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Winter Decorating Contest dresses up the Cohase Region

that has a principal location in the six towns of the Cohase Chamber region (Fairlee, Bradford or Newbury, Vermont, and Haverhill, Piermont or Orford, NH) is eligible to join the competition. The residential category is open to homes or private property within those same six towns.



2022
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For the third consecutive year the Cohase Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the local Winter Decorating Contest. This contest encourages both home owners and business owners to decorate for the season and compete against their neighbors to see who the public likes best, and therefore get bragging rights for a whole year.

As in the past two years, the rules are simple. Any Cohase Chamber business member or any business

To be considered for a prize, the business or individual must register with the Cohase Chamber of Commerce by sending an email to info@cohaschamber.org, or by signing up via our Facebook page, or by mailing a letter of interest to PO Box 35, Wells River, VT 05081. All registrations must be received by Saturday, December 2.

A list of all participants will be posted on the Chamber website, www.cohase.org, no later than December 8, 2022.

The top three winners in each category will be chosen solely by public vote. We ask that votes be registered by way of one of the three addresses noted above (email, Facebook, or US Mail). Voters should rank their top three in each category.

Votes must be in no later than Thursday, December 28. Winners will be announced in early January.

The winner of the residential category will receive a cash prize of \$200. Second place will receive \$100, and third place \$75. The business voted to have the best winter decorating display will receive a trophy proclaiming their superiority.

The Chamber encourages everyone, both residents and visitors to our great area, to take the time to travel around to all

the participants, enjoy the great displays, rank them and cast your vote. It's a fun way to enjoy company, see some roads that are perhaps less traveled, and to fully take in and participate in the holiday season.

The Cohase Chamber of Commerce would also like to thank our primary sponsor, the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank for their continued support of the organization and the community. Thanks also to Wells River Savings Bank for their continued financial support as well.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Polly's Pancake Parlor

By April Scruton



I hope everyone has had a great last couple weeks.

This issue we decided to make the trip to Polly's Pancake Parlor and it definitely was worth the drive. We had a pile of us, Tammy and her daughter Kristin, Anthony, Dad, Janice and I.

I called at 8:30 and kept having to call back so I knew that was a sign that they were going to be busy. When I finally was able to reach them, I asked how long of a wait it would be and they said about 45 minutes. So I told them we would arrive approximately at 10 o'clock.

I drove and picked Dad and Janice up. We had great conversations in the car on the way over. As we got closer to Pollys, we could see the mountains and they were just, absolutely stunning. Tammy and Kristin got there before we

did. I was the one that had put it under my name so I went inside. There were a pile of people waiting to be seated. So I figured even after calling and letting them know that there would be 6 of us, there was going to be quite a wait. There was a couple in front of me and they were told that it would be a two hour wait. I recieved our buzzer and went to look around their little store, which is so very cute, I no more than started looking and the buzzer went off. So I went outside to get them and we were seated. We were told that our waiter would be Scott and he came over after just a few minutes to get our drink orders.

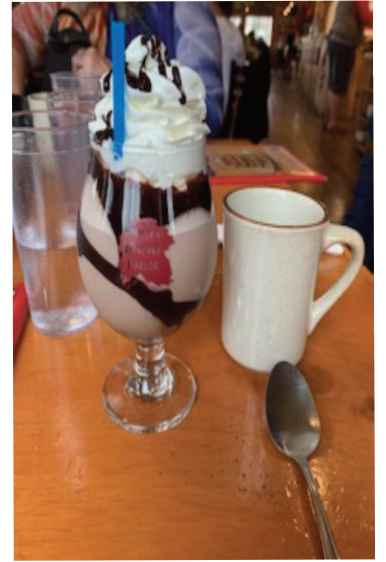
I ended up getting a Pollys Mud Season, Anthony got a Bloody Mary, Dad and Janice got coffees and Tammy and Kristin got

Coke. When we were all ready to order, I ended up having a sausage, bacon, onion, Harmons Cheese omelette with home fries and of course I had to have the cheese and onions on top also sourdough bread. Dad got 3 pancakes (2 blueberry, 1 choc chip with maple pancake batter) along with corned beef hash and cinn raisin toast. The rest of them all decided on the Kathy's Korner combo that came with three pancakes of your choice, choice of eggs, which they all decided to go with scrambled. You had a choice of sausage, bacon or ham. Two went with sausage and 2 went with bacon and it also came with toast or an English muffin. We decided that we were going to have a Trendy Times meeting, so we talked a bit about the

paper. It wasn't long before they brought out our meals. Which they all looked so delicious.

Scott came over to see if we were enjoying it, which we all were. Everyone else ended up finishing their meals except for, shockingly I know, me hehe. So I asked for a to go box. Which was promptly brought out with our check, which came to. \$151.09. We paid and left a tip. Then went outside to look at the beautiful view.

