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## New Playground Equipment Dedication

The 8th Annual Wells River Community Picnic and Ice Cream Social will feature the dedication of the brand new playground equipment as well as food for sale, entertainment and free ice cream at the Berry Memorial Field at 143 Main Street North on June 24, 2023 beginning at 11:30am.

The Hatchbox, will be offering pulled pork sandwiches and Tuttle's Family Diner will be there too, and will have hotdogs with all the fixings for sale. As always you may bring your own picnic lunch.

The new playground equipment was installed in May and has already seen plenty of use, and more equipment will be installed,

hopefully before the 24th. A short dedication and celebration ceremony will be held at noontime. The public is encouraged and invited to attend. The new equipment was made possible by a partnership with the Village of Wells River when the trustees appropriated \$15,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase the equipment and WRAP spearheaded a community fund drive to raise the \$4,000 needed for installation.

The Baldwin Memorial Library will again sponsor this year's entertainment. Award-winning author, storyteller, educator & musician Michael Caduto will delight and entertain the

young and old with a participatory and engaging performance through the use of creative and theatrical storytelling, music, dance and guided imagery. One recent attendee summed up the performance as "Terrific presentation, informative & entertaining". Melissa Beaulieu, the "new" (since January 2023) Baldwin Memorial librarian will be on hand giving away free books, signing up new members, and launching reading groups. If you haven't had a chance to meet Melissa yet, stop by and introduce yourself.

The day ends as usual with WRAP serving free ice cream donated by Big Cones at the conclusion of Michael Caduto's perform-

ance at about 1:45pm.

The Wells River Action Program invites you to come enjoy the wonderful park, visit with some of your neighbors, enjoy a picnic, experience some magic plus have some ice cream. Attendees should bring their own chairs, blankets, pop-up canopies, non-alcoholic beverages and insect repellent and

sun block. The day's events are from 11:30am - 2pm, but the park is open before and after the event for your use.

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# TRENDY Dining Guide

## Kitchen Counter Cafe

by Gary Scruton

One of the nice things about being semi-retired (I no longer have regular office hours) is that when the mood strikes, Janice and I can head out for breakfast or lunch at one of our fine advertising eateries. We did just that on a Thursday and arrived at the Kitchen Counter Cafe on Railroad Street in St. Johnsbury about 9:30 a.m. We even found a parking spot right out in front of the cafe.

We walked in and past the tables, up to the front counter. There were specials on a blackboard leaned against the counter, as well as the regular menu up on the wall. But the person behind the counter was more than ready to hand us a pair of laminated menus for us to look over. We took them, found a table to sit at and began our deliberations. Breakfast is served all day anyhow but we were both still ready for that first meal

of the day. Janice had read the specials for the day and the Breakfast Bowl had sounded good to me so that was my order, along with a cup of coffee. Janice settled on a breakfast burrito with coffee and a side order of bacon. The system at Kitchen Counter Cafe is to place your order at the counter. The total came to \$27.68 which we paid for with a credit card right then. Then we were instructed that the coffee was self-serve and were directed to the coffee counter. At this area there was a good selection of monogrammed mugs and a variety of coffees, along with the additives like milk and sugar as well as hot water and tea. We both went with a dark roast coffee.



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The other item we received at the counter was a little metal number holder that we placed on our table so that the server knew where to deliver each order. We enjoyed our coffee and chatted while we waited for our meals to arrive.

My breakfast bowl had nice big chunks of potato home fries, along with scrambled eggs, sausage, peppers and onions and it was topped with cheese. I did not need to eat lunch that day. Janice's burrito (stuffed with scrambled eggs, sausage, peppers, onions and cheddar)

came with salsa and sour cream on the side. Her side of bacon was three hearty strips. Her comment was that she wished she could make bacon come out this nicely, crisp yet not over cooked, at home.

While eating we noticed some of the regulars going back to the coffee counter for a refill, so we did as well, getting another half cup or so each, just to be able to sit back and enjoy a bit more of the morning. We bussed our dishes to the designated counter and headed back to the main counter to add a cash tip to the "tip jar" followed by a lovely drive home.



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## Can New England Feed Itself in the Years to Come?

DURHAM, NH - A new report puts forth a regional goal of producing and consuming 30% of New England's food needs in the region by 2030. Commissioned by the New England State Food System Planners Partnership, a collaboration between the NH Food Alliance, five other state-level organizations, and Food Solutions New England, it outlines the role New Englanders can play in making the region's food system stronger and more self-reliant. The report— A Regional Approach to Food System Resilience— is a product of sixteen researchers exploring the opportunities and needs along the food supply chain in New England, and highlights the land, sea, and labor needs of the region, consumer purchase metrics, distribution trends, and population projections that will impact the region's ability to feed itself in the coming years.

"We all experienced the limitations of relying on a global supply chain during the height of the pandemic," said Nicole Cardwell, Program Director of the NH Food Alliance. "Becoming more self-reliant requires us to understand and strengthen our regional food system: building up needed infrastructure, protecting farmland, and ensuring that New England's farmers and fishermen can sustain themselves and their families. In return, we'll have stronger local economies and a more predictable food system that is less susceptible to interruptions like natural disasters or public health emergencies."

The report, released publicly today, illustrates New Hampshire's potential role in strengthening both the local and regional food systems. New Hampshire is home to only 9% of New England's population and 11% of the region's farmland. Despite that, New Hampshire's central location in the region and production capabilities will be key in strengthening the region's food system. New Hampshire can serve as a processing hub for the region's food, capitalizing on the rich farmland to the east and west and the

dense consumer centers to the south, thus strengthening the entire region's ability to feed itself year-round.

Currently, total food and beverage expenditures in New England range between \$55.2 billion and \$87.1 billion and are estimated to reach \$98.4 billion by 2030. New Englanders would have to spend between \$16.6 billion and \$26.1 billion to reach 30% of expenditures currently, and \$29.5 billion by 2030. On a per capita basis, the average New Englander would currently have to spend between \$1,152 and \$1,760 on regional food and beverage products per year to reach the 30% goal.

