should repeat this proud moment again next year!

Janice Novak
Easton, NH

Janice,

Congratulations on your patriotic show. I applaude the effort of all those involved.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Peacham Summer Events Schedule

July 3-18, "The Stories We Tell: Freedom and Equity in Peacham", co-sponsored with the Peacham Library. A scavenger-hunt-style quest that can be completed on foot or by car. Each quest stop will explore the history of sites in Peacham Village offering historical insights into how race and racism were addressed in Peacham. The quest begins at the Peacham Library, 656 Bayley-Hazen Road, Peacham. For more info., visit peachamlibrary.org or peachamhistorical.org.

Sundays through Aug. 29, 1-3 pm. S Exhibit "Remembering Peacham Academy: The Heart of Peacham." Historical House, 145 Church St. Peacham. This year will be the final Alumni Association reunion, and we are honoring the vital role this Academy played in our town, from its founding in 1795 until it closed in 1971. There will be

a wide range of fascinating objects including photographs, banners, documents, sports equipment and more. The exhibit

Peacham Library Annual Meeting Speaker Highlights 200th Anniversary of Prominent African-American Vermont Poet. The Peacham Library will host their annual meeting on Monday, July 12th at 6:30pm at the Peacham Library (656 Bayley Hazen Road, Peacham, Vermont 05862). Following the meeting, guest speaker Shanta Lee Gander of the Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau will present "Bearing Witness and the Endurance of Voice." The presentation explores the life and legacy of Lucy Terry Prince (c. 1730-1821), a resident of Guilford, Vermont, who is considered to be the first known African-American poet in English literature.

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Now that we've gained at least some space from the COVID-19 pandemic, summer travel is heating up. But while you might be eager to hit the road, you won't want your investments to take a vacation – you need them to work hard for you consistently. But how can you make this happen?

Here are some ideas:

• Know your destination. "If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take." This bit of wisdom, paraphrased from the classic children's book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, may be appropriate for, say, hikers exploring a new landscape. But as an investor, it matters a great deal which path you take. If you only dabble in investing, occasionally putting some money into one investment or another, it will be difficult to build a portfolio that's consistently working in your best interest. It's important to create a long-term investment strategy based on where you want to go in life – that is, how long you plan to work, what sort of

retirement lifestyle you envision, and so on.

• Match goals with investments. Some investments are designed to achieve certain goals. To illustrate: When you contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you're investing for one specific, long-term goal: a comfortable retirement. While you can tap into these accounts for other purposes – though doing so might incur immediate taxes and penalties – they are designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. Similarly, you may have other investments for other purposes, such as a 529 education savings plan. Here's the key point: Goals-based investing, by its nature, can help ensure your portfolio is always working on your behalf, in the way you intended.

• Invest for growth. Ideally, hard work produces results, and one of the main results you want from your investments is growth – that is, you want your investments to appreciate in value so they can eventually help you meet your goals. But if you are overconcentrated in vehicles such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities, you may end up lowering your growth potential. That's not to say that CDs and

Treasury bills are in some sense "lazy." They can provide you with income and help you reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. But to achieve most of your goals, you'll need a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments working for you, with the exact percentage based on your needs and life stages.

• Check your progress. How else can you ensure your investments aren't just taking it easy? By checking up on them. If you follow a buy-and-hold strategy, your portfolio shouldn't require many changes if it already reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Too much buying and selling could jeopardize your ability to follow a consistent, long-term strategy. However, "buy and hold" doesn't mean "buy and forget." By reviewing your portfolio at least once a year, you can determine if your investments are performing as they should. If they're not working for you as you'd like, you may need to make some changes.

If you're traveling this summer, relax and enjoy yourself – but keep those investments working hard.

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Letter to the Editor:

In order to keep voters in Northern Grafton communities apprised of how their local representatives are voting in Concord on various issues, this list provides some transparency. The topic for this message is: EDUCATION.

