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New Ownership At Trendy Times



As many of you may already know this is going to be my first issue of publishing Trendy Times. This has been such a huge decision, and I am very excited, scared, but most of all honored that my father Gary Scruton would trust me to take this over for him.

He will be semi retiring, for now as I of course will need lots of help. Then when I feel more confident I will completely take over.

For those of you that do not know me. My name is April I am 46 years old and was raised in the area most of my life. Graduated from Woodsville High School in 1996. I am a mother of an amazing 23 year old young man. My full-time job is with a 75-year-old gentleman named George Minshull whom I have been blessed and honored to have spent, as of the end of September, eight wonderful years and I am going to continue to do so for as long as I possibly can. Many of you may know him from us being out and about around town. I am a current res-

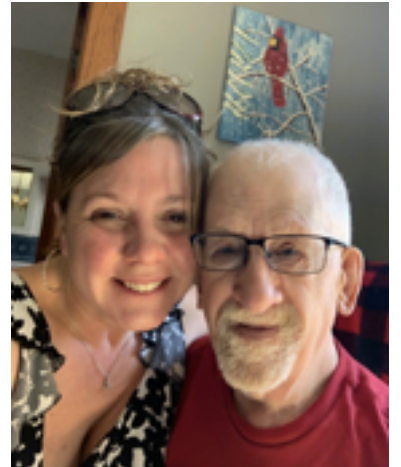
ident of South ryegate Vermont. I also work for Athena's Home Novelties which I have been with, on and off for aproxiamtly 10 years. You also may have seen my business card in the paper that has been running on and off over the years.

So I shall be very busy. I intend to make some changes, but still want it to remain mostly the same, except maybe for much bigger. Also a large audience. I am very excited for this new adventure. I would love to hear what our readers would like to see more of or less of. I have gotten some suggestions from many people that I have spoke to in the community and I am very interested in your suggestions and opinions.

My father Gary Scruton has done such an amazing job with the help of his wife Janice and staff to

keep this paper alive for the last 14 years. And I hope to continue to do so.

So if you are looking for advertising or would even like to put a story in the paper, please feel free to contact me at april@trendy-times.com or (802)461-9886 either by phone or email. Just over here keeping it trendy.



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TRENDY Dining Guide

Hungry Bear Pub & Grill

by April Scruton

I was very excited and honored to be able to write my very first review for the Trendy Dining Guide at a place to eat and to hang out that I have visited many times in the past. The Hungry Bear Pub & Grill is a favorite and I have seen many changes over many years.

My boyfriend Anthony and I made the drive to Bradford on a Thursday night. As we were headed there we messaged a friend who just happened to be there already. We made plans to join him for a bit of conversation.

We arrived at roughly

4:15. As we got there I had already decided I was getting their lobster dinner special which ran for the months of July and August so it was the last day for it.

The Thursday night band was getting ready to play in the outdoor pavilion. They were due to get under way at 6 PM.

I knew most of the patrons and all the waitstaff that were working there that night and as a regular Thursday night it was starting to get busy!

We sat around the bar near our friend to enjoy some conversation. We were immediately asked by the bartender, Heather, what we wanted to drink.

A Bud Light for me and for Anthony he had a Captain and Rootbeer.

The owner's husband, Mike, was there also so he visited with us for a while. As normal we saw many other regulars there.

I already knew I wanted the twin lobster special. It also came with corn on the cob and cole slaw. Anthony was not as hungry so he simply ordered the boneless buffalo wings which are listed as an appetizer on the menu. The Hungry Bear offers the wings in a number of flavors and styles. But Anthony knew it was Buffalo for him, at least on this particular night.

Both of our meals came out within a short amount of time. We both also got utensils. He enjoyed the wings, as he knew he would. My lobster special came with twin full lobsters and a nice big ear of corn on the cob along with their home made coleslaw. The meal was bound to be messy so it came with many napkins and a nut cracker. I believe I got more juice on myself and around me than I was supposed to. Oooppsssss. But it was just what I wanted.

Our friend decided he wanted food for home so he ordered up a burger to go.

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into the lobsters I was able to finish the entire meal. Anthony, as mentioned was not that hungry, so he got a take home box for his leftover wings.

With our meals finished we decided to head for home so we got the bill. It came to \$67.82. We added our tip to the card which our waitress took to run.

The John Lackered Blues band was the band

which was set to entertain that evening. We ended up leaving just as they were starting to play. The outdoor pavillion was already starting to become very busy. As we left we also got to see one of my best friends and her family who had the same idea as mine head for the Hungry Bear for lobster. As always it was a very enjoyable evening.



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Memphis-based, Grammy-nominated Southern Avenue inked their first record deal with legendary Stax Records in 2016. The first Memphis band signed to Stax in over 40 years, their self-titled debut was an immediate phenomenon, reaching #1 on iTunes' "Top Blues Albums" chart before being honored with the 2018 Blues Music Award for "Best Emerging Artist Album." 2019's KEEP ON proved an even greater success, debuting among the top 5 on Billboard's "Top Blues Albums" chart amidst worldwide critical acclaim, ultimately earning Southern Avenue their first GRAMMY® Award nomination, for "Best Contemporary Blues Album". In addition to the early success that the band has had with their recordings, they have also found a home on the road. The band has performed in 15 countries on three continents and averages over 150 shows in a typical year, making the group one of the most sought-after live performance experiences. Their high-energy shows have captivated audiences around the globe, making this eclectic group a must-see at venues and festivals alike.