"It is critical that we work together to increase the amount of food that we produce in the region. We cannot expect that there will never be disruptions in our national and international food distribution system. It is our challenge to ensure that we are able to build a regional system that will ensure that New England is able to produce enough food to provide for any shortages that might occur in the coming years. Beyond the possibility of such disruptions we should also recognize that maintaining our farmland and providing access to the freshest possible products is in the best interests of all our citizens," said Shawn Jasper, Commissioner of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food.

## More Dates and More Vendors Planned for the Food Truck Popup @ The Pavilion

St. Johnsbury, VT – The Food Truck Popup @ the Pavilion is back for its second year, produced by Discover St. Johnsbury to bring delicious foods and fun to the Trailhead Pavilion at 195 Bay Street in downtown St. Johnsbury. Due to popular demand, the series has expanded, taking place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each summer month— June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, & August 8 & 22, from 4:30pm - 7:30pm. There are also more food vendors planned for each event, plus live music, corn hole, and more! "We had an amazing turnout for these events last year," says Gillian Sewake, Director of the Discover St. Johnsbury. "The message was loud and clear that we needed to add more dates, and additional vendors. St. J sure loves food trucks!!"

For the first event on Tuesday, June 13, vendors include:

- Avelie's Sweet Treats, serving ice cream and other desserts
- Genuine Jamaican, serving jerk, curries, and jamaican pasties
- Lady Shaye's Catering, serving sliders, wings, homemade mac and cheese, and other fried goodies
- NEK Catering, serving sandwiches and grab & go foods
- San Song Kitchens, serving Korean cuisine
- Smokin' Somethin' BBQ, serving pulled pork, brisket, ribs, tacos, and chili dogs

• Vulgar Display of Poutine, serving scratch-made poutine, with gluten free and vegan options

• Woodbelly Pizza, serving wood-fired pizzas  
St. Johnsbury's own Loud Moon will provide live music, and Denelle Noyes will be doing face painting. Plus, the weekly gravel bike meetup hosted by guide Land Animal Adventures meets at the pavilion each Tuesday at 5:30pm. Later events include a rotating list of vendors, which include Mexi-Rico Autentico, Kingdom Kreperie, Maria's Kusina, Chef Nadav, Rocky's New York Style Hot Dogs, Shrubby's Smokeshack, Farm to Fire Pizza, and Mo's Backyard BBQ.

The full vendor lineup for all six dates can be found at [www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/foodtruckpopup](http://www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/foodtruckpopup), or you can call the Welcome Center at 802-748-8575 for more info. These events are rain or shine. Consider bringing a picnic blanket or seating in case picnic tables are full. Limited parking is available at the pavilion, including ADA accessible spots. If the parking area is full, you'll find more spots at Depot Square Park and the free Pearl Street Lot, with the pavilion a short walk away through the 'honking tunnel'.

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## NH State Budget To Governor

On June 8, the stars were truly aligned, as the NH House of Representatives concurred with the Senate and approved the STATE BUDGET for FY24 and FY25. Never before in recent years has the state budget been approved by such an overwhelming majority! Both bills, HB1 - the fiscal appropriation bill and HB2 - the policy bill directing how fiscal appropriations are spent, passed with wide margins, 351 - 25 and 326 - 53. NH's operating budget for the next biennium is absolutely a result of a bipartisan partnership and a willingness to compromise and solve many very difficult statewide needs.

Prior to passage of the budget, some outspoken representatives, including the media, gave passage of the budget little chance. That perspective never came to fruition, as the majority refused to listen to a very small vocal minority and remained focused on resolving statewide needs. Crucial need areas such

as education, affordable housing, healthcare and public safety are addressed in the state budget. Establishing statewide priorities can be achieved, if representatives and senators put families first and remember that during times of economic hardship, elected officials (local, state and national) must work together, listen, and manage limited resources effectively.

I am especially pleased that the legislature has delivered the Governor and the citizens of New Hampshire a responsible, bipartisan spending plan that meets the needs of our state and addresses top education, housing, health care and public safety priorities without raising taxes. No budget is perfect, but with the support of Republican and Democrat leadership, critical challenges impacting family life and business have been met.

Among key challenges, Medicaid expansion was resolved by extending cur-

rent expansion for another seven years. As Senator Jeb Bradley announced, "This is the right thing to do...by making sure that the 50 to 60,000 people depending on Medicaid expansion as communicated by all the providers, the hospitals, and the business community," continue to have access to health care.

When the House Speaker called me at 10:00PM, the evening before the vote, asking if I would be able to speak to the caucus regarding the differences between the House and Senate education funding formulas the next morning, I willingly agreed. Passage of the budget took many of these late evenings and untold miles driven to and from Concord, but as with any job, it takes time, effort, and a belief that each one of us can make a positive difference. In regard to education funding, I am attaching a brief table that identifies current funding levels for local districts contrasted with new preliminary estimates reflected in the FY24 - FY25 approved budget.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rep Rick Ladd  
Chair, House Education

	Current Law This Biennium	FY24 & FY State Budget Combined	Difference /+ or -
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# Windows

by Elinor Mawson

It's that time of year again--summer maintenance projects. Septic tank and windows.

Sounds easy, doesn't it? Call the septic people, they come, pump it out, go away. Call the window guy, he comes... OHHHHHHH. Not that easy!

We live on the bank of a river. Overlooking that river, we have four huge windows, with transom windows over those. We decorate those windows. On the transoms we display different colored glass pieces -- bottles, cups, vases, Green in one, blue in another, red in a third and purple in the fourth. Guests who come in always mention them--they understand what we have tried to do.

And on the sills. we have an eclectic collection of decoys and miniature canoes. (I won't mention the dust and odd pieces of this and that which accompany all of it)

Needless to say, These items all have to be taken down, cleaned and returned when the windows are cleaned. And in the meanwhile, we have to

find space to store them while the windows are being washed. Not fun!