EGAN, Timothy (Democrat, Sugar Hill): AGAINST: giving parents more information about students' assessments (HB 194);
AGAINST: expanding the choice of school options in an educational hardship to private schools and not just public schools (HB 388);
AGAINST: requiring schools with unused space to make it available to approved charter school students (HB 278).
MASSAMILLA, Linda (Democrat, Littleton): AGAINST: giving parents more information about students' assessments (HB 194);
AGAINST: expanding the choice of school options in an educational hardship to private schools and not just public schools (HB 388);
AGAINST: requiring students in the university and

college systems of New Hampshire to pass the US Civics Naturalization test (HB 319);
AGAINST: requiring schools with unused space to make it available to approved charter school students (HB 278).
SIMON, Matthew (Republican, Littleton): AGAINST: giving parents more information about students' assessments (HB 194).
RUPRECHT, Denny (Democrat, Landaff): ABSENT: giving parents more information about students' assessments (HB 194);
ABSENT: expanding the choice of school options in an educational hardship to private schools and not just public schools (HB 388);
ABSENT: requiring students in the university and community college systems of New Hampshire to pass the US Civics Naturalization test (HB 319);
ABSENT: requiring schools with unused space to make it available to approved charter school students (HB 278).
Thanks,
Nick De Mayo, M. Ed.
Sugar Hill

Nick,
Thank you for passing along this sampling of actions by some of our elected officials. I would encourage voters to look even deeper into voting records when considering who to support in the next election.
Gary Scruton, Editor

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Mary Kimball Carson: OBITUARY

Newbury, VT - Mary Kimball Carson, 79, of Montebello Road died Sunday, June 27, 2021 at her home.

She was born April 21, 1942 in Hopkinton, NH the daughter of Frank Kimball and Dorothy (Holmes) Kimball. She attended Hopkinton schools and was a 1960 graduate of Hopkinton High School. Mary attended the University of New Hampshire and later worked for several companies in the Hopkinton area.

On June 8, 1962 she married Russell D. Carson in Concord, NH and they made their home in Newbury, VT.

Mary's life was dedicated to the success of the family farm in Newbury and her children. She enjoyed cooking and gardening. Her favorite time of the year was Christmas. She loved camping by the ocean in the family motorhome, but what she loved most was attending fairs throughout New England with the motorhome, watching her children and grandchildren show dairy cows, and preparing meals and treats for anyone



who visited the Carson exhibit.

Survivors include her husband, Russell D. Carson of Newbury, VT, a daughter, Barbara (Lee) McInnis of Grovetown, GA, two sons, Steven (Vicky) Carson of Newbury, VT and Scott (Kristin) Carson of New Lebanon, NY, 8 grandchildren, one great-grandson, a brother, Robert Kimball of Hopkinton, NH and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 2 pm at Hale Funeral Home, 187 Upper Plain, Bradford, VT. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, DHMC, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

James Allen Bedell: OBITUARY

James Allen Bedell, 74 of Lumberton, NC, formerly of Woodsville, NH, died on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, in his home. Jim, as he was fondly known as, was born in Woodsville, NH on May 30, 1946 to the late Ronald and Marjorie Bedell. He attended schools in Monroe and Woodsville. He graduated from Woodsville High School. He was predeceased by his parents, one brother Ronald "Buddy" Bedell, and one sister Patricia Shene.

He is survived by a son Kenneth and his wife Lisa of Lumberton; a daughter Mindy Lamarche and her husband Eric of Milford, NH; one sister, Elaine Achen-



bach of Shoemakersville, PA and four grandchildren, Kayla, Amber, Allison, and Curran.

In addition to his family, James is survived by his former wife of 35 years, Martha Bedell, and he is remembered by the many children that he opened his home to, most especially Michael Dugan of Hawaii.

Graveside services for Jim will be held at Lyndon Center Cemetery, Lyndon Center, VT on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Vertical Church, 4330-B Kahn Drive, Lumberton, NC 28358.

