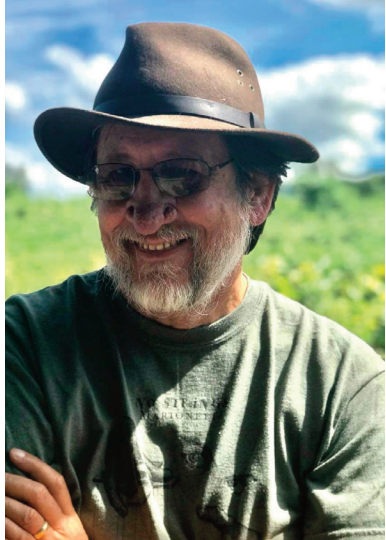


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## Cohase Chamber Announces Business and Citizens of the Year Little Rivers Health Care, Gary Scruton to be honored

WELLS RIVER, VT -- The Cohase Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Little Rivers Health Care has been named the 2023 Business of the Year, and Gary Scruton of Haverhill, Nh., has been named 2023 Citizen of the Year. Awardees are honored annually for their leadership and impact on the region.

Little Rivers Health Care (LRHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center governed by a local board of directors. They provide medical, behavioral health, psychiatric, substance use disorder, case management, and food and nutrition security services to anyone regardless of ability to pay. They operate clinics with these services in Wells River, Newbury, Bradford, and East Corinth, and provide behavioral health services in all six Orange East Supervisory Union schools.

LRHC also provides outreach services to agricultural workers, local care facilities, and summer camps, and coordinates the Upper Valley Unified Community Collaborative connecting the services of local organizations, municipalities, and volunteers.

Gary Scruton was born in the old Cottage Hospital and grew up in Haverhill, NH near the Piermont town line. He attended schools in North Haverhill, one year at Haverhill Academy and graduating from Woodsville High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the Navy only to be honorably discharged shortly after due to a medical eye issue. He attended a Broadcasting school and eventually became a Disc Jockey broadcasting the evening shift for WYKR the day they went on the air.

Gary still serves on the Board of Directors for the North Haverhill Fair Association and has seen many changes and improvements during his 25 years plus on the board. He has

also been actively involved in the Woodsville Wells River 4th of July Committee for 20 years and is currently President of that organization. Gary is an active board member of the Cohase Chamber of Commerce and

strongly believes that the overall health of a geographic area requires individual communities that unite to promote common goals.

The presentation of the Business and Citizen of the Year awards will take place at the Cohase Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd. The gathering will take place at Alumni Hall in Haverhill Corner with doors opening at 5:30 PM. A meal will be served by Court Street Arts, along with a cash bar. The local trivia game also returns this year. Tickets, \$30 per person, are available to Chamber members and to the general public for this event. Please purchase your tickets online at [www.cohase.org](http://www.cohase.org) or email [chamber@cohase.org](mailto:chamber@cohase.org).

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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to start this year out, I have decided to do something different. With this issue I have decided to showcase the Hungry Bear not only for their food but also they have been doing karaoke which is one of my favorite things to do. I wanted to take this issue and make it not just about the food but also about how much fun you can have, Wednesdays from 7-10 at the Hungry Bear they have karaoke it is a good time to just relax and enjoy the show and for those of us that love to just enjoy singing. It is so nice to have a place where we can go to hang out with our friends and listen to music and sing. They also have on Tuesdays a music bingo. Unfortunately I have not gone to see that yet, but have been there times before when they have had it, and it was so much fun. But I plan to soon.



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# OBITUARY:

## Cody Joseph Ricker

and Fishing Guide.

He was always an outdoorsy person; before he could even walk on his own, he was out hunting in the woods, and learning how to shoot. He was one of a kind; a true Northern Outdoorsman. His family and friends were his everything, though if he were to make a list of who he loved the most, his grandfathers Havery and Joe would have tied for first, they were his idols.

Cody was one of those people who did well at everything he tried his hand at, from carpentry to plumbing, he was a jack of all trades, but master of none. It brought him joy to get people to smile and laugh. One way that he liked to do that was with his homemade firework shows. Two of the most

memorable shows he did for family and friends were the "Outhouse Show" and one to celebrate his Mimi's 80th birthday. Another method for making people crack a smile was his pranks. He was known as a prankster, and once showed up at school with his homemade deer mask.

Everything Cody did, he did on his own terms. Cody was predeceased by his grampa, Harvey Ricker.