Our room looks like a maze. All the furniture has to be moved into the middle of the room. This includes big house plants as well. We have to find alternate routes to the couch, being careful not to knock some "treasure" to the floor.

My poor husband hates ladders, but he bites the bullet every other year when the window man comes. And we try not to mind when it's time to put everything back again. I await his language, and he doesn't disappoint. With great toleration on the part of both of us, we finally get the job done. AHHH! Two more years before we have to do this again!

I have to say it has all been worth it though. Our colored glass looks fabulous without its dust and dead flies. We can see the water sparkling in the river. And when the sun comes out, we can look through our windows and see everything without rain spatters, dust and other dribs and drabs that the seasons leave behind.

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# “Weather Wise: The Science of Weatherlore”

Haverhill Library presents: Mark Breen’s lecture: “Weather Wise: The Science of Weatherlore” on Tuesday June 13, 7:00 PM at Alumni Hall in Haverhill. Free Admission and light refreshments.

“Red at night, sailors’ delight”. We’ve all heard, if not used, this or other phrases to forecast the weather. These weather sayings are collectively known as “weatherlore”, and while most of us access a smart phone, radio or TV for weather forecasts, these time-tested proverbs continue to delight, amuse, and inform people who depend on the weather for their enjoyment or livelihood. Mark Breen, will share these sayings, and discuss which ones are more reliable. Mr. Breen will examine how these sayings have evolved, and how most hold true to some very sound scientific principles. The talk is light and entertaining, and will be followed by questions, and the audience is welcome to share their favorite weather sayings.

Mark Breen is the Senior Meteorologist and Planetarium Director at the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, and for over 40 years he has been the morning voice of weather on Vermont Public’s “An Eye on the Sky”, as well as several local radio stations. He is also



the author of the award-winning children’s book, “The Kid’s Book of Weather Forecasting”, and the newly printed “Aratus: Phenomenae”, by Janus Press. Along with weather forecasting for radio and newspapers, his work at the Museum involves teaching weather and science, as well as serving as the Planetarium Director for the Lyman Spitzer, Jr. Planetarium, Vermont’s only public planetarium.

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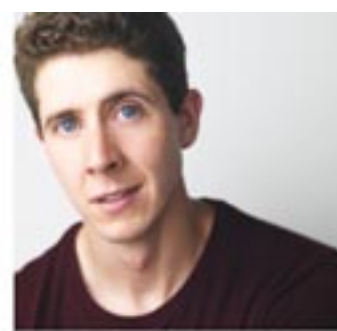
WHITEFIELD, NH - The Weathervane Theatre is proud to announce the cast and creative team for Jersey Boys. Sponsored by Presby Steel LLC, this thrilling rock and roll musical plays a limited engagement at the Weathervane June 9 - June 18, 2023.

JERSEY BOYS is the international musical phenomenon that takes you behind the scenes — and behind the music — of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. The smash-hit musical chock full of chart-topping hits including “Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You,” “Dawn,” and “My Eyes Adored You” and more is recommended for ages 12+. Fresh off its 17 year New York run, this Tony-winning smash makes its Weathervane debut.

Playing that famous quartet are Broadway’s Kyle Matthew Hamilton (SpongeBob) as Tommy DeVito, Broadway’s Ben Laxton (Book of Mormon) as Bob Gaudio, Weathervane alum Thomas Henke (A Chorus Line) as Nick Massi and Matthew Joseph Hoffman as Frankie Valli. Rounding out the



Kyle Matthew Hamilton



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Matthew Joseph Hoffman

cast are Oleode Oshotse (Hal Miller), Jake Waford (Hank Majewski), T.J. Wagner (Bob Crewe), Adam McDowell (Norm Waxman), Nick Deapo (Joey), Ethan Paulini (Gyp DeCarlo), Julia Bogdanoff (Mary Delgado), Kate Zulauf (Lorraine) and Carolina Miranda (Francine). Thomas Henke is the dance captain.

Jersey Boys is directed by Ethan Paulini with associate direction and choreography by Jessica Chen and music direction by Andrew Morrissey. Jersey Boys features design by Scout Hough (lighting design and production management), Robert Salerno (sound and projection design), Rien Schlecht (costume and set design) and Billy Smith (properties design). Additional creative team: Makenna Allen (scenic charge), Camden Dalie Keech, Kristine Schlachter (production stage manager), Emma Jordan, and Sydnei Williams (assistant stage management).

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# Calendar of Events

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 13

VETERANS ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

FOOD TRUCK POP-UP  
4:30 - 7:30 PM See Article on Page 3  
Trailhead Pavilion, St. Johnsbury

THE SCIENCE OF WEATHERLORE  
7:00 PM See Article on Page 5  
Alumni Hall, Haverhill

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

MR. TOM'S PERFORMANCE  
10:00 AM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

FLAG DAY CEREMONY  
5:00 PM See Ad on Page 3  
4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION  
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ARTS & CULTURE SERIES: HUDSON RIVER  
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7:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

## THURSDAY, JUNE 15

TERRIFICALLY TASTY TOMATOES  
10:30 AM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

ACORN CLUB STORYTIME  
10:30 AM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

ATHENAEUM HALL GALLERY RECEPTION:  
ROCK WATER FORMS BY PAULA HEPBURN  
5:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

FATHER'S DAY OXEN PULL  
9:00 AM See Ad on Page 11  
North Haverhill Fairgrounds

FOUNDERS CELEBRATION DOG PARTY  
12:00 - 4:00 PM See Article on Page 12  
Dog Mountain, St. Johnsbury

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

FATHER'S DAY HORSE & PONY PULL  
9:00 AM See Ad on Page 11  
North Haverhill Fairgrounds

## MONDAY, JUNE 19

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 22

NEK AUTHORS READING: NATALIE KINSEY-WARNOCK, BOB JOLY, BOB HUNT  
1:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