Ryan Willie Melton: OBITUARY

--Ryan Willie Melton 31, of Newbury died unexpectedly of a motorcycle accident on Friday June 25, 2021. Ryan was born April 30, 1990, in Waukegan IL. Ryan was the son of Terry Lee Melton Sr and Merilee Jane Melton (Ryan). A tenacious boy Ryan never shied away from a challenge becoming infatuated with how all things worked from a young age. Great with his hands, if it had tires and a motor Ryan fixed it and rode it to the very edge of its limitations. A wildly funny young man that coined phrases like "2020 boof" the mimicking of the sound of a cold corona top popping on New Year's Day! It was hard not to love Ryan, as people drew themselves to him, like a moth to a flame. It didn't matter if you knew him for five minutes or five years, Ryan left a mark on your life never to fade. Ryan had a spice for life few have ever tasted and knew a freedom most could only dream of. A fiercely passionate and loyal man who put family above all else. Ryan is survived by his two children Conner and Kylee Melton whom he loved with every fiber of his



being, and their mother his loving girlfriend of 11 years Chantel Harris who he knew his family would never be whole without. Ryan is also survived by his mother Merilee, his siblings: Joy, Jesse, Jacquelyn, Terry, Cessilee, Adam, Wilma, aunts and uncles, Leslie, Cindy, Nick, and Gayle, nieces and nephews, Ruben, Karina, Daniel, Marc, Jesse Jr, Nikki, Alex, Nicholas, Jocelyn, Jonathan, Jordan, and AJ. His countless cousins, you know who you are, and he loved you deeply. A truly grateful thank you to my cousin Eric and his wife Melanie Colson and family for everything you've done (Ryan loved you dearly as do we!). A shout out to my sister Jackie's husband Arturo Sanchez you and Ryan saw each other and knew

one another the way you know yourselves. Ryan is predeceased by his grandfather Orville Ryan, and grandmother Leona Ruff, Nana Wilma "Willie" Melton, grandfather Jim Melton, Uncle Jerry, Aunt Patty, Peggy, Uncle Eric Sr, Niece Rogelia, Cousin Jimmy, April, Kaitlyn, Jaylyn, and Catalya.

Calling hours were on Thursday July 1, 2021 from 5:30 to 7 PM at Ricker Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville, NH. A funeral service was celebrated on Friday July 2, 2021 at 2PM at Ricker Funeral Home with interment to follow at the New Oxbow Cemetery in Newbury.

Special thanks to everyone of Ryan's friends I don't know all of you but thank you for every single thing you did for our Ryan! Cheers

For more information or to offer an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com.

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements

Richard Bartlett Hal: OBITUARY

Pike, NH - Richard Bartlett Hall, 93, died peacefully at his home on June 20, 2021.

Richard was born in Pike, NH on February 7, 1928 to Ellis and Ruth (Snell) Hall. He attended Pike Grammar School and graduated from Haverhill Academy in 1946. Richard served as a Medic in the United States Army from 1953-1955. On October 5, 1957, he married Shirley Eichhorn.

From the time they were small children, Richard farmed and managed the livestock business alongside his brother, Howard, at the family farm until Howard passed in 2001. As a youth, he held summer jobs at the Lake Tarleton Club in Piermont, NH, working as a golf caddy and a driver transporting guests between the Pike train station and the Club. In the 1960's, in addition to his daily farming chores, he operated a school bus service that



served the Haverhill school district and provided occasional private charters. He especially enjoyed driving the kids from Kingswood Camp to various activities around New Hampshire, whether it was to the seacoast or to the mountains.

Richard loved taking trips to the Maine coast with his family. He enjoyed playing basketball and baseball and was a fan of the Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots. After he retired, he joined Always Fit Athletic Club in Woodsville, NH. The friendships he formed with his fellow fitness enthusiasts were precious to him.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, Ellis and Ruth Hall and his siblings, Elizabeth Kimball, Howard Hall, Edith Hall and Herbert Hall.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; daughters Denise Eastman and husband Scott of Pike, NH and Lisa Hervey and husband Craig of Newbury, VT; granddaughters Danielle Getsinger and wife Amanda of Houston, TX and Stacy Eastman and husband Kyle Batchelder of Pike, NH; great-grandsons Remington Getsinger and Chessrown Getsinger of Houston, TX; five nieces and two nephews.

At Richard's request, there will be no calling hours. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 23rd at 2 PM in East Haverhill Cemetery, Pike, NH with Melissa Gould as Funeral Celebrant.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pike Bethany Congregational Church, c/o Alice Hodgdon, 1150 Brushwood Road, Pike, NH 03780.