Then we went to a cute little thrift shop down the



road. Then made our way home. It was quite the enjoyable morning with great com-

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NORTHEAST KINGDOM Council on Aging




NEK COUNCIL ON AGING NAMES SENIOR COMPANIONS AS 2023 HUMANITARIAN HEROES

St. Johnsbury, VT – Every year, during their Annual Meeting in November, the NEK Council on Aging (NEKCOA) recognizes a special volunteer(s) or organization with the Humanitarian Hero award in honor of their dedication to the Council's mission and the impact they have on the community at large. This year, the Council is pleased to announce that the NEKCOA Senior Companions are the 2023 Humanitarian Heroes.

Senior Companions are volunteers aged 55 and over who provide assistance and friendship to elders who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping, organizing paperwork or getting to medical appointments. The program aims to help elders live independently and to assist family caregivers. There are six Senior Companions at the Council: Susan Brill of St. Johnsbury, Christine Elder of St. Johnsbury, Natalie Fuller of North Concord, Waid Hudson of Island Pond, Jeannine

Richards of Derby Line, and Joan Wollrath of St. Johnsbury.

"The Senior Companions are a treasured resource who provides peer-to-peer care and compassion to fellow residents so they can remain vital members of their communities," said Meg Burmeister, Executive Director. "We are pleased to honor them as our Humanitarian Heroes."

Jeannine Richards has been a Senior Companion in the Derby Line area for ten years and is currently assisting five people with weekly tasks such as grocery shopping, transportation, and medical appointments.

"I enjoy the Senior Companion Program because I meet so many interesting people," said Jeannine.

Joan Wollrath from St. Johnsbury has been a Senior Companion since 2019 and currently assists three clients.

"As a Senior Companion, I can devote many hours to my clients and other folks with careful planning. It's a great

program which really enhances the lives of many seniors as well as giving Senior Companions meaningful purpose in their lives," said Joan.

"Our Senior Companions are hardworking and compassionate individuals that want to better the lives of others. Their willingness to step up and help is deeply appreciated and should not go unrecognized. They are making a difference in combating social isolation for older adults in Vermont. They have changed the lives of many and for that, we are grateful," said Felicity Norko, NEKCOA Senior Companion Program Coordinator.

The 2023 Annual Meeting for the NEK Council on Aging will take place on Thursday, November 16th from 9 – 11 a.m. at the St. Johnsbury Meal Site and Meals on Wheels (St. Johnsbury House). To read the 2023 NEKCOA Annual Report, visit www.nekcouncil.org.



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Avoid These Investment Mistakes

We all make mistakes in many areas of life. These mistakes are usually fairly harmless — we took a wrong turn while driving, used the wrong ingredients in a recipe and so on. But sometimes, our mistakes can be costly — especially those connected to investing.

Here are some of the most common investment mistakes:

Too much buying and selling — Some people find it exciting to constantly buy and sell investments in the pursuit of big gains. Yet, frequent trading can work against you in a couple of ways. First, it can be expensive — if you're always buying and selling investments, you could rack up taxes, fees and commissions. Perhaps even more important, though, excessive purchases and sales can make it difficult to follow a unified, cohesive investment strategy. Such a strategy requires, among other things, careful construction and management of an investment portfolio that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Heavy trading can disrupt this strategy.

Failing to diversify — If you only owned one type of asset, such as growth-oriented stocks, your portfolio could take a hit when

the financial markets go through a downturn. But not all investments will respond the same way to the same forces — for example, stocks and bonds can move in different directions at any given time. And that's why it's usually a good idea to own a mix of investments, which can include domestic and foreign stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the impact of market volatility, it can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market.

Trying to "time" the market — "Buy low and sell high" might be the original piece of investment advice, but it's pretty hard to follow — because no one can really predict when an investment will reach "low" or "high" points. Also, trying to "time" the market in this way can lead to bad decisions, such as selling investments whose price has dropped, even if these same investments still have good business fundamentals and strong prospects.

Not understanding what you're investing in — If you don't know the nature of investments when you buy them, you could set yourself up for unpleasant surprises. For example, some companies, by the very nature of their business and the type

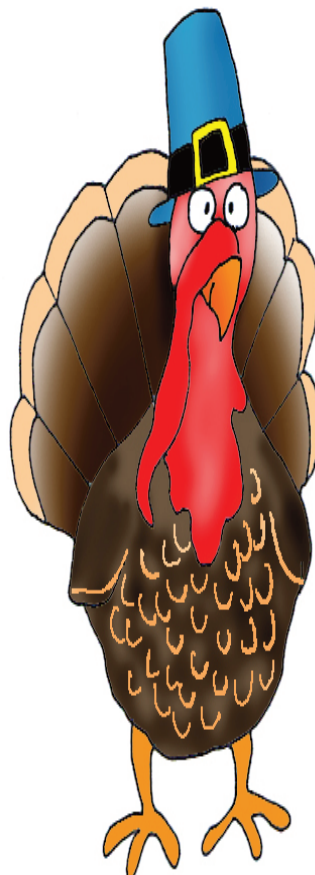
of industry they're in, may consistently pay dividends to their investors even though their stock prices may only show relatively modest price gains over time. If you bought shares of this stock, thinking it had the potential to achieve quite substantial appreciation, you might end up disappointed.