PIZZA PIZZAZZ @ PAPA TIROZZI'S  
2:30 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

INQUISITIVE READERS BOOK CLUB  
6:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

2024 TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN  
7:00 PM See Article on Page 15  
Weeks State Park, Lancaster

## FRIDAY, JUNE 23

ACORN CLUB STORYTIME  
10:00 AM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

FRIDAY FLICKS: RATATOUILLE  
3:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

SUMMER READING MOVIE NIGHT:  
MAMMA MIA!  
7:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24

CRAFT & VENDOR EVENT  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM See Ad on Page 16  
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

WELLS RIVER COMMUNITY PICNIC  
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
Berry Memorial Field, Wells River  
See Article on Page 1 & Ad on Page 7

OLD TYME COUNTRY DANCE  
7:30 - 10:00 PM See Ad on Page 11  
West Newbury Hall

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

LAMPLIGHT SERVICES  
7:00 PM  
Old North Church, Danville, VT

## MONDAY, JUNE 26

YOUNG ARTIST  
10:00 AM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27

FOOD TRUCK POP-UP  
4:30 - 7:30 PM See Article on Page 3  
Trailhead Pavilion, St. Johnsbury

OLD NORTH CHURCH LAMPLIGHT SERVICE  
7:00 PM  
Old North Church, Danville, Vermont

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

DRESS THE SHELVES  
3:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

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LORCAS  
7:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

## FRIDAY, JUNE 30

ACORN CLUB STORYTIME  
10:30 AM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

## SATURDAY, JULY 1

RED, WHITE & BREW  
4:00 PM See Ad on Page 12  
American Legion Post, Woodsville

## TUESDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
11:00 AM Parade 10:00 PM Fireworks  
Woodsville, NH & Wells River, VT  
See Article on Page 7

## FRIDAY, JULY 7

BEER-STADT FEST AT THE ATHENAEUM  
5:00 PM  
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

## SATURDAY, JULY 8

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# 6 Nights of One Acts! at OCT

by Gary Scruton

Live performances is one of my favorite means of entertainment. When it is live, and especially in person, then there is always a sense of "What will happen next?" or even, was that planned, or did it just happen? Even in a well scripted and rehearsed performance there can be changes from one presentation to the next.

It is always a treat to Janice and I when we get a chance to see a play at Old Church Theater. Not only is that air of mystery present, but most often we know at least one of those persons on stage which to me simply magnifies the enjoyment.

The latest production at Old Church Theater certainly had all of those factors. Plus on the night we attended there was additional entertainment by people we know. I will mention Paul and John Hunt by name. They performed an skit from Albert & Costello that is close to 100 years old, yet still relevant, and funny, today. "Who's on First?" is a great skit performed admirably by this father and son duo.

But the playbill was much more aimed at the three one act plays that were to be performed each of the six nights of this run.

First on the agenda for the evening we visited was Inspiration. If you are up on your Shakespeare (that's SHAQ-spear) then

you would hear the many references to famous lines that "Will" would eventually right. From the wondering mind and mouth of Agnes, to Will's friend Richard, the lines were spit out and written down. Well done to all three actors.

The Jersey Bad Boys were next. It actually should read Boys & Girls as Lefty, Louie and Laverne headed to Lefty's mother's house to lay low from the law. Of course things did not go as planned because Louie did not follow all the instructions. But the surprise really happened when the cops appeared and Beatrice showed her true roots.

Third on the night's performance list was "On the Porch". A simple setting with two chairs, two actresses, and two cups of tea. Of course we should not forget about the additional vials of "antidote" that each spy held in secret. Death scenes can always be difficult to perform when doing it live.

This review will not appear until after the sixth night has already happened, so if you missed this set of offerings from Old Church Theater, then I'm sorry for your loss. If you were able to take them in, then I hope you enjoyed your evening of entertainment. Either way there will be more this season, so make your plans now to laugh, cry, or just scratch your head.

# Woodsville & Wells River To Again Host Independence Day Celebration

Since 1981 the villages of Woodsville, NH and Wells River, VT have hosted one of the biggest and best Independence Day celebrations in the North Country. This 4th of July event has always taken place on whatever day July 4 may fall on. This year it is a Tuesday, and not that far away.

Over the years many things have changed with this celebration, not to mention the people who step up to make it happen. One thing that has remained the same is that the Gigantic Parade starts in Woodsville and travels along Route 302 into Wells River. At one time it formed at Newman Lumber, now it is formed mostly at the Woodsville Elementary School. The parade continues to be made up of floats by area businesses and non-profits or family groups, as well as plenty of walking or riding individuals, along with some paid entertainment. Of course it is led by the local veterans organizations. Plus there are always plenty of fire trucks being displayed by proud fire fighters. To enter there is still no fee and cash prizes are given out in three different categories.

The Grand Marshall for this year's parade is Archie Steenburgh, while the honor of Parade Marshall goes to Bob Williams. Be sure to say "Hi" to them when they pass in the parade. Look for the souvenir booklet to read the full bios on these two very deserving men.

The day's activities are far from done when the parade finishes. The Woodsville Community

Field plays host to Vertical Attractions, a NH based group with plenty of inflatable and fun for young and old. Plus there is a Bingo tent, face painting, a flea market and plenty of food choices around the basketball court. Maybe you would like to raise some money for your favorite charity. You can do that by taking your turn in the dunk tank.

Of course the finishing touch to any 4th of July celebration is the fireworks display. This year a new fireworks company is taking over this task. NorthStar Fireworks out of East Montpelier, Vermont has been hired to cap off the day's celebration. They will still be using the same location as the past few years, the sand pit on the south end of Wells River village. This means that the very best place to watch this display is from the Woodsville Community Field.