Southern Avenue Live! at The Colonial is brought to you by Presenting Sponsors Carrie & Jim Hamblin. Doors and patio open at The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem at 7:00 PM, and the show starts at 8:00 PM. General Admission tickets are \$32 and Members General Admission tickets are \$20. Tickets are available online at 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,



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To learn more about upcoming movies and events, purchase tickets, or become a member or volunteer please visit

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But, Lest We Forget, the five souls who attended Wells River High School who died during World War II, a Memorial plaque in their honor will soon be hung, blessed, and welcomed to the community. On Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 PM on the front porch of the Wells River Welcome Center at 5 Railroad Street, there will be a ceremony to do just that.

The new plaque, acquired using a donation from the Wells River High

School Alumni Association, will be uncovered and blessed. There will be a history of the five men who perished: Albert "Skeet" Bailey, US Navy, died on board the USS Princeton in the Pacific Theater, Donald D. G. Bidwell, killed on a RCAF base in England, Frank Farnsworth, killed while in the US Navy in the Pacific Theater, Robert Flanders, US Navy, killed at Okinawa, and Leo Lamare, an Army veteran killed in Luxembourg.

There will also be a firing squad salute and the playing of taps.

The general public is welcomed and encouraged to attend this ceremony. Some chairs will be provided at this outdoor gathering.

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Managing Forestland with Landowner Objectives in Mind

UNH Extension is partnering with the Grafton County Conservation District (GCCD) on a 3-part workshop series, designed to increase understanding of the relationship between property ownership goals and objectives to on-the-ground practices.

The first two events will be held at the Grafton County forest - 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, NH Route 10, North Haverhill, NH. We will meet at farmstand across the road from county complex. Part 3 will be held in the complex, at the Grafton County UNH Cooperative Extension conference room.

Part 1 - The Landowner - September 22, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

At the woodlot, we will discuss different goals and objectives for owning and caring for a property, offer some basic options for management based on these goals, and discuss the process to get started.

Part 2 - The Professional - September 29, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

Based on goals & objectives from Part 1, we

will look at management options and silvicultural prescriptions/practices based on these goals, considering soils, species, site, markets, and more. We will talk about on-the-ground practices, equipment, and technologies best suited to achieve the desired results. Participants will learn some new options for managing forestland; programs available to assist; and options for equipment and technologies available to conduct the management work.

Part 3 - Putting it All Together - October 6, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Landowners and professionals will come together and results from the two previous field sessions will be discussed. Presentations on soils and Dirt-Trees-Wildlife will be made, along with presentations about programs available to provide technical or financial assistance for practices. There will be time for one-on-one conversations between landowners and professionals, NRCS staff, and Cooperative Extension specialists.

Light refreshments will be provided by GCCD during the final session. Donations are appreciated to cover the cost of food. Please register by September 29th for the final session for food planning purposes.

Registration is required. Contact Pam Gilbert at 603-787-6973, or pamelagilbert@nh.nacdn.et.net to register.

CEU's and PLP credits are pending.

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Lisbon Area Historical Society to Host Program on Local Wildflowers

LISBON – The Lisbon Area Historical Society (LAHS) will host a free public program on local wildflowers and their historical contexts on Wednesday, September 20 at 7pm at the LAHS Museum at 9 Depot Street in Lisbon. The presentation will be given by Sigmund and Anne Hudson, longtime summer residents of the Pearl Lake neighborhood in Lisbon. For years the Hudsons have enjoyed the peace and natural beauty of the North Country, especially all that nature provides around their home and the Pearl Lake area. Anne has made a

list of every wildflower, 136 different wildflowers to date, that she has found and then made a card with botanical information for each. She has displayed wildflowers and cards at venues such as Landaff Old Home Day and Lisbon Public Library, sometimes with an opportunity for viewers to guess a "mystery wildflower." The couple now provides a wildflower of the week for the new Lisbon Area Historical Society Museum.

"We are thrilled to host this program by the Hudsons so we can learn more about the varieties and history of the beautiful wildflowers we see every day in our area," says LAHS President, Dorothy Wiggins.

For more information call 603-838-2003 or visit www.lisbonareahistory.org. LAHS serves Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff, New Hampshire, with a mission is to preserve and promote the rich heritage of all three towns.

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An ACT volunteer will greet you in the morning, show you where to park and collect your \$10 yoga fee. We will then set up our mats (please bring your own!) and enjoy about an hour of movement, mindfulness and meditation while taking in the striking views of Pearl Lake.

Registration for both

classes is limited to 15 participants so please be sure to register ASAP as spaces will fill up quickly. To sign up for Class #1 on 9/9 at 9:30am go to <https://conta.cc/45vYo6R>. To sign up for Class #2 on 9/16 at 8:30am go to <https://conta.cc/3R2wRF> G.

ACT's Mindfulness series is a great way to get outside, explore new places, meet new friends, and enjoy some mindful movement. Check the ACT website or sign up for our monthly E-News to find out about future ACT events act-nh.org/education-events.