Making the wrong comparisons — You're no doubt familiar with some of the most well-known investment benchmarks — the S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq Composite. But it might be counterproductive to compare your results against these indexes. If you have a diversified portfolio, you'll own an array of investments that won't fit into any single index or benchmark, so you won't get an apples-to-apples comparison. You're better off comparing your portfolio's performance against the only benchmark that really matters — the progress you need to make to help achieve your goals.

Investing will always have its challenges — but you can help make it easier on yourself by staying away from as many mistakes as possible.

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A Partnership to Combat Bullying in Schools in Littleton, N.H.



(l-r) Tom Murphy, Pat Fish, Rick Yarosh.

LITTLETON, N.H. — According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, one out of every five students (ages 12-18) in the United States has been bullied — and it doesn't stop there.

Students who experience bullying are at increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school, according to the Centers for Disease and Prevention.

Fortunately, the National Bullying Prevention Center says more than half of bullying situations (57%) stop when a peer intervenes on behalf of the student being bullied.

These alarming statistics are just a glimpse into why the North Country Chevy Dealers, a group of 15 Chevrolet dealerships in Northern New York, Vermont, and Northern New Hampshire, have partnered with Sweethearts & Heroes, a bullying and suicide prevention program, since 2018.

Sweethearts & Heroes

provides hope and empowerment to help lessen bullying and its impact by sharing messages of anti-bullying practices to students and teachers alike. The goal is to teach students to enforce anti-bullying practices, not just during National Bullying Prevention Month in October, but all year long. Through Sweethearts & Heroes, the North Country Chevy Dealers have impacted hundreds of elementary, middle school, and high school students in more than a dozen schools across the region and over 75 educators as well.

Sweethearts & Heroes' partnership with the North Country Chevy Dealers began at Peru High School, in Peru, N.Y. Today, students and staff at Peru High School have fully embraced the Sweethearts & Heroes curriculum, and the school offers popular courses based on the Sweethearts & Heroes' BRAVES program.

"The North Country Chevy Dealers have partnered with Sweethearts & Heroes for several years. Their presentations are incredibly impactful and leave a lasting impression on the students they connect with," said Duane Coute, of Littleton (N.H.) Chevrolet. Coute is also current President of the North Country Chevy

Dealers Local Marketing Association (LMA) of Burlington, VT-Plattsburgh, NY.

"Many administrators, staff, and teachers from the schools that have participated have returned to us with positive feedback, stating that this is exactly what their students needed to hear, presented in a unique way," Coute said. "When you see students in the audience completely engaged in the discussion, you know it's making a difference. The personal interaction after the presentation is where students feel a sense of hope, love, and worth. We feel fortunate to work with Tom, Rick and the entire Sweethearts & Heroes team. Their organization allows us to continue to make a positive impact in our local communities."

The North Country Chevy Dealers include Adirondack Chevrolet (Elizabethtown, NY), Alderman's Chevrolet (Rutland, VT), Benson's Chevrolet (Ludlow, VT), Champlain Chevrolet (Enosburg Falls, VT), Cody Chevrolet (Montpelier, VT), Ellis Chevrolet (Malone, NY), Handy Chevrolet (St. Albans, VT), Key Chevrolet of South Burlington (Burlington, VT), Key Chevrolet of White River (White River Junction, VT), Key Chevrolet of Newport (Newport, NH), Langway Chevrolet (Manchester

Center, VT), Littleton Chevrolet (Littleton, NH), Middlebury Chevrolet (Middlebury, VT), Goss Chevrolet (Champlain, NY), and Wells River Chevrolet (Wells River, VT). (For more information on the North Country Chevy Dealers, visit chevynorthcountry.com.)

The Sweethearts & Heroes team is Tom Murphy, Director and Founder, of St. Albans, VT; Ret. U.S. Army Sgt. Rick Yarosh, a HOPE expert and motivational speaker from New York who was burned severely while serving in Iraq; and Pat Fish, BRAVES and Circle Leader. (For more on Circle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q286yIL9L1E>).

Sweethearts & Heroes is excited to announce the release of this video to thank the North Country Chevy Dealers for their sponsorship and support.

"We made this video to thank the North Country Chevy Dealers and to show communities that this is the impact their kids need — especially right now," said Tom Murphy, Sweethearts & Heroes Director, of St. Albans, VT. "This is a messy world, and students aren't being raised by Baby Boomers anymore, so we need to stop treating kids like they come from the past. Our students will eventually

change this world — not adults — so our HOPE message is about empowering young people to be the change. If we really want change, we have to empower them. Our children are the heartbeat of America, and we don't have a country — no America — without this generation."