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What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About Ma

I'd like to tell you a bit about Ma, my mother-in-law, Elaine Quackenbush. She was the oldest of two children, born to a farmer that worked every day of his life. Ma and her sister, June "Auntie", were given every opportunity a poor farmer could make for his girls. They were given music lessons and both girls could play multiple instruments. Ma was fond of the piano and Auntie played her guitar and banjo with zeal. In their young adulthood, they played, as part of a band, in music halls and dance venues on the weekends for pay.

The girls met a pair of brothers that were returning from World War II, fell in love and married. Auntie had two boys and Ma was blessed with one. Living in almost identical houses within sight of each other on the same street they raised their boys together. The boys would say they had two moms and two dads, they were so very close. Before they were able to build their "twin houses", Auntie and family lived with and cared for her mom and grandmom while Ma and Pa bought the property next door and lived in a one room camp that had a wood-stove for heat and an out-house.

Colonial Theatre Reopens for In-Theatre Programming

The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH is pleased to announce that it will reopen for its 106-consecutive season on July 7th, 2021. "We are excited to welcome our community back into The Colonial Theatre for films and our children's programming!" said Executive Director Christine Kelly. "Our new HVAC system installation is in progress. As we wait for the HVAC installation to be completed, we will reopen for in-theatre programming at 25% capacity and ask that all patrons, staff, and volunteers wear face coverings as they move around the Theatre. When seated in the auditorium, masks and face shields may be removed to enjoy our programming" Kelly added.

Wednesday, July 7 at 11am will see the first of the 2021 Kid's @ The Colonial series, featuring the Patchwork Players in Born to Entertain: Broadway Bound. The Weathervane Theatre's Patchwork Players will entertain you as they celebrate kids in the theatre with Broadway's best songs made famous by children. Featuring songs from Annie, The Lion King, Les Misér-

ables, and more! Featuring the members of the Weathervane Intern Program, conceived by Marisa Kirby. Opening the in-Theatre movie season on Saturday, July 10 is Dream Horse, directed by Euros Lyn. The inspiring true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely race horse bred by small town bartender, Jan Vokes (Academy Award nominee Toni Collette). With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbors to chip in their meager earnings to help raise Dream and compete with the racing elites. Their investment pays off as Dream rises through the ranks and becomes a beacon of hope in their struggling community. "Sit back, let your resting pulse rate slow to an easy Acorn crawl, and watch Collette and Co.'s sweetly scrappy dream come true." —Leah Greenblatt, Entertainment Weekly.

It was in the one room camp that Ma cared for her baby for the first years of his life and also the house where she nursed her husband back to health after a hunting accident. For over a year, Ma cared for her baby and her recovering husband in a one room cabin that had no electricity, no indoor plumbing nor insulation. She had to haul wood for the wood stove and with the help of Auntie and the kindness of local farmers-kept everyone fed. Her husband recovered and worked in two different careers for many years-- he was able to retire from both.

These sisters supported each other through the good and the bad times and never complained. They were fast at sacrificing what they would want so that they could care for their boys. One of their final "gifts" to their children was prepaying for their funerals.

Funeral costs can be very expensive. Ma investigated the options, there are many fine funeral homes in this region, and selected what she wanted and then put it on a payment plan. The contract was very clear about what would and would not be included, Ma was

encouraged to purchase their tickets online at BethlehemColonial.org, however tickets will also be available at the door.

In addition to reopening for in-Theatre programming, The Colonial continues to offer free outdoor events each Thursday through the end of July. Including Science on Screen, Terraforming Mars: Can It Be Done? on Thursday, July 8th at 8pm. Join geoscientist Dr. James Kasting in a discussion about the classic 90's film Total Recall and what would it take to terraform Mars, followed by a screening of the film. The Colonial will also present REEL Outdoors: The Eagle Huntress with live Squam Lake raptors on Thursday, July 15th at 6:30pm. Join a Squam Lake Science Center naturalist and meet live raptors that call New Hampshire home. The presentation will compare the fascinating similarities and differences between hawks and owls to discover how they are perfectly suited to the habitat niche they each fill, followed by a screening of The Eagle Huntress.

very specific in her plans. She had her funeral paid in full many years before she would ever need it. This is the one kindness that I would recommend to everyone, investigate what funerals cost and pay for your own funeral.