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Brett has led nature walks at the park for many years, Meet at the parking lot at the start of the scenic road up Mount Prospect at 1 PM. Bring a hand lens and flower guide if you like and dress for the weather. A paper

list of common fall wildflowers will be provided at the assembly point. The free program ends at 4 PM.

Brett Engstrom is a self-employed field ecologist and naturalist. He compiles inventories of natural communities and rare plants in New Hampshire and Vermont. Brett received his B.S. degree in biology from Earlham College in Indiana, and his M.S. degree from University of Vermont in the field naturalist program. Brett is working with other ecologists on the Northern Forest Atlas.

More information can be found at this link: <http://northernforestatlas.org/about/organization-personnel>

North Country New Works The Moonlight Series

WHITEFIELD, NH - The Weathervane Theatre announces a brand new initiative to celebrate new voices, new works, and the creative spirit. In September, it will launch a new play festival called North Country New Works, which will feature excerpts from 10 new plays and musicals, written by and featuring Weathervane company members. This festival is sponsored by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa.

The festival is coordinated by Danae DeShazer and Weathervane's Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini.

"It's an incredible honor to coordinate a new program at the Weathervane," said DeShazer, who has been seen as an actor, director, and other roles this season. "As this community knows, the Weathervane is an artist-driven company, and not only that, our artists tout themselves as multi-hy-

phenates who wear many hats. That's why this festival, subtitled as The Moonlight Series, will feature Weathervane company members in different disciplines. For example, our resident carpenter who helps to build and craft our scenic designs, will be presenting a dramatic scene he has written; or, our assistant stage manager has written several full-length plays. This festival gives us the opportunity to showcase the talents, creative spirit, and work from members of the Weathervane company in this unique festival."

Paulini adds, "Developing and supporting new works is important to my personal mission and we have been slowly but surely incorporating that into Weathervane's organizational mission with our previous relationship with Out of the Box Theatrics and now our first-ever commissioned World Premiere. I am committed to using our space and resources as a chance for new voices to be developed."

Each of the ten pieces are created, directed, and performed by members of Weathervane's Season 58 company. The pieces all vary in length, genre, style, and format; they include an exciting combi-

nation of play readings, excerpts from new musicals, stand-up comedy, and more. There will be an opportunity for audience members to provide thoughtful feedback in order to help these new works along their journey from page to stage. Each piece will be performed over a two-night festival on Sunday, September 10 at 6PM and Tuesday, September 12 at 7PM.

The pieces being featured include:

- When the Lights Go Out - a new comedy by Weathervane Stage Manager Whitley Body
- From the Trunk - musical excerpts and selections composed by Weathervane Resident Music Director Andrew Morrissey
- The University - a short dramatic scene by Weathervane Resident Carpenter Nick Prazniak
- The General and the Scholar - a solo bass piece composed by Weathervane Resident Bassist AC Muench
- Stand Up/Fall Down - a standup comedy routine by Weathervane Props Designer Kathryn Sutton
- Shakespearean Support Group - a new dramedy by Weathervane Company Actor Kimi Handa Brown
- Anthropocene Teen - a new musical by Weathervane Resident Drummer Mitch Perrins
- Glock 17 - a new play by Weathervane Technician Veronica Villalobos
- Illusions of Grandeur - excerpts from a new play by Weathervane Scenic Charge Pyper K Williams
- Exist - a biographical musical journey of original compositions by Weathervane's Director of Media Production and Acting Company member Ira Kramer.

Performed to in person audiences only, masks are not required, but always welcomed. The theatre has a new HVAC/Air Purification System that filters the air and provides heat and air conditioning.

North Country New Works performs on Sunday, September 10 at 6PM and Tuesday, September 12 at 7PM. Tickets for one performance of the festival are \$9. A pass good for both evenings is \$15.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

AUTUMN WILDFLOWR WALK
1:00-4:00 PM See Article on Page 5
Weeks State Park, Lancaster

MOONLIGHT SERIES

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Weathervane Theater, Whitefiled

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

ROSS-WOOD AUXILIARY UNIT #20 MEETING
6:00 PM
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HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING

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Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 MEETING
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WELLS RIVER WORLD WAR II DECICATION

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

2 LATE SMART
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TURKEY DINNER
5:00
East Concord United Methodist Church

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CONCERT ON THE COMMON

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6:00 PM
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

THE LANDOWNER - 3 PART SERIES
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Grafton County Forest, North Haverhill

The CLEMENTS BROS

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

ANNUAL CHICKEN PIE SUPPER
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OLD NORTH CHURCH LAMPLIGHT SERVICES
7:00pm
Old North Church Danville VT

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Live At Alumni Hall**



Coming to Alumni Hall on Friday, September 15th at 7:30 pm, 2 LATE SMART and friends perform a benefit concert for Court Street Arts.

A little south of folk, a little north of the blues, 2 Late Smart is a collaboration of Byron Berwick and Don Sinclair. Their sound is wide, stretching between the two accomplished guitarists with beautifully plucked melodies and counter melodies and lyrics tee-

tering between humble and heartfelt with no shortage of good humor. Joining them will be The Rough & Tumble, Bruce Brough, Paul Gardner, Monica Dicks and John Foster.