Sweethearts & Heroes is a student empowerment and empathy activation team that aims to prevent bullying and suicide with a focus on the basic components of social-emotional learning (SEL). Sweethearts & Heroes offers a profound, engaging signature presentation that calls for HOPE (Hold On, Possibilities Exist), Empathy, and Action; Circle, which is built on the ancient ritual of communicating in a circle to build empathy; and BRAVES Buddies, which trains older students in bully drills that they, in turn, teach to students in lower grades.

For more than 16 years, Sweethearts & Heroes has presented what Murphy calls "the 'stop, drop and roll' of bullying" to more than 2.5 million students in school districts from New England to Hawaii and north into Canada. Sweethearts & Heroes also tailors its presentations and workshops for businesses, non-profits, and civic groups. Murphy said, "We go where we're needed. That's what heroes do."

For more information on Sweethearts & Heroes, visit sweetheart-sandheroes.com



Sgt. Rick Yarosh.



Rick Yarosh (left) and Tom Murphy .



Pat Fish Circle.



Tom and Rick presenting.



Pat Fish Circle 2.

Calendar of Events

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

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ALUMNI HALL see pg 12

Tom DiMeena

7:30 PM

Haverhill, NH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Penny Social see pg 3

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Willing Workers

Holiday Fair see pg 11

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48TH Annual Senior Citizen

Thanksgiving Dinner

see pg 9

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see pg 11 9:30 - 2PM

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11/9 Roast Pork

11/10 CLOSED

11/13 7:30 Men's Breakfast/Lunch Chicken Patty

11/14 Smokehouse Pasta Bake

11/15 Beans & Hotdogs

11/16 Holiday Meal

11/17 Chef's Choice

11/20 Chop Suey

11/21 Frittata's

11/22 Stew

11/23 & 11/24 CLOSED

11/27 Ham, Mac & Cheese

11/28 Bean & Pasta Bake

11/29 Chef's Choice

11/30 Spaghetti Pie

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St. J Sparkles Holiday Weekend is Back with a Bang - December 8, 9 & 10



St. Johnsbury's signature celebration of the holiday season is back on December 8, 9 & 10, 2023 with St. J Sparkles! Holiday Weekend.

On Friday, December 8, the event will bring a nightlife feel to the downtown shopping district, with activities at the Welcome Center, fire pits on Railroad Street and many businesses staying open late until the Northstar Fireworks display at 8pm. On Saturday, December 9, family-friendly activities start at 9am and run late into the afternoon, all throughout town. To extend the fun an extra day, the KCP Presents holiday performance by Grammy Award-winning "Time for Three" will take place on Sunday, December 10 at 7pm.

An event preview, including ticketing links for the KCP Presents performance, can be found at DiscoverStJohnsbury.com/StJSparkles.

"During the darkest time of the year, St. Johnsbury really shines. It's a great time to gather and feel the warmth of the season all throughout our community," says Gillian Sewake, Director of Discover St. Johnsbury. "We're especially excited for the return of Dr. Turek's beloved holiday model train display as part of the festivities."

A full schedule will be released closer to the date of the event, but confirmed activities so far include free horse-drawn wagon rides from Rainbow's Edge Farm; a farm animal petting zoo from Morrison's Feed Bag & the Little Rascals 4-H Club; a huge variety of free kids crafts & activities all around town; shopping incentives and dining promotions; free warm beverages

and fire pits along Railroad Street; live music from United Community Handbell Ensemble; holiday craft bazaars; a Dog Mountain Holiday Paw-ty; food & toy drives; and much, much more. Event times, locations, and details will be available online at DiscoverStJohnsbury.com/StJSparkles and at the St. Johnsbury Welcome



Center (51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, phone (802) 748-8575). Businesses and organizations who want to host activities still have time to contact Director@DiscoverStJohnsbury.com to be

included on the event schedule.

Additionally, the Find Your Sparkle in St. Johnsbury rewards program will launch on Saturday, November

There is no list of participating businesses—all kinds of purchases at independent small businesses in St. Johnsbury are eligible. Turn in the completed rewards card at the St. Johnsbury Welcome Center (51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819) to receive a free coveted #ilovestj baseball tee.

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NH Conservation Districts Announce 2024 Round of Climate Resilience Grant Program.

North Haverhill, NH – The 10 New Hampshire Conservation Districts are thrilled to announce the 2024 grant round of the NH Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grant.

The mission of the NH Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grant is to support and empower local farmers to build climate resilience throughout the Granite State. This will be done through reducing the impact of agriculture on climate change (mitigation) through greenhouse gas emissions reduction and carbon sequestration, and to increasing the resiliency of New Hampshire Farms in a changing climate (adaptation), while meeting farm's conservation goals and needs. Extreme weather events, frequent and prolonged droughts, and increased pest pressures are increasing intensifying for NH farms.

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Funds are available for projects that mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change and enhance the on-

farm adaptations to projected climate conditions. Preference will be given to projects that can demonstrate strong potential in mitigation and adaptation.