There are many things involved with funerals, buying a space at a cemetery, picking out a headstone and what is to be carved into it, picking a funeral home or crematorium, and picking what you would be buried in--be it casket or urn. Allowing yourself to think about all of the details early in life as opposed to later in life gives you more time to tend to all of the details but most of the details can and will be taken care of by the funeral home. They have packages and will guide you through all of the details and what the costs would be. Preplanned funerals that are paid for will have the desired services set in writing with no additional costs to the loved ones left behind.

Ma was the inspiration for my research and writing this column. Ma and Auntie died within months of each other and were laid to rest in plots that were together. They were so very close, we said our farewells to both at the same time on the same day. I will still draw from Ma's experiences and as my Mother is now in her late senior years, there are still stories to tell and lessons to learn. Best to you all--thank you for your support.

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Mental Health Matters

Time Management Part 2

We can learn new Time Management skills and become more organized and efficient IF we put in some hard work.

Think of these skills as necessary tools for us to accomplish our overall goals.

- How are you at making decisions regarding your goals?

You can ask someone to help you set goals and to monitor your progress. I do this for my clients and they appreciate the accountability and the cheerleading.

- Are you a planner?

You can set reminders if something is coming up in your appointment book, on your iPhone, or on a calendar hanging in your house. That way you can plan for what is needed ahead of time and not be overwhelmed at the last minute.

- Do you prioritize what needs to be done today versus what can wait?

Try to break things down into what what's the most im-

portant need today, and do that one first. Then tackle what's next with a sense of accomplishment.

- Are you good at delegating out what can be done by others?

Think about who you can ask for help if you need it, and they can assist you in accomplishing tasks.

- Are you a scheduler of time for the big things that you need to do?

Consider how much time you actually have to do something.

Then, schedule time for the smaller parts of the task and assign a deadline for completing each. For example, I have a two-day Telehealth conference that I need to watch, so I break the 16 hours into 1-2 hours per day.

Will you make effective use of your time, or waste it?

"In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do, It is not really the time, but the will that is lacking."

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Credit Where It Is Due at Grafton County

My name is Kelley Monahan and I have served as the Grafton County Register of Deeds for 11 ½ years, receiving the vote of confidence last November from 47,467 of my fellow citizens to return me to my 6th term. I have served as Vice President of the NH Register of Deeds Association and now serve as President. This service required me to spend a great deal of time in legislative committees in Concord. It is from this experience that I write.

I can clearly see that a new day has dawned at Grafton County. I have been blessed to witness extraordinary leadership germinate and flourish and her name is Wendy Piper.

Commissioner Piper's intellect, common sense, determination, work ethic and ability to dissect a problem and seek solutions is responsible for this new era for our County. Wendy also serves as the President of The New Hampshire Association of Counties, which greatly contributes to her work load.

Her friendship with and respect for Republican Commissioner Omer Ahern unlocked the former partisan gridlock and bickering. With Commissioner Ahern's vote, Wendy Piper became the new Chairman of the Grafton County Board of Commissioners.

I have had the pleasure of working with Commissioner Ahern over multiple terms. We fought Northern Pass together. I credit his innovative "Just Omer" show available on Pemi-Baker Public Access Television with helping keep the South-Eastern corner of the County informed. As a real estate attorney, he understands the value of my office and I have always appreciated his input and ear. He has also been a tireless advocate for the County Farm and has gone back to

basics with his FarmDoc Plan.

Once these two minds met, there was no stopping the reset. These two dedicated public servants worked tirelessly to craft the excellent budget that was just adopted for Fiscal Year 2022 with little input from the Delegation.

But with reset and rebirth, a death must first occur. Much like Rhett and Scarlett watching the Old South die, I feel very privileged to have been eyewitness to that death. The last gasp of the powerless and flailing ideology was on full display during the June 28 meeting as feeble attempts were made to control what is uncontrollable. Many busy people were held hostage for hours while a handful of Republicans indulgently strategized and then acted out their futile obstructionism. In the past, the Ray Burton era, the Democrats and Republicans of the Delegation arrived an hour prior to the start of the meeting to caucus. Those days of respect and courtesy are truly gone with the wind.