This will be a fun evening, with proceeds going towards future programming at Court Street Arts. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The Bailiff's Cafe will be open for beverages and desserts.

The Colonial Receives \$267,671 Matching Award from the Northern Border Regional Commission

The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH was recently named one of 65 recipients of the inaugural Catalyst Program award facilitated by the Northern Border Regional Commission, which pledged \$267,672 in matching grant money to support energy and technical upgrades to the historic building. "This is an incredible investment in the future of The Colonial" new Executive Director Brenna Nicely explained. "Supporting necessary upgrades to our energy efficiency and technology will not only benefit our building, but will also help us contribute to the sustainability of our community, continue to improve the experience of our audience, and take steps towards offering high-quality arts experiences to our community year-round."

The Colonial's Catalyst award recognizes the importance of The Colonial to the economic health of our community. According to Americans for The Arts, in a typical year, the Theatre returns over \$500,000 to our community. In recognition of this fact, and of the unique needs of operating a his-



toric cultural organization in the North Country, NBRC-funded projects will include needed energy efficiency upgrades, including solar array, roofing, insulation, and heat-sealing projects, and technical upgrades to stage lighting, sound, and front-of-house systems.

"This award marks an important opportunity for our community to come together to usher The Colonial into the 21st century. Since this is a matching grant, we will be busy over the next few years raising the matching funds to support these important projects, and I welcome those interested in contributing to support the cultural enrichment, inspiration, and expanded horizons that The Colonial has always and will continue to offer our community," Nicely added.

The Commission's Catalyst Program awards announced on August 23 will be granted to communities in the Commission's member states of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont, totaling \$43.5 million in new awards. Supported projects include diverse initiatives supporting economic development across the region. Catalyst Program projects will unfold over the next three years, and all of this year's awardees

are listed on the NBRC's website, www.nbrc.gov.

"A hallmark of the NBRC is its ability to flexibly support a broad range of needs in rural communities in our region. That quality is a common thread among the awards the Commission is announcing today. These awards include central components of infrastructure upon which successful economies are built, and range from pipes, roads and fiber lines, to childcare programs, outdoor recreation infrastructure, working waterfronts, and everything in between," said NBRC Federal Co-Chair Chris Saunders.

A revitalized Colonial has, for over two decades, provided the North Country with outstanding music, films, community and family events. The opportunity to switch to renewable, efficient energy and to state-of-the-art technology demonstrates the support of The Colonial's mission and presence in our community.

Those who are interested in contributing to the future of The Colonial can visit the Theater's website at www.BethlehemColonial.org. While you are there sign up for The Colonial's regular e-blasts so you won't miss a beat!

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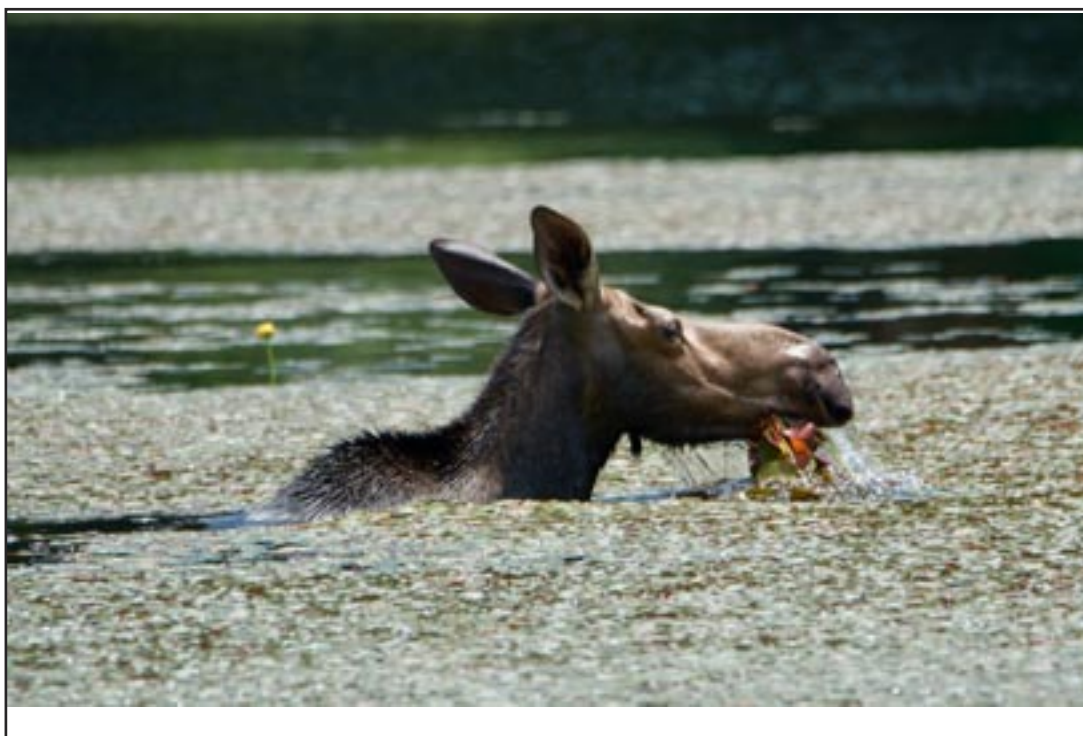
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The Clements Brothers Take To The Stage at Alumni Hall