This year's applications are available now and are due on February 1, 2024.

An optional zoom informational session for interested applicants will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:00PM. Registration is encouraged: <https://forms.gle/C8vMJsmwBVRQIDLT6>

Interested in applying? To contact Grafton County Conservation District, call 603 787-6973, or email: pamela.gilbert@nh.nacdn.net for more information, or visit GraftonCCD.org, to view the full Request for Proposals and Application.

This grant program is made possible through the generous contributions of private donors. If you would like to make a donation to support future funding of the program, please do so on Cheshire County Conservation District's website: www.cheshireconservation.org/donate

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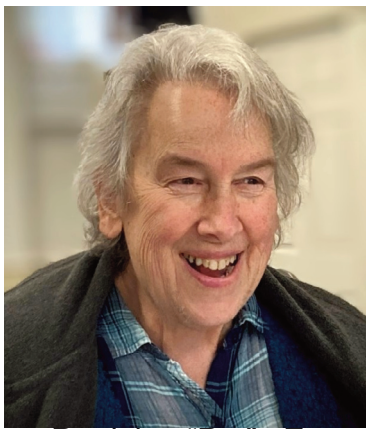
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Patricia "Pat" Every (Berry): Obituary



Patricia "Pat" Every (Berry) of Easton, NH passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at Littleton Regional Hospital. She was 74. Born on May 28, 1949, she was the eldest daughter of the late Howard and Frances (Webster) Berry of North Livermore, ME. She met her husband, Robert "Bob" Every while living in Boston, MA. They married July 13, 1974 at North Livermore Baptist Church.

The Every family moved to Easton, NH with their two sons, David and Daniel, in 1988. Pat was an active member in the local community in various capacities over the years, and was also a

longtime member and Treasurer of the Community Baptist Church in Whitefield, NH.

She is survived by her husband Bob; David and wife Melissa and granddaughters Clara and Ruth; Daniel and wife Shannon and grandson Jack; Siblings Nettie Rolfe, Nathan Berry, Clifford Berry and wife Terry, Margaret Bonney and husband James, Emily Hemingway and husband Keith; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Community Baptist Church, 27 Jefferson Rd, Whitefield, NH at 4:00 PM November 17, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, gifts to Friends of Dartmouth Cancer Center are welcome. Please note in memory of Pat Every in the tribute section of the online form: <https://dnhmcalumdev.hitchcock.org/giving/cancer-care-support>.



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By Marianne L. Kelly

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Here you will find everything from delicious specialty foods, and incredible baked goods, to fine jewelry, beautiful crafts, textiles, children's books, interesting collectibles, cooking, baking and food preparation products, and more.

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The Lisbon Lions Club is once again celebrating the Christmas season with special events. Starting November 25th, Christmas trees will be on sale Saturdays and Sundays at the New England Wire Technologies parking lot on Main Street from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, while the supply lasts. As always, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to area food banks. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase a beautiful tree and support your local food pantries.

The Lisbon Lions Club and the Lisbon Public Library are again working together to help Santa deliver books to area children on Christmas Eve. We are gratefully accepting cash donations to purchase books rather than having individuals drop books off at the library or bank. Checks may be sent to the Lisbon Lions Club at PO Box 57, Lisbon NH 03585. Please contact Librarian Karla Houston at 603-838-6615 or Mrs. Claus at 603-838-5043 for more information.

The Lisbon Lions Club is also looking for folks to knit or crochet hats, mittens and scarves for

Santa to deliver to local children on Christmas Eve. Styles and colors for boys would be especially appreciated this year. While the kids are always happy to see Santa and receive a stocking of goodies and a book, a handmade hat, scarf or pair of mittens is a personal and lasting gift that brings big smiles to their faces. Please call Mrs. Claus at 603-838-5043 if you would like to help.

Beginning Monday, December 11th through Friday, December 15th, between the hours of 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Santa Claus will be taking calls from children living in Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff. If you would like Santa to visit your home on Christmas Eve, please be sure to call him at this special Santa number, 603-838-5043!

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Latest properties added to the NH State Register of Historic Places

Latest properties added to the NH State Register of Historic Places encompass key aspects of community life

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has announced that the State Historical Resources Council has added four properties to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

One of the first free-standing buildings in Alexandria Village when it was built in 1894, Haynes Library consists of a main reading room with a vestibule and office in its ell. Simple in its design and finishes, its brick exterior, fine cut granite window sills and headers, and interior varnished North Carolina pine woodwork made it the finest building in town at the time it was constructed. Named for one of its main benefactors, Dr. Timothy Hayes, the library has provided Alexandria with media and access to programming throughout its 125-year history.

Once one of ten district schoolhouses in Danbury, North Road Schoolhouse / District No. 4 School was built in the winter of 1853-54 and operated through the 1942-43 school year. A clapboarded one-story, one-room wood-framed building with a rear woodshed / privy addition, its interior has horizontal board wainscot in the entrance and the classroom. The original blackboard was uncovered during a restoration project in the early 2000s. Today, it has an array of schoolhouse desks, a woodstove and various historic artifacts, and serves as the museum and headquarters for the Danbury Historical Society.