One other aspect of

this day is that as it was in 1981 there is no charge for anyone to watch the parade or visit the Community Field. However, if you would like to donate to help fund this event the committee has a cash raffle that will be drawn about 9:00 pm on July 4. \$1,000 is the top prize for that raffle. And new this year, there will be a 50/50 raffle drawn during the fireworks display. The winning number will be posted at the office on the field and paid out right then and there.

It is a small but very dedicated group of local citizens that plan and execute this massive undertaking each year. If you would like to be part of this committee or just volunteer for an hour or two please contact the committee using the website [www.wvr4th.org](http://www.wvr4th.org) or through the FaceBook page. And be sure to "Party Like It's 1776"

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### Letter to the Editor: What's To Fear About Woke?

To the Editor,  
In the 1700's we feared Witchcraft; 1950's McCarthyism had us afraid of Communists; now 2023 fear mongers are vilifying WOKE.

Really? Let's look at our history? It's a fantasy that the Puritans sailed across the ocean and with the wave of a wand created a perfect country. Along with writing our Constitution, when they weren't burning witches our forebears were eradicating indigenous peoples, and building an economy on slave labor! (Did you know that the White House was built with slave labor?)

What is WOKE? It's a term coined by Black Americans in 2013 that raised awareness of racial injustices. Merriam-Webster says that "To be 'woke' politically . . . means that someone is informed, educated and conscious of social injustice and racial inequality."

Fortunately, I think we are grown up enough to teach about the bad parts of our past as well as the phenomenally good ones. To not do so would be to "sanitize" our history, not "delegitimize" it. "Knowledge" is another word for WOKE, and Knowledge is not something to fear.

Now Governor DeSantis will have us fear Democrats because they will "teach WOKE" in our schools. He says that "What you see now with the rise of this WOKE ideology is an attempt to really delegitimize our history and to delegitimize our institutions . . ."

Anita Craven  
Easton, NH

Anita,  
*Thank you for teaching me something. being honest, I was not aware of the meaning of WOKE. Saying that I can also say that I have always believed in knowing and even embracing our past, our history. Sure, as a country, we have not been perfect. Far from it. But with each step forward we strive to get better. And we take those steps forward, and not backward, because we know the history.*

*I know that I have made mistakes in my life. I try to learn from them and not make those big mistakes again (sometimes unsuccessfully). As a country we need to strive to do the same thing.*  
Gary Scruton, Editor

## Grafton County Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service Announce Local Working Group Meeting

North Haverhill NH - Conservation Districts work with farm and forest landowners to let them know that federal technical and cost-share assistance is available for approved conservation practices through Farm Bill Programs. Conservation practices are designed and implemented to address resource concerns that improve water and air quality, reduce soil loss and improve energy efficiency. Examples of conservation practices include: a fencing system, spring development and animal trails for rotational grazing, forest stand improvement, cover cropping, seasonal high tunnels, improving pollinator and wildlife habitat. Installed conservation practices benefit the environment, the landowner, and local contractors hired to complete the practices. The process of deciding which resource concerns are most critical requires guidance and knowledge of local needs, identified by a Local Working Group. Local Working Groups provide input to the State Technical Committee and the State Conservationist to help identify conservation needs, resource concerns, program priorities, and recommendations for program implementation at a state and local level.

from 1:00PM – 3:00PM on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at the Extension Conference Room, Grafton County Complex, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill. This is your opportunity to identify locally important natural resource concerns and significant geographic areas of concern, discuss technical and programmatic recommendations, offer input on public information or outreach campaigns, review guidance on ranking criteria and application evaluation, provide guidance on eligible conservation practices and identify Climate Smart Ag and Forestry needs in the local area, and need for local projects of high conservation need.

The agenda items to be discussed include: Welcome and Introductions, Review Purpose of Local Working Group and Meeting Objectives, Conservation Program Overview, Resource Concerns and Conservation Programs Discussion, and Closing Remarks.

The Grafton County Conservation District Local Working Group meeting is open to the public. If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Pam Gilbert at (603) 787-6973, or by e-mail at pamela.gilbert@nh.nacdn.et.net by June 7, 2023.

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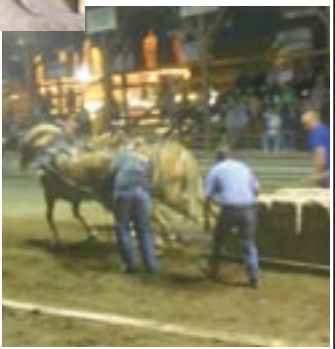
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## Should You Consider 401(k) Loans or Withdrawals?

At some point, you may have more money in your 401(k) than in any other investment. And even though your 401(k) is intended for your retirement, you may one day think you have to tap into your account early — but should you? And if you do, how should you go about it?

If it's possible to avoid taking money from your 401(k) before you retire, you probably should do so. You could spend 25 or more years in retirement, and you'll need to pay for those years, so you may want to look for alternatives to your 401(k). If you've built an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses in cash or cash equivalents, you could use some of this money. If you have a Health Savings Account (HSA), you could use it to pay for qualified medical expenses. Or you could sell some of your

need, you'll want to carefully consider how to go about it. You typically have two main choices: loans or withdrawals.

For plans that allow loans, employees can generally borrow up to 50% of the vested amount of their 401(k)s, up to a maximum of \$50,000 within a 12-month period. Administrative fees may apply, and Interest will be charged, but it will be added back to the 401(k) account as part of the loan repayments. Except when they're used for a home purchase, loans must be repaid within five years, with equal payments made at least quarterly, unless payments are allowed to be paused temporarily. If you leave the company or don't repay the loan according to the agreement, the loan balance will likely be treated as a taxable distribution.

Now, let's consider withdrawals. For 401(k) plans that allow current employees to make withdrawals, the withdrawal requests are usually considered either hardship or non-hardship. To qualify for a hardship withdrawal, you must demonstrate an immediate and heavy financial need to pay for certain expenses, including a home purchase, college, a medical issue or other specified

costs, and your withdrawal is limited to the amount necessary to meet the need. Non-hardship withdrawals can typically be taken for any purpose but usually are not granted until you're 59½ or older.