The Clements Brothers
Friday, Sept 22nd
7:30 pm
Tickets \$20

The Clements Brothers are identical twins from New England. They've been playing and writing music together for as long as they can remember. 'The Clements Brothers' marks their first project together since playing in the internationally touring grass-roots band, 'The Lonely Heartstring Band' with whom they put out two albums on Rounder Records. With roots, rock, bluegrass, jazz, and classical influences, George (on guitar) and Charles (on bass) aim to capture their singer-songwriter

sensibilities in a unique blended voice, at once enthralling and intimate, groovy and serene. They are joined by drummer Mike Harmon, who joined the band, and adds his unique roots-conscious musicality to the group's evolving sound. The trio is a fusion of each member's unique musical journey, and the result is music all its own, filled with vocal harmonies, instrumental virtuosity, and a genuine love of song.

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Softies, Every Single One

by Maggie Anderson

Hank and I went up to Peacham to visit our gang yesterday, and to meet the new fur babies, both of them. The first is a sweet kitten - because they really need another mouth to feed right now - and the second is a tiny mouse one of the other felines tried to dice up before Natasha rescued the quivering little thing.

She was saving it and now calls it a pet because she couldn't stand to see it devoured. It says something about her empathy towards anything hurt, scared, or needing help or protection of any kind. She has even purchased a new spin wheel for it, after all we can't let it get bored.

I'm happy to say we raised a houseful of people who are tender-hearted and always watching out for the underdog, though our oldest daughter carried it a bit too far with her newest dog. The thing looks as

though it stuck its tongue in a light socket right after emptying her water bowl. I mean, I tried to tell our daughter she can actually get a dog with hair, in fact most of them come that way, but oh no! She's got to buck the trend and hug a dog only a mother could love. That dog doesn't know how lucky she is.

Heading into Warren later in the afternoon I passed a small yard where a young bull has been tethered for several weeks. He's a cute little thing, quite content to sit in the sun all day and keep the grass trimmed.

I am a realist, I know his future may not be one of living happily ever after, but there is a part of me that has decided when I pass that way and do not see him grazing, or lazing, I'm going to convince myself he is on some beautiful hillside grazing, lazing, and picking out a prospective bride. I simply will not allow myself to believe he has been turned into ribs dripping in sauce.

by Elinor Mawson

It was a summer Saturday and I was going to a wedding! I would be presenting the guest book for a colleague and I was quite excited.

I had to take my husband to work since we only had one car. Then I dressed in my best and took our son to a friend's house to be looked after while I was gone. I drove to Durham, did the wedding thing and headed back to pick up Mark from his morning away.

Deciding to go visit my husband during his lunch hour, we started for his workplace. This involved going across Hampton Beach during the busiest day of the week. All went well until I heard a "snap" and discovered that I had no clutch! I was driving a 1963 Volkswagen bus which, at the time, wasn't made with an automatic transmission. I had had a 5 minute lesson on using a clutch the day we bought the vehicle. But there were no lessons on how to proceed without a clutch!

Clutch

Thankfully, we were still in motion as we maneuvered through the beach traffic for the 4 miles of start and pause. I was in second gear and gritted my teeth the whole distance. worried about what I would do if the car stopped for any reason.

Then I remembered the bridge! It was a toll bridge which would require stopping to pay the 10 cent toll! I was shaking in my shoes!

I got out my dime, somehow, and coasted to the toll booth. The car stalled as I threw the money in the basket., but for some reason, I could start the car again! We went slowly toward my husband's workplace and stopped at the side of the building. He was sitting outside enjoying his time off and his lunch, but was surprised to see us.

I announced our problem, and his surprise turned to worry. How were we going to get it fixed? And how would we get home?

Somehow we figured out the answers to his questions. We called the friend that had taken care

of Mark for the morning and got her husband to come and get us. He arrived shortly and brought a rope to tow us to a mechanic we knew.

After a hair-raising ride (I was still driving), we arrived at the station and dropped off the car. We were driven home, the worse for wear. I don't remember how we went back to get the VW, but the mechanic told us that the problem was just a wire that connected the clutch to whatever it was, and he had put in a new one. The cost was minimal compared to the stress of the day.

We drove the Volkswagen a couple more years until my husband experienced a "Swallowed valve" on his way to graduate school. It was done.

I am sure the car was fixed up and sold to a hippie. We made do with a "beetle" for several years until we bought another bus. All in all, we owned 7 Volkswagens in one form or another, but that 1963 bus was the only one that gave us so much trouble.

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Now, consider these three components of investing and how they differ between traditional and speculative investments:

The first issue to consider is

risk. When you own stocks or stock-based mutual funds, the value of your investments will fluctuate. And bond prices will also move up and down, largely in response to changing interest rates. However, owning an array of stocks — small-company, large-company, international, etc. — can help reduce the impact

of volatility on your stock portfolio. And owning a mix of short- and long-term bonds can help you defend yourself somewhat against interest-rate movements. When interest rates fall, you'll still have your longer-term bonds, which generally — but not always — pay higher rates than short-term ones. And when interest rates rise, you can redeem your maturing short-term bonds at potentially higher rates.