Built in 1834 by the First Baptist Society of Henniker and commonly called "the Brick Church," the one-story Henniker Community Center is still one of the few brick structures in town. Its Gothic Revival features, including pointed arch fans above the windows, in the tower and above the recessed main entrance, were commonly incorporated in church designs during the mid-nineteenth century. The Henniker Masonic Association purchased the building in 1974; the Aurora Lodge of Masons used it for meetings and activities before selling it to the town of Henniker in 2002.

Old New London Village was established in 1962 and is one of the state's first open-air museums that consists mainly of rescued and repurposed buildings assembled to recreate a mid-nineteenth century rural New Hampshire village. Historic structures that have been on site for more than 50 years include a cape-style home (1835) with an ell (1850), schoolhouse (1821), privy/woodshed (1850), blacksmith shop (circa 1800), barn (1795), and sheds (circa 1830 and 1840). More recent historic building acquisitions are a country store (1826), barn (circa 1845) and former granary (circa 1840).

Anyone wishing to nominate a property to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places must research the history of the nominated property and document it on an individual inventory form from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. Having a property listed in the Register does not impose restrictions on property owners. For more

information, visit nh.gov/nhdhr.

New Hampshire's Division of Historical Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office, was established in 1974 and is part of the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. NHDHR's mission is to preserve and celebrate New Hampshire's irreplaceable historic resources through programs and services that provide education, stewardship, and protection. For more information, visit us online at nh.gov/nhdhr or by calling 603-271-3483.



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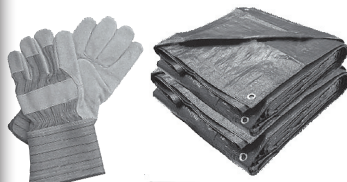
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Tom DiMenna is a singer/songwriter based in Maine. He released his debut album, "You Know Me, My Devil Says" in 2020. His review of Cat Stevens' greatest hits sold out opera houses along the Maine coast in 2021, and he's now touring a review of Gordon Lightfoot's classic tunes in New England.

A little more about Tom: "I've been playing guitar since college, where I was a lowly, hand-signaler on the football team. I played a year of semi-pro football for the Bologna Warriors in Italy. The experience of quarterbacking an Italian Football team was pretty funny. I spent the next decade working on a movie about it.

Along the way, I studied at Second City and other improv schools in

Chicago, L.A., and New York. One of the sketches, where I played the ghost of Telly Savalas doing a lounge act, became an off-broadway show. It ran for a few years before I relocated with my partner, Lauren, to focus on music in Maine."

Come and get your friends together and experience a night of Gordon Lightfoot classic tunes performed by Maine-based Tom DiMeena. The evening will be packed with nostalgia, storytelling and fun music. You may even be moved to sing along, or at least hum! DiMeena's impressive vocal range and guitar style have been perfected with decades of stage performances. He has been entertaining audiences up and down the Maine coast and now he's coming to you! Now is your chance to see what the buzz is about. The legend lives on!

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Letter to the Editor

La Cage aux Folles - Take a look inside the Bird Cage

To the Editor,

On Saturday morning, October 28th, standing on Littleton's grassy knoll and holding up a Bible Verse Sign, my eyes caught the advertising poster at the Opera House for La Cage aux Folles across the way. That Irony put a smile on my face at first; I'm standing here proclaiming some of the foundational moral standards of this Town and this once Great Nation, and more significantly proclaiming the pathway to a saving knowledge of the Creator. Then across the street, they are advertising a play, which some try to call "art", about nothing more than various homosexual behaviors. As that irony sunk in deeper, the smile left my face.

For those not in-the-know, La Cage aux Folles is a 1973 French Play about two homosexual men who own a south-of-France coastal nightclub Drag Show performance venue. This stage per-

formance became a big "hit" in America and subsequently spawned the 1996 movie called The Birdcage with Robin Williams. The French Play and the Movie The Birdcage were viewed as playful mockeries of various homosexual proclivities. The intentions of 42nd street and Hollywood were to cash-in on the downward spiral of Western Christian Society and more importantly to normalize what are euphemistically called "alternative lifestyles". As a Born Again Christian, I'm ashamed to admit that I too at one time committed the lamentable sin of laughing at seeing homosexual men mocked and satirized.

Face it: La Cage aux Folles is as much "art" as a Stormy Daniels hardcore pornographic film is an Oscar winner.

Caveat Emptor is the principle that the buyer alone is responsible for checking the quality and suitability of goods before a purchase. Anyone who

purchases a ticket to this performance or who appears in this performance must consider their responsibility to their family (especially their children), their community, and their Creator, of what they are purchasing and thereby endorsing.