Unlike with a loan, a hardship withdrawal can't be repaid, while a non-hardship withdrawal can usually only be repaid by rolling over the amount to an IRA within 60 days. But the bigger issue may be taxes. If you withdraw funds from your 401(k), any previously untaxed money is generally taxed as ordinary income and a 10% penalty will apply if you're younger than 59½, unless you qualify for an exception. Plus, your 401(k) plan typically must withhold 20% of the withdrawal for taxes, so you'd have to take an even larger withdrawal to meet your needs.

Before embarking on a 401(k) loan or withdrawal, you may want to consult with a financial professional and your tax advisor. Taking money from your 401(k) is a big move, so make sure you know everything that's involved.

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This doggone good day will be packed with tail-wagging fun, paying homage to the lives and love of our dear founders. Whether you're a dog owner or just a canine enthusiast, you won't want to miss the celebrations.

The Founders Celebration Dog Party promises a plethora of activities for both dogs and their owners to enjoy. Move to the rhythm of live music provided by The Chris White Band while partaking in delightful delicacies from local food trucks and vendors.


Dogs can let their fur down with fun-filled activities, an agility course, and our signature Dog Contests, while their human companions can enjoy laid-back lawn games, an exciting raffle, and a bounce house.

Come for the day to enjoy Dog Mountain's 150 acres of doggie mountain-top paradise. Covered with green fields and meadows, dog ponds, hiking trails, and breathtaking views, Dog Mountain is an enchanting location to run, romp, and play. Visiting families and their dogs will have a ball exploring

the vast grounds, moving Dog Chapel, and whimsical Stephen Huneck Gallery. With hundreds of guests and dogs expected, this is an event that you don't want to miss.

The Founders Celebration Dog Party is free to the public and will be held rain or shine.

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# Workshops at The Colonial Bring the Audience into the Story

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The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, New Hampshire is proud to partner with Our Story NH, a collaborative project led by two public health professionals with a passion for storytelling, and guided by a community-based project council. Our Story NH seeks to create, share and collect stories across New Hampshire via multiple media and from multiple sectors of life, experience, feelings, hopes, and thoughts of life during, before, and in anticipation of a post-pandemic reality. Participants in the June 24th and 25th workshop at The Colonial Theatre will be led through a two-day facilitated process involving narrative writing, group discussion, voice-over, and video creation, which will result in a short-form first-person digital story. The workshop will culminate in a public screening event and panel discussion with the storytellers on Thursday, June 29 at The Colonial Theatre. No experience is required to participate and storytellers will receive a \$100 gift card as appreciation for their participation. Accommodations and interpreter services will be provided as needed, as well as lunch during both workshop days. This opportunity is limited to 10 people and registration is available at [www.bethlehemcolonial.org](http://www.bethlehemcolonial.org).

"We're thrilled to partner with Our Story this year. The Colonial gets to



bring so many great stories to the community from the wider world, it feels like we are coming full circle with this opportunity to share the stories of the North Country", says Susanna Brent, Director of Programming at the Colonial Theatre.

July at The Colonial also brings the return of the White Mountain Cinema Camp. High School students ages 14-18 will work with industry professionals to learn and experience the cinematic process from script to screen. Students will learn how to build a story, use tools in pre-production, and work with professional equipment using standard editing practices to create a polished product. During their time at the camp, the students will create a group short film and learn new skills to create their own films beyond the classroom. The final film will be presented in a world premiere screening at The Colonial Theatre where students will also share their experiences in an onstage Q&A on Sunday, July 23rd. This third year of the program has seen swift enrollment with space re-

maining for only five more students. Students interested in the White Mountain Cinema camp at The Colonial Theatre should apply at [www.bethlehemcolonial.org](http://www.bethlehemcolonial.org).

The mission of the Friends of The Colonial is to inspire and invite participation in the cultural conversation by preserving and improving this historic landmark theatre, providing high-quality film and performing arts programming and quality family entertainment, and offering a vision of small-town revitalization based on the arts.

To learn more about upcoming movies and events, purchase tickets, or become a member or volunteer please visit [www.BethlehemColonial.org](http://www.BethlehemColonial.org). While you are there, sign up for regular email updates or follow The Colonial on Instagram (@bethlehemcolonial), Facebook (Facebook.com/BethlehemColonial), or Twitter (@ColonialNH).

# WHS Graduate Receives Amy Dutton Memorial Scholarship

We are deeply honored to announce that the prestigious Amy Dutton Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association, has once again found its home in Woodsville High School! This respected scholarship recognizes one male and one female varsity soccer player each year across all divisions in memory of Amy Dutton, a beloved teacher and coach from New Hampshire. Since 2018, we've proudly seen three of our Woodsville High School graduates receive this accolade:

2018 - Alyssa Prest  
2022 - Michael Maccini  
And now, we celebrate the 2023 female recipient, Courtney Taylor!

Join us in congratulating Courtney Taylor on this tremendous honor, reflect-



ing her exceptional contribution to the sport and embodying the values that Amy Dutton cherished. Here's to the continued excellence of our student-athletes at Woodsville High School!

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# What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

## All About the Class of 2023

Graduation is upon us, colleges and high schools are preparing their graduates for the celebration of academic achievement, "Academic Achievement is the progress made towards the goal of acquiring educational skills, materials, and knowledge, usually spanning a variety of disciplines." per link.springer.com. This year, our graduates have shown great resilience, becoming educated in spite of the pandemic that had them socially distanced for over a year.

It was March 16, 2020 that sent our community home to be socially distanced. The hope was to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 and save lives. We found out how good our internet service was and how well students did when they did not have person to person interactions while trying to learn. Parents stepped up to assist with the educational process and the school administrators brainstormed ways to better serve our community as a whole.