With speculative investments, though, price movements can be extreme as well as rapid. During their short history, cryptocurrencies in particular have shown astonishingly fast moves up and down, resulting in huge gains followed by equally huge, or bigger, losses. The risk factor for crypto is exacerbated by its being largely unregulated, unlike with stocks and bonds, whose transactions are overseen by well-established regulatory agencies. There just isn't much that investors can do to modulate the risk presented by crypto and some other speculative investments.

A second key difference between traditional and speculative investments is the time horizon involved. When you invest in stocks and other traditional investments, you ideally should be in it for the long term — it's not a "get rich quick" strategy. But those who purchase speculative investments want, and expect, quick and sizable returns, despite the considerable risk involved.

A third difference between the two types of investments is the activity required by investors. When you're a long-term investor in traditional investments, you may not have to do all that much, once you've built a portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. After that point, it's mostly just a matter of monitoring your portfolio and making occasional moves — you're not constantly buying and selling, or at least you shouldn't be. But when you speculate in crypto or other instruments, you are constantly watching prices move — and then making your own moves in response. It's an activity that requires considerable attention and effort.

One final thought: Not all speculative instruments are necessarily bad investments. Precious metals, for instance, are found in some traditional mutual funds, sometimes in the form of shares of mining companies. And even crypto may become more of a stable vehicle once additional regulation comes into play. But if you're investing for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement — rather than speculating for thrills and quick gains, which may disappear just as quickly — you may want to give careful thought to the types of investments you pursue.

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NH County Conservation Districts are excited to provide training for professionals working in soils, erosion control, water quality, public works, engineering, roads, planning, and consulting at two Erosion Control Field Days. The first session will be hosted by Hillsborough and Merrimack County Conservation Districts and held Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at Sanborn Mills Farm, 7097 Sanborn Rd, Loudon, NH. The second session will be hosted by Coös and Grafton County Conservation Districts on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 629 Main St, Granite Room, North Country Resource Center Lancaster, NH.

The program for each day will feature indoor pre-

sentations, lunch, and outdoor field stations. Planned topics include: Regulation Updates from NH DES, Understanding NH Soils, Erosion Control Basics, Invasive Plant Management, Natural Resources Mapping, and Soil Stabilization. Final agendas for each program will be finalized before the event. The Erosion Control Field Days offer NH Department of Environmental Subsurface Continuing Education Credit Hours. Pre-registration is required.

Registration information for the Wednesday, September 20th program in Loudon is available by contacting Merrimack County Conservation District at: 603 223-6020 or by email: info@merrimackccd.org. The dead-

line to register for the Loudon program is September 13, 2023. To register for the Lancaster program on Thursday, September 21st, please contact Coös County Conservation District at: 603 503-9014 or email: da.ccd@gmail.com.

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Letter to the Editor: Speaking up for the Children and Citizens

To the Editor,
 In the Haverhill, NH District I am speaking up for the Children and Citizens. Face the Music and Change for the Positive. Topics as following:
 School should have a Freeze in Raises! Agreeable every 3 yrs. or so!
 No more extra days off for Holidays.
 I'm certain I'll get Enemies. It's not going to solve issues in the School System. Others will agree with me. So Botherome! School started August 28 - 4 days instead of 5. And no school on September 1st. Holiday on Monday, September 4th.
 To me, I think the Staff must really hate School. Majority of you had the Summer off and need a break the first week of school? Don't tell me it's overwhelming for the children. Just an Excuse!!
 Start planning your Travel arrangements better. Or whatever you have planned. There are parents/guardians that have to work/other commitments. They don't have

the Luxury of Time Off. And don't forget the extra expense for age appropriate childcare. Let's encourage Teenagers to stay off the Streets. Continue to stay in School.
 When I was growing up. We had a 3. day Holiday weekend. (Not 4) Even when I was working in a Montessori School. Why do all of you need so much vacation? Omit February vacation. All you need is: Monday, February 19, 2024 Presidents day off. I didn't have a February vacation.
 Raises - yes inflation keeps on increasing. So do our Taxes. School Staff must like stimulating for the wrong Reasons by raising our taxes. Hopefully you are continuing to Budget and ways to conserve. Like having a garden, recycling to make items, Excel/write out a budget, etc. Many of us have to. It's part of Survival.
 DO WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT WHAT IS EASY (180 school days)
 Cyndi Wellman
 Haverhill, NH

Cyndi,
 You are probably right in saying you may make enemies by writing about school issues. But that would be true no matter which side you were on. It seems more and more difficult for two people to have differing opinions and still be able to talk, and even be friends. I think we should all work on that objective harder.
 I have very much respect for so many of our teachers. I am also a regular attendee at the annual school meeting. I even served on the School Board some years ago. Plus I had three children that went through the local school district. All that does not make me any more of an expert than anyone else.
 I will say that most teacher contracts as well as support staff contracts are usually two or three years in length. In regards to vacations and days off, much of this comes from somewhere up the education chain, such as NH Legislation or regulation. Some school districts have even gone to "year round" classes. Taking a couple of weeks off at a time, but not a full summer break.
 Education funding is, and probably always will be, a hot topic. There is no easy answer. The best we, as voters, can do is to be informed and be sure to vote your concions.
 Gary Scruton, Editor