We know what was on the minds of some of those who brought this performance to Littleton. The Culture War is raging in this little town and those (many of whom are just outsider rabble rousers) who seek to change its values are fighting harder and dirtier than those of us who are being attacked. I don't think we can win this war. We are in a battle where the enemy has no moral compass and would never abide by the normative standards of any war, which in this case are simply open and honest discussions.

Ken Leavitt
Sugar Hill

Ken,

An open and honest discussion is exactly what is needed for this topic, as well as many other topics that are out there in today's world. But I would be hesitant to proclaim any show, whether it be on stage or on film, as not "art". After all "Art, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder". I have not seen this play, but I have certainly watched, and I will admit, enjoyed the film "The Birdcage" with one of my favorite actors, Robin Williams. I enjoyed it not as a commentary on the world, or any of the stereotypes depicted in the film, but rather as 90 minutes or so of some laughs and simply being entertained.

There may well be a culture war going on in our still great country. But if history is correct there have been culture wars since the Pilgrims first got here, and probably before with Native Americans not always seeing eye to eye.

My hope is that we can all get along, knowing that we are ALL different. No two of us believe in exactly the same thing on all subjects. That does not make others wrong, or right. It just makes us different. And I am the first to admit that I am different.

Gary Scrutin, Editor




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LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE WALKING

By: *Maggie Anderson*

Much has been written by, and about, writers who looked to the landscape for inspiration. Frost alone traveled miles tapping the muse as he strolled through the mountains, meadows, and forests here in New Hampshire.

Annie Dillard's "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek" is a series of her observations passed on to those of us who will never dip our toes into the ripples of the creek.

I have always loved walking; hiking trails from the AT to those in California's National Parks and beyond, has provided some of the most exhilarating views, poetic moments, and memorable tales included in some of my books, and shared in conversations with friends all over the world, most of whom will never be within a thousand miles of the mighty Verde River, whose knee-deep current is so swift I have never seen a grown man walk

across without being bowled over before reaching the far side.

I still remember being charmed by a massive fallen Redwood tree, so big it was hollowed out and turned into a cabin at one end, and a shelter for the occupant's livestock at the other.

The trail I was hiking that day abruptly opened onto a meadow the tree had fallen over in. And the surprise of discovering the home built inside is crisp and sharp as any other memory all these many years later.

Though the walks I've taken in my life have yielded stories and poems, given me lots to talk about, and plenty of "I can top that" tales, my favorite journeys have always been taken in the pages of dictionaries thick enough to be used as booster seats.

I do not ever remember a time when I was content to simply look

up a particular word and close the dictionary, no matter the time crunch I might be under, no matter how quickly I had found the original definition.

I always leave the trail in pursuit of an interesting sounding word on the same page, an odd word never seen before on the opposite page, or just wander around the section because I love surprises.

These hikes often lead to poems or essays themselves, which is one more reason I am saddened that the generations so attached to their cell phones, with all those ready answers, will never have the pleasure of discovering a word that looks interesting, or tempt them to find the definition of a word just because they loved the way the sound of it passed their lips.

The worst thing is they won't even know they've missed the hike.

GRAFTON COUNTY RECEIVES \$12 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR A MIDDLE MILE BROADBAND PROJECT

North Haverhill, NH – Plans are underway in Grafton County to bring affordable, open-access, middle mile infrastructure that will ultimately enable last-mile broadband connectivity for underserved and unserved communities in Grafton County.

The \$17 million project has been approved for funding by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Federal funds will cover \$12 million of the project, and \$5 million will be matched by Grafton County.

Middle mile, the physical mid-section of infrastructure required to enable internet connectivity for homes, businesses and community institutions, will be constructed of high capacity 144-strand fiber optic cables that carry large amounts of data at high speeds over long distances. With the middle

mile infrastructure in place, last mile connections, the final leg of a network that provides service to the home, business or community institution, can then be installed. This installation would be provided by public and/or private service providers to bring the high speed internet access to communities.

Grafton County, working with eX² Technology of Omaha, Neb., a company that specializes in fiber optic network design, build and maintenance services, will begin the 2-year project in the Spring of 2024. The project will span 222 miles and reach 24 of the 39 towns/cities in Grafton County.

For an up-to-date route map, frequently asked questions, construction updates and any other information regarding the project, visit <https://graffton-county.com/broadband-committee/>.

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Letter to the Editor

The Radical Left's Poison

To the Editor,

In Oregon, the education officials decided that mandating students to be competent in reading, writing and math in order to graduate is unnecessary and disproportionately harms students of color. Subsequently, they suspended the 11th grade competency tests. This was met with immediate backlash from parental rights groups including gubernatorial candidate Christine Drazen who said "It is not bigoted, it is not racist, to want your students to be able to actually learn".

A few years back, Oregon implemented an "equitable math" because "White supremacy manifests itself in the focus on finding the right answer". They gave teachers a workshop that would help them to dismantle the "white supremacy" in math. So "the square root of 25 = 5" is racist?