We remember the buses delivering care packages of food for students and families. We remember the families standing outside of hospitals and nursing homes holding their "I love you" signs for their sick relatives. We remember the food shortages and the brave people working at the cash registers. We remember being alone and isolated with nothing but sadness on the television. We remember the fear, the fear of the unknown, as it felt like there was nobody who could fix the problem.

During the pandemic, I leaned on government

publications and John Hopkins Medical Center for the facts. Information seemed to change daily, but that was my perception. Now looking back, www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov, "Measures to break the chain of virus transmission and to control the COVID-19 pandemic have caused major problems in the economic, social, political and psychological spheres and have affected billions of people worldwide. The COVID-19 pandemic crisis has caused widespread unrest in society and unprecedented changes in lifestyle, work and social interactions, and increasing social distance has severely affected human relations."

In public schools, the time spent social distancing has stunted children's social development and their ability to interact in public and recognize social cues."

A May 2022 survey found more than 80% of public schools reported "stunted behavioral and socioemotional development" in their students because of the COVID-19 pandemic," a 56% increase in "classroom disruptions from student misconduct," and a 49% increase in "rowdiness outside of the classroom." All schools surveyed reported a 55% increase in "student tardiness." The use of cell phones, computers, or other electronics when not permitted for all schools increased by 42%." per www.the74million.org.

Learning how to behave in public again, reestablishing social relationships and behaviors were added to student academic life and catching

up on lost educational opportunities has become school life. Learning what is the expectations of the working world and where skills need to be developed for the future world we are facing is what is handed to every graduate. What we know now is that even the most educated people do not have all of the answers. With that, we also now know that education is not ever complete, we must strive to continue our educational journey if we are to grow with this ever changing world.

Now as we welcome our new graduates into the world, I ask that we be patient with them as they are going into a world that they truly have not experienced before. They will be learning what their parents have been saying is true. These graduates will find out that their teachers have been sharing life skills and cautionary tales for a reason. They will discover that adult choices always come with consequences.

The "new" term "adulting" has been used a great deal of late. The practice of behaving in a way characteristic of a responsible adult, especially the accomplishment of mundane but necessary tasks. Per www.techtarget.com "Adulting is the assumption of tasks, responsibilities and behaviors traditionally associated with normal grown-up life, along with the implication that the individual in question does not particularly identify as an adult and that acting as one does not come naturally. Adult, in this context, is a verbed noun and is also used to describe forcing someone else, such as an employee, to behave like an adult."

Good luck to all of our graduates and congratulations to all of the parents and educators that worked so very hard to help them get to this point. The journey has just begun for these young adults.

# Long Live Trendy Times and Publications Like It

by Maggie Anderson

The current den mother in our local senior center here in Oregon, having witnessed a conversation - apparently more confrontation than conversation in her mind - has posted signs admonishing folks to avoid topics about politics, or religion. She almost gave us the trifecta, but barely escaped it when she decided to leave money out of the selections for her verbal ban. When Hank and I were newlywed, people warned us about the most problematic issues in a marriage. We were told they were politics, religion, sex, and money. They needn't have wasted their breath.

Hank and I have never had any money to fight over, we have worked out a system whereby, if he's not smart enough to vote my way on an issue, my vote cancels his out anyway, and we always shared the same spiritual foundation, the same belief system.

As for sex, we saw no point in wasting our time fighting over sex, because it was much more fun exploring our possibilities in that arena. But I digress.

The truth is, everybody who pays the senior center's annual dues, and shows up there for a coffee, a game of eight ball, or any of the classes, or activities offered, is well beyond an age requiring a hall monitor.

From my perspective,

by this age we have figured out a way to share a conversation about anything without the help of a third party to keep the discourse civil. We have also lived long enough to know how to share an opinion without telling everyone at the table, they're imbeciles just because they don't agree with us.

These days we need a place like that, a place to voice opinions, to bandy thoughts across the table. With so much happening at alarming speed, people need a place to hear what others think, especially a segment of the population often living alone and separated from regular verbal back and forth most families enjoy.

It is one of the reasons newspapers like Trendy Times are so important. They offer a place to voice opinions, an opportunity to be heard, heard by people we may never come close enough to talk to.

But the most important thing these publications do is offer the writer a chance to make a point without being bullied or interrupted, more importantly the writer can actually be heard.

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### BEEZWAX

By John Martin





# Total Solar Eclipse

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Weeks State Park Summer Program: A Once-in-Many Lifetimes Opportunity: The 2024 Total Eclipse of the Sun Thursday, June 22, 2023 Time: 7 pm Presented by Doug Arion

April 8, 2024 will be a unique occasion for New Hampshire - a Total Eclipse of the Sun will cross the northern portion of our state. What happens during an eclipse? How can you get to view it? What will you experience? What does this mean for the economy of the region? These and other aspects of the eclipse - including the science of the Sun and eclipses, will be addressed in this talk.

Douglas Arion, PhD is the founder and director of Mountains of Stars, a public science outreach and education program that engages the public with environmental awareness from a cosmic perspective. Nearly 70,00 members of the public have participated, and over 400 students, nature guides and educators have been trained in science communication.

Dr. Arion is Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy and Donald D. Hedberg Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Entrepreneurial Studies at

Carthage College. Previously, he was assistant vice president and head of the Applied Physics and Engineering Division of Science Applications International Corporation.

Dr. Arion co-founded Galileoscope to provide high-quality, low-cost telescopes for worldwide promotion of science education. He also led the effort to create the AMC Maine Woods International Dark Sky Park, which protects some 100,000 acres in Maine - the last substantial dark sky region in the eastern 2/3 of the US.

This event is being generously sponsored by The Granite Grind of Lancaster, NH.

This free program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park and will begin at 7pm. Come early and bring a picnic supper. Weeks State Park is located on the east side of Route 3, approximately 2 miles south of Lancaster, NH. Carpooling is strongly suggested if possible for the events.