Most notable was the behavior of the leadership of the Executive Committee who failed to recognize the hard work and commitment of Board of Commissioners or the brilliant and always dependable Grafton County Finance Director Julie Libby. F.D. Libby who has carried the burden of two full time roles for far too long and is the rock that Grafton County is centered around. Not a word to the eager and innovative new County Administrator who has hit the ground running. Andrew Dorsett having just arrived in February as the department budgets were just about to be presented to the Board of Commissioners. Nothing to the Department Heads who work for half a year preparing their figures, specifically

the Human Resource Department who rose to the challenges of managing everything COVID related throughout every other department. I have rarely heard them praise any Grafton County Elected Official and expect nothing but most importantly they ignored the ESSENTIAL WORKER. Instead, as we have so often seen from the stereotypical politician who lacks any self-awareness, they congratulated only themselves for showing up. The egos.

But I do not believe that the blame for this type of collective behavior can be placed on the individual, as they participate in a form of government, well intentioned or not, that does not equate a reasonable value on their time and energy. This system which attracts, almost exclusively, people who can afford to place no value on their own time but are then tasked with determining the value of the time of others. And then there is the ideologue who has nothing better to do with their time then advance their cause at the expense of everyone else. A great deal of time was wasted on Tuesday June 28, 2021, and that is the biggest insult of all to those who have consistently showed up and toiled over the past year during a pandemic.

In closing I would like to thank my team, the most dedicated and knowledgeable group of women and men that I have ever had the pleasure to work alongside. They showed up every single day, assisted the stressed and agitated public and recorded thousands of documents to the Official Public Record. We will close FY2021 by contributing \$1.5 million back to general fund and we are just getting started.

In service,
Kelley Jean Monahan

I Can Do It Myself

by Maggie Anderson

Listening to an interview with Jason Riley, the author who penned the biography of Thomas Sowell, I was struck by several ideas that spun faster than a puppy chasing his tail.

My first thought was Sowell's name is as unimportant to the story line as mine is to the history of crochet. Sowell may have been a maverick but he was not alone in his determination to be his true self. There are countless stories of individualism and independence among his peers.

Sowell was an orphaned black child who grew up in the deep south constrained by the Democrat legislators' Jim Crow laws that legalized racial segregation. In spite of all the odds against him he became one of America's most brilliant intellectuals. Nobody told him he wasn't capable, nobody told him they'd take care of all his needs. He made his own way, thought his own thoughts, at a time and place in history seemingly designed to prevent it.

In the interview, echoing Sowell's opinion on similar matters, Riley posited that scholastic standards being rewritten, or often dropped altogether, to prevent minority students from suffering the agony of lack luster test scores or failing grades not only serves to squelch students' achievements, but far worse, they were actually proposed based on the assumption that minority students are simply unable to make the grade, incapable of grasping a new concept, memorizing basic rules of math or science, or formulating a grammatically cohesive sentence.

I agree with that. These new standards, or lack of, will do nothing to improve a student's future. The lack of stepping stones on the path to the other side of the creek leads to students who either fall in and drown or have to be rescued by the very people who dislodged the stepping stones in the first place. This has always been so.

My maternal grandmother lost the use of her right hand when she was a toddler totally unaware of the consequences of her sister's playfully wielding the hatchet while they were gathering kindling. The country doctor staunchly the flow of blood, stitched her tiny hand together as best he could, and sent her

home cradled in my great grandmother's lap in the back of a horse-drawn wagon.

No social worker knocked on the door with offers of help, no list of local therapists who made house calls, no checks arrived to pay somebody else to do all the things my grandmother would never be able to do for herself.

It was the first good thing that happened after the accident. The good things that followed came from a family unwilling to presume my grandmother would never be able to do whatever she wanted to. They did not believe it in her best interest to assume she was not bright enough, capable enough to find her own way through life's maze without someone first clearing a path for her and taking her by her good hand in case she might bolt thinking she could go it alone.

My grandmother found her own way, knew her strengths, and made the life she wanted. Nobody said to her "Here, sweetheart that's just too hard for you, let me take care of it." If they had and she had believed them and stepped aside so they could do it for her, her life would have had a sallow complexion.

Then my memory flashed back to our four children and how they fought for the right to try, to struggle until they succeeded accomplishing what Hank and I saw as a daunting, sometimes even impossible tasks. I remember how determined they were to add another skill to their life's repertoire. I remember how insulted they seemed when they thought Hank and I weren't sure they could manage a task without our help.