A little while back in Philadelphia, two nights of looting and destroying stores took place. The police chief said that this had NOTHING to do with an earlier shooting incident and was just an excuse to riot. There were arrests made including a woman known as "Meatball" who was live streaming to 181,000 Instagram followers and encouraging the rioters. There was a huge critical outcry against her. Her lawyer immediately,

I am not a political scholar. I sometimes even get confused with which side is which. But I will agree with most of your final statement. "People need to vote in candidates who support our constitution, law and order, accountability, common sense and just plain old human decency." You probably will notice I took out one word "conservative". Not that I am against that side of the aisle, but because both sides have members who believe in the rest of that statement. The prob-

ably called the criticism against her as racist. This woman was encouraging destruction and no one is supposed to criticize her? And if you do then you are racist?

Hillary Clinton says that all Trump supporters need to be deprogrammed and that they are all racist and the GOP base is all bigots. So she is implying that all Trump supporters should be arrested and have mental procedures/indoctrination performed on them. She sounds like Nazi Dr. Mengele who performed experiments on their Jewish prisoners.

New York City has agreed to pay more than \$13 million to roughly 1,300 people who were arrested or "beaten" (yeah, right) by police during the BLM riots. The police do their jobs to try to stop the destruction and looting of the city as well as physical attacks on innocent people and they were wrong in doing so? And these CRIMINALS end up being rewarded for their actions? If you recall, anyone who spoke out against BLM was deemed racist.

And let's not forget Peter Buttigieg's claim that the highway systems had racial inequities because they were designed to separate black from white communities. Really? Whoever would believe this must have an IQ of negative

Are the

white passing lines on the highways racist too?

As soon as events or someone goes against the radical left then it's automatically racism. Republican presidential candidate Tim Scott (who is black) sees through this poison and speaks out against it. (I feel Tim would be an AWESOME president!) I believe that most minorities also see through this poison. They see that they are being played for the radical left's gain. The "racism" cry is a "boogeyman" the radical left created basically because they can't stand on the principles of their ideology which is steeped in socialism and Marxism. To get people to buy in they create a "you against the racist American system" mentality. Say it loud and often and people will begin to believe it. People need to stop supporting this ilk in ALL levels of government positions from the president down to the school boards. Their hateful rhetoric permeates ALL places of our society and spreads like cancer. People need to vote in conservative candidates who support our constitution, law and order, accountability, common sense and just plain old human decency.

Alex Foryan
Landaff, NH

lem arises because not everyone defines "decency" the same. What is decent, or even normal, to one, may be abnormal or even radical to another.

As I have often written in this space, voters need to know the candidates, learn more about them, and vote for the one who most closely aligns with your way of thinking. Try not to be a "one issue" voter. Instead, look at the whole of the candidate's agenda.

Gary Scruton, Editor





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Pumkin Pie Muffins

By: Cin Pin



Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm fine but woke up to a couple of inches of snow in my area.

As I grow older I'm not a fan of the white stuff like I once did but I will say is that everything covered in snow looks pretty incredible. My 2 dogs love it and were rolling around on the covered grass. Their names are Penny and Penelope. I named Penny then Penelope came along and I was asked if I could keep her name so I did. So I have 2 dogs with the same name who are best friends. Actually even my 2 cats Bella and Sox all get along.

So let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it.

Ingredients

- 1 15 oz can of pumpkin purée
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp real vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 2/3 cup all purpose flour
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice blend
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- Whipped cream for topping
- Cinnamon to sprinkle on

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line muffin pan with 12 muffin cups. In large bowl combine pumpkin purée, sugar, eggs, vanilla extract, evaporated milk and whisk to mix smooth. In medium bowl combine flour, pumpkin pie spice, salt, baking soda and baking powder and whisk until mixed. Slowly add the dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture whisking as you add. Using your cookie scoop fill muffins 3/4 full. Bake 20 minutes until set. Cool in muffin pan for 30 minutes then remove and refrigerate for at least 30



minutes. Top with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon. They will deflate a bit when cooling. Pretty easy peasy and oh so "Delicioso". A different way to use pumpkin purée. Please give these a try, make for Thanksgiving whether you are spending the holiday at home or going to someone's house, everyone will think you are a star.

If you don't have a cookie scoop pick one up at Walmart or Shaws they are inexpensive and when making this recipe or cookies they are such a life-saver. When you have the right tools it makes baking a breeze.

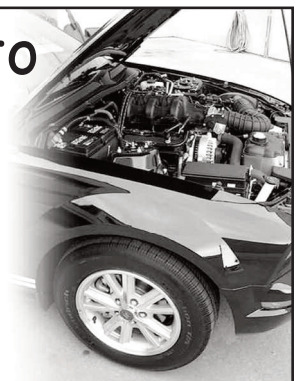
Well folks that's it for today's recipe. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Stay safe and healthy my friends. Until next time I am signing off,
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Cin Pin

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