The summer programs are sponsored by the Weeks State Park Association, NH Division of Parks, and UNH Cooperative Extension. "Thank You" to our local business supporters who help make the summer program series possible.

# Town of Newbury Shares Results from 2023 Community Survey on Town Plan Revision Effort

Newbury, Vermont – In March 2023, the Newbury Planning Commission invited input from area residents and property owners on the periodic update of the Newbury Town Plan. The survey remained open for nearly a month, until March 31, 2023, and over 180 respondents participated in the survey.

"The Planning Commission would like to thank everyone who took time to participate in our town-wide survey," said Larry Scott, chair of the Newbury Planning Commission, "Your thoughtful responses have given us a wealth of interesting and useful information about what's important to many of Newbury's residents. We look forward to letting this guide us as we update the Town Plan."

The results of the community survey, as well as an executive summary highlighting some key data from the public comments, are now available for review by the community. The report is posted on the Town of Newbury municipal web site at <https://www.newburyvt.org>

The survey questions covered a range of topics, including what kind of land uses and development needs that the Town of Newbury should focus on encouraging, and which should be discouraged; priorities for economic development in the community; the adequacy of infrastructure and services provided by the Town, and recreation resources. Lastly, the survey respon-

dents were asked questions related to future planning, such as the things they valued about the community, what they would change, and if they saw Newbury as heading in the right direction.

When asked why residents chose Newbury as their home, large majorities indicated that Newbury's rural character, the natural beauty of the area, and the sense of community to be found were significant factors for why they choose to live here.

In supporting future development in Newbury, many respondents indicated that a focus on agricultural resources and enterprises, home-based businesses, and service and professional businesses should be the main focus of land use development efforts. Many residents cited lack of affordable housing as a significant concern as well.

A large number of survey respondents expressed concern over the proposal by the State of Vermont and Vermont Permanency Initiative to locate a high security facility for juvenile offenders in the most remote area of the town – with some of those respondents urging the Newbury Planning Commission to tighten the Town Plan and Zoning By-laws to ensure that future projects that are inappropriate for the zoning area, or that create such impacts and burdens to the Town, would not be able to skirt Newbury's land use planning regulations.

For the most part, however, Newbury residents are happy with the community as it is, though many would welcome more services and businesses that could serve as gathering places for community connections between neighbors. Residents overall expressed an interest in maintaining the rural, agricultural character of the town, and

being thoughtful about the type and location of future development.

The Newbury Planning Commission will begin drafting revisions to the Newbury Town Plan in consultation with the Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Council (TRORC) and will use the community survey information to help guide those efforts.

The process for revising the Newbury Town Plan will take place in two phases. Since our current Town Plan expires in August of 2023, TRORC will work with the Newbury Planning Commission to complete a set of very basic updates that will bring our plan into compliance with current state law. This interim plan will be approved in August of 2023.

Once that phase is complete, the Newbury Planning Commission will begin the second phase in making further, substantive changes to the Town Plan based on the feedback from the community survey. Additional public input will be solicited through a series of community meetings that will allow residents another chance to review the Plan revisions and provide more feedback before the final, updated Town Plan is finalized and returned to TRORC for review and approval.

The process will be ongoing through the summer and autumn, and Newbury residents are welcome to join in our efforts to review and revise our Town Plan. The goal of the Newbury Planning Commission is to have a fully revised Newbury Town Plan by the end of the calendar year – December 2023.

Residents may contact Planning Commission Chair Larry Scott to get involved in the planning process – he can be reached at (802) 866-5650; [river-side\\_emus@hotmail.com](mailto:river-side_emus@hotmail.com).



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## Chocolate Chip Fudge Brownies

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How is everyone doing these days? I'm dealing with sciatica pain in my back, leg and butt. It's starting to feel better. For a few days I couldn't walk.

There's been quite a chill in the air. I've had to put my heat on just to take the chill out of the house. Did you see the news about these out of control wildfires in Canada? It's unbelievable haze. NYC looked really bad, you couldn't even see the skyline. I didn't have any problems near me but there was a warning about the air quality. This is a very terrible thing and I hope they contain these fires soon.

I'd like to send a shout out to Debra Kingsbury who wrote such kind words and enjoyed the Peachy Cake recipe. It means a lot to hear from my fellow chefs. Also my



cat Bella is doing so good. Thank you Deb.

Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. Talk about "Delizioso" these from scratch brownies are awesome and easy peasy. Believe it or not I have never before made brownies from scratch. I always bought a boxed one. So I was pleased with myself and you will be pleased also.

Ingredients  
1/2 cup butter softened (1 stick)  
1 cup granulated sugar

1 tsp Vanilla extract  
2 large eggs  
1/4 tsp baking soda  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/2 cup all purpose flour  
1/2 cup cocoa powder  
10 oz. Bag Ghirardelli 60% Cacao bittersweet chocolate chips. Splurge it's worth it!

1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
I chose a 9x13 metal pan but you can use 9 x 9 or 8 x 8. Different baking times below. Spray or lightly grease even non stick. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In electric mixing bowl or hand mixer and large bowl mix butter, sugar and vanilla extract till all fluffy. Add eggs one at a time mix well. In medium bowl whisk together the baking soda, salt, flour and cocoa powder. Slowly add to mixing bowl and mix well to make batter. Add chocolate chips and walnuts mix well. It will be thick. Spread in prepared pan. I put a sandwich bag on my hand and sprayed Pam on it and pressed the batter

evenly. Bake 18-19 minutes for 9x13 metal pan. Bake 25-26 minutes for 9x9 metal pan. Bake 30-31 minutes for 8x8 metal pan.

If you like a thicker brownie use a smaller pan. I liked the 9x13 I got 24 nice size pieces. It's hard to test because the chocolate melts. The top should be set. Cool completely before cutting.

Enjoy these wonderful treats. They are chocolatey and fudgy and your family will think you are a superstar.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Bon Appetito! Stay safe and healthy my friends. Until next time I am signing off,  
Sincerely,  
Cin Pin

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