Letter to the Editor: We Need the Fairness Doctrine Back

To the Editor,
 In 1949, Congress created "The Fairness Doctrine" out of concern that the three major networks would start airing biased news coverage. The doctrine directed that they must give equal time to competing points of view regarding the public agenda. If they didn't, they would not be able to renew their licenses to broadcast as a TV channel. In 1969, the Supreme Court upheld the doctrine, so it remained in effect.
 In 1985, Ronald Reagan changed all that. His FCC chairman wrote a report for Reagan, who was not happy about news coverage of his presidency, saying that the doctrine "hurt the public interest and violated the First Amendment". In 1987, Congress attempted to make the Fairness Doctrine law under the "Fairness in Broadcasting Act". The bill passed but Reagan promptly vetoed it. Congress could not muster

enough votes to override his veto and the Fairness Doctrine was dissolved. News organizations were now able to present only one side of an issue, making viewers believe that the sometimes-baseless opinions they were being told were the only reality in the news. People started to tune in to the news they liked to hear, feeding their prejudices regardless of what was really happening in the world and the country.
 Thus was born Rush Limbaugh's show in 1984, which fed on the anger and governmental distrust of the lower and middle classes. His overwhelming success spawned Fox News in 2008, introducing Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck, Bill O'Reilly, and Tucker Carlson, among others, who only reported opinionated news their network owners wanted them to say, totally ignoring any other take on a news item. They ingeniously marketed their organization as "fair

and balanced", but without the Fairness Doctrine, it was neither. The left attempted to do something similar but not until Fox and others like it had become firmly entrenched in the American psyche.
 News should never be presented with opinions. Gone are the days of Walter Cronkite, Huntley-Brinkley, Dan Rather, and Dave Garroway. Today's cable network news broadcasts are rife with one-sided opinions and hours-long rants barely based in reality. They have created a massive "them vs. us" schism in our country that needs to be stopped if we want our nation to survive. Never since the Civil War have citizens of America been so divided, and now it's simply because of opinions, regardless of facts, science, or even what constitutes criminality.

Rachael,
 I need to agree with you that I miss the "good ol' days" when the evening news featured news. Opinion pieces were clearly defined as "opinion" pieces. But obviously that has changed.
 Does that mean that the government needs to step in and tell broadcasters what they can and can not broadcast? Or even what they must broadcast? And if broadcasters, what about newspapers or any other means of offering information?
 I agree that many people watch the news that they most agree with. That could be one of the networks, or a news channel, or maybe even late night talk shows. Does that mean people should be forced to watch channels that they don't like?

I still have a strong belief in the American people and our way of life. We have the freedom to watch what we want, when we want to watch it. Does that make us wrong, or less informed? Perhaps. But that also is our right. Should we all be more diligent and learn more about those we elect? Certainly. But how do we do that?
 Rather than the government, or anyone else, telling me or anyone else what to watch, or read, we need to take it upon ourselves to do just that. Be informed. Know who is on the ballot, and what they stand for, before you go to vote. Elections should not be a popularity contest, or a vote for the most famous person. It should be for the best candidate.
 Gary Scruton, Editor

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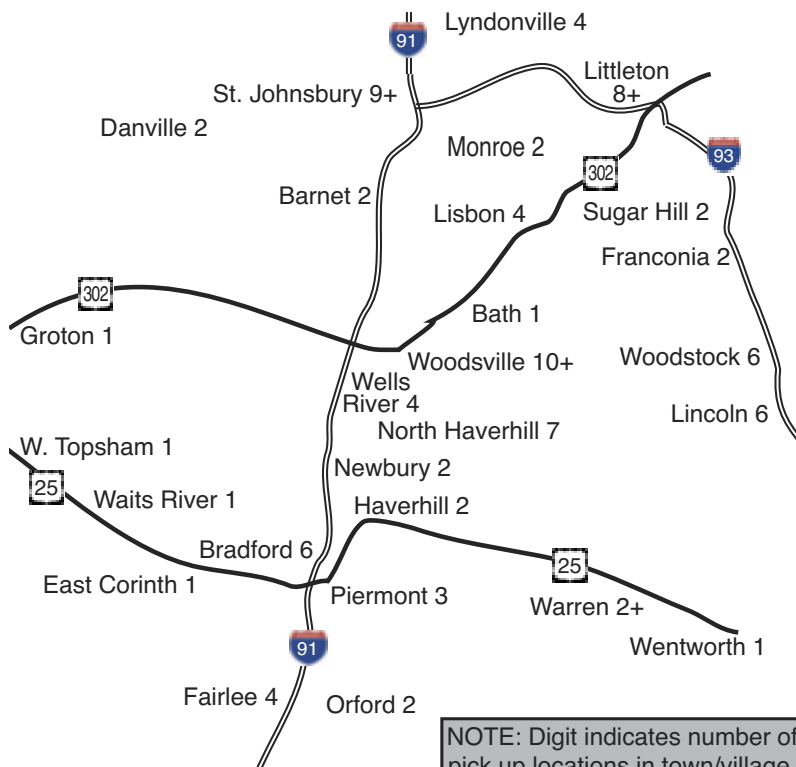
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Mamma Mia! is the mega-hit Broadway show about a daughter's dream ... a mother's secret ... and a trip down the aisle you will never forget! Packed with 22 ABBA tunes including "Dancing Queen," "Super Trouper," "Take A Chance on Me," and "The Winner Takes It All," this blockbuster will have you dancing in your seats shouting "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" more!