When they learned to dress themselves, what they lacked in skill, they made up for in creativity let me tell you. Some of those early outfits were cutting edge.

The lessons are simple, repeated generation after generation, don't worry, if a child can't learn to tie his shoes, he will turn to loafers, or travel barefooted to reach his goal regardless of the tests life dumps on his path.

For me the bottom line is, the surest way to crush upward growth is to apply a large enough body of pressure from the top down, thereby removing the stars somebody might otherwise have reached for.

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16 77th Annual North Haverhill Fair Announces Great Musical Lineup Plus So Much More

Plans are just about complete for the 77th Annual North Haverhill Fair set to run July 28 thru August 1, 2021 at the Fred C. Lee Memorial Field at 1299 Dartmouth College Highway (Route 10) in North Haverhill, New Hampshire.

As usual this family fair will have five days full of many types of entertainment. One of the highlights this year is the five nights of musical offerings to be offered. Wednesday, July 28 will include Mark Shelton doing an set of 50's & 60's music, followed by a second set filled with the music of Elvis.

Thursday night will see many locals vying for the North Haverhill's Got Talent cash prize of \$200. It's not too late to sign up for this competition, and you don't have to sing to be a part of it. Check the website www.nohaverhillfair.com to get the rules or to register.

Friday is the first of two huge shows when "Born to Run", the Bruce Springsteen tribute show by Alex Shillo takes the Thayer Stage spotlight. This concert starts at 8:30 pm and like all the shows does not require any extra fee to watch, hear and enjoy.

The Saturday night headliner is Recycled Percussion, who will be the first band to ever make a return to the Thayer Stage. They were here a number of years ago and will be back with some new sounds, but still ready to entertain their current fans and make plenty of new one. Show time is 8:00 pm.

The final day of the North Haverhill Fair will include the sound of the Johnny Cash Tribute Show led by George Richards. The resemblance to The Man in Black will make you sit up and take notice. From the look to the sound you will be impressed with the show that starts at

2:00 pm on Sunday, August 1.

Of course the North Haverhill Fair is so much more than great music. Also on the Thayer Stage all five days will be Scott's World of Magic. This show will include some audience participation and some audience laughter. Some shows will take place on the stage and some will take place at various other spots around the fairgrounds.

Another show on the Grounds will be the return of Horses, Horses, Horses. Always a crowd pleaser this show comes back again with tricks, ponies, stallions and so much more. Multiple shows will take place each day and again there is no extra charge to watch.

If your interest is in motorized activities there will be plenty to entertain you, including some changes to what you would expect. Wednesday night features much of those changes as the two demolition derby classes have been updated. One class will feature six cylinder cars working over each other in order to gain a cash prize and bragging rights. The second class on display will be brand new for 2021 and will feature SUV's. There are plenty of these vehicles around and once you have made the proper alterations to the cars you see on the road, they will be let out to do battle with each other for another great cash prize. Check the fair's Website for all these rules as well.

Motorized activities on Thursday will showcase the talents of the local log loader experts. There is bound to be a new task for these talented workers to be asked to perform as they go against the clock to find a winner.

Friday night's motorized mayhem will be the return of the ever popular four cylinder



demolition derby. These drivers will include one lucky driver who won the chance to compete from the raffle drawing held on Wednesday.

Saturday the track will be cleared and the long time tradition of farm and enhanced farm tractor pulling will take place with the aid of the motorized pulling sled.

Motorized events conclude on Sunday with another popular event, the 4x4 Truck Pull. Again the sled will try to stop these high powered vehicles as they roar down the clay track.

As always there is so much more at the North Haverhill Fair. Fiesta Shows has ride specials on Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday. The display buildings are open each day with commercial exhibits, 4-H, Grange and open classes including art, photography, and crafts, plus a King Arthur Baking Contest. The kids can also participate for free, and win a prize in the Kiddie parade or the kiddie tractor pull.

All of this and more is available at the 77th Annual North Haverhill Fair. General Admission is just \$12 per person. Children 5-12 are \$3.00 and those under 5 are free. Parking is also free.

To get the full schedule or to see the rules for any of these events and more, go to the website www.nohaverhillfair.com or check out our Facebook page to get updates and other posts.



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