Fresh off the Tony-winning Best Musical Kimberly Akimbo, Valerie Wright joins the Weathervane for her first season as director and choreographer of Mamma Mia!

"I am continually inspired by actors and collaboration is a deeply fulfilling experience for me," said Wright. "From Shakespeare to ABBA, I've been so impressed with the performers here and how they bring characters to life in every production. Our show is an absolute blast, but also so sweet—the North Country is going to love it."

The cast of Mamma Mia! features Marisa Kirby as Donna Sheridan and Weathervane newcomer Sasha Spitz as her daughter Sophie. Playing Donna's best gal pals are Grace Livingston Kramer and Debra Thais Evans as Rosie and Tanya. The trio of Sophie's potential dads are Robert H. Fowler (Harry), Ethan Paulini (Bill), and Ira Kramer (Sam). Evan Lilienthal plays Sophie's fiancé Sky.

Also in the cast are Eric Michael Byers (Pepper), Jorge Donoso (Eddie), Langley Leilani (Ali), Justine So (Lisa), and Patrick John Moran (Father Alexandrios). Making up the

ensemble are Jake Bartley, Kimi Handa Brown, Nicole Fluegge, Jaheim Hugan, and Madison Mintzer. Robert H. Fowler is the dance captain.

Mamma Mia! is directed and choreographed by Valerie Wright with music direction by Andrew Morrissey. Mamma Mia! features design by Gibbs Murray (set design), Scout Hough (lighting design and production management), Joseph Rivera (sound design), Rien Schlecht (costume design) and Billy Smith and Kathryn Sutton (properties design). Additional creative team: Pyper K Williams (scenic charge), Camden Dalie Keech (technical director), Nick Prazniak (master carpenter), Egypt Dixon (production stage manager), Whitley Body (assistant stage manager) and Emma Aldrich Jordan (assistant stage manager).

Mamma Mia! is performed with a live band conducted by Andrew Morrissey. Band members include Scott Black (Keys 2), Scott Cramer (Keys 3) Andrew Morrissey (Keys 1), AC Muench (Bass), Ben Natti (Guitar), Mitch Perrins (Drums), and Rien Schlecht (Keys 4).

Performed to in person audiences only, masks are not required, but always welcomed. The theatre has a new HVAC/Air Purification System that filters the air and provides heat and air conditioning.

Mamma Mia! opens Sunday, September 3rd and runs in alternating repertory through Saturday, October 7th. Recommended for ages 12+, Mamma Mia! runs two hours and 15 minutes with one 15 minute intermission and contains adult humor.

The Weathervane Box Office is open on performance days 10AM - 12PM and again 2 hours before performance time through curtain. On days with two Mainstage performances, the box office is open 10AM through the even-



Marisa Kirby



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ing curtain. Tickets are available by phone (603-837-9322), in person (389 Lancaster Road, Whitefield, NH), and online at weathervanenh.org.

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Cream of Zucchini Soup

Editor's Note: The following recipe is one we have dug out of the archives. We regret to pass along the word that a sibling of Cindy's just passed away and it has taken her out of town, and out of touch for this issue. We sincerely wish her and her family the very best and look forward to another Trendy Kitchen article in the next edition.



the bottom and another cup of the broth and blend until smooth. Add to soup pot and add the final 2 Cups of broth with the salt and pepper to pot and stir until mixed well. Heat through until nice and warm, don't boil just make nice and warm. That's it! You can serve with a few croutons and you have a nice soup made from scratch. Serve with a nice salad and enjoy a nice Chablis wine with it. I hope you say, this is "Delicioso" . Remember to drink responsibly. And again you are a star chef. So folks that's it for this edition of The Trendy Kitchen. Please let me know how you liked it. Remember to contact Gary if you have any questions and I will help you out. Until next time I'm signing off,
Sincerely Cin Pin.

Hello hello my fellow chefs. I hope that you are well. I'm ok most days but still having days of stomach problems, oh well it could be worse. Since the days are cool and getting shorter I thought a nice soup would be good to make. This is a throw back from when I first started and it's one of my favorites so I thought I would share it again. If you haven't made it, now is a good time to make it. So here's what you need to buy and how to make it. I think you will like this recipe it's easy peasy and oh so good.

Ingredients

4 onions medium sized chopped

4 tablespoons divided

1 Large zucchini or 2 medium sized sliced with the skin on, you should have have about 3 cups or a bit more.

4 Cups of chicken broth (32 oz.)

1 Cup of milk

1 Teaspoon of Salt or to your taste

1 Teaspoon of pepper or to your taste

Put 2 Tablespoons of butter in a large sauce pan, add the chopped onions and cook for about 5 - 10 minutes. Add the other 2 Tablespoons butter and the zucchini and cook until tender. When tender put half of the zucchini and onions with 1 cup of broth in your blender, and blend until smooth. Put in a soup pot and blend the remaining zucchini and onions getting all your juices from

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