His memory will be cherished by his mother, Angela "Angie" Ricker of Ryegate, VT and father, Dwight Ricker of Topsham, VT; his brothers, Trevor Smas of Ryegate, VT, and Daniel Ricker of Topsham, VT; his sisters, Jessica Ricker and her partner Lucas Downing of

West Topsham, VT, Trisha Bartlett and Cody of Wheelock, VT, and Katie Ricker of Topsham, VT; his grandparents, Marylee "Mimi" and Joe "Papa" Vigent, of North Haverhill, NH, and Donna "Grammie" Pelliter of Dalton, NH; his great grandmother Irene Darling of Ryegate, VT; his aunts and uncles, Peter Thayer and Megan of North Haverhill, NH, Michele Fagnant of Piermont, NH, Adam Vigent of North Haverhill, NH, Ryan Vigeant and Shannon of Charlotte, NC, Rob Ricker of St. Johnsbury, VT, Emily Ricker-Bean and Micheal of Texas, Nate Ricker of Topsham, VT, and Samuel Ricker of Bath, NH; and lots of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Cody had a fur baby, a dog named Hank, who is also mourning the loss of Cody. The Groton Man Scout Brothers will forever hold a spot open for their lost brother.

Donations can be made in Cody's name to help the youth that may not be able to afford to go to the Green Mountain Conservation Camp Endowment Fund at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/donate/green-mountain-conservation-camp-endowment-fund> If you have any questions please reach out to Hannah Phelps at 802-522-2925 or email [fwgmcc@vermont.gov](mailto:fwgmcc@vermont.gov)

A celebration of Cody's life will be held in the spring by family.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family.

### Letter to the Editor:

## Newbury Ought to

## Welcome Mental Health Treatment Facility

To the Editor,

It was while working for community non-profit Clara Martin Center several years ago that I became aware of a maxim I believe in strongly to this day: there is no health without mental health.

In opposing the Department of Children and Families' plans to convert a former Bed and Breakfast on Stevens Place Road in Newbury into a behavioral and mental health treatment facility for justice-involved Vermont youth, the town and a citizen group contend the facility's classification as a "group home" is invalid because the state's group-home exception to

zoning regulations is intended for "developmentally disabled and physically handicapped persons."

What these parties don't appear to understand or care about is that mental and behavioral health diagnoses are, in fact, disabilities, and both youth and adults who encounter them deserve and require the same level of care and services as those with developmental and physical disabilities. As DCF commissioner Chris Winters has stated throughout the process -- including in his deposition to the Vermont Supreme Court, which has sided with DCF -- the

facility will serve up to six youth who've been diagnosed with or believed to have psychiatric, mental health or behavioral disorders. By treating this facility as though it were merely aimed at detaining standardized violent criminals, the opposed are succumbing to the tired and familiar patterns of NIMBY-ism that attempt to stymie so many worthwhile projects in our region.

Entering its fourth year without a residential treatment facility in their home state, justice-involved Vermont youth have been incarcerated in adult prisons or farmed out of state, cut off from support

networks vital to their chances at successful treatment and recovery.

As for concerns about Newbury's lack of capacity to help secure the facility, it's well documented that DCF will contract with the reputable Vermont Permanency Initiative and the Becket Family of Services, which received praise in an independent 2020 report for its secure and effective programs. This should alleviate concerns that practices in the new facility might mirror those at Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility in Essex, which shuttered amid credible allegations of horrific abuse.

Newbury residents

ought to also consider that their town stands to gain economically from this project, which will resurrect a beautiful but fast-decaying property at no cost to the town and expose the facility's staff and visitors to products and services along the Route 5 and Route 302 corridors.

Especially in light of the Vermont Supreme Court's recent ruling that the facility will, in fact, meet the parameters of a group home, the town of Newbury ought to embrace the opportunity to help provide much-needed residential services to disabled youth in our state.

Jared Pendak, Bradford

Jared,

*My first comment is, thank you for a well thought out, positive, and informative letter. It is refreshing to read something that does not simply condemn the other side, but offers reasons to see the situation from your stand point. Every situation has at least two sides, and being able to step back and look at both can be difficult. That is one of the main reasons for the existence of our court system.*

*I am neither for, nor against this project in Newbury. But if it does in fact move forward I hope and trust it will be a positive move for all the residents of Newbury as well as the state of Vermont.*

Gary Scruton, Editor



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Now that we've reached 2024, you might be thinking about your goals and hopes for the new year. But in addition to whatever personal resolutions you might make — volunteering, going to the gym more, learning a new language and others — why not make some financial resolutions, too?

Here are a few to consider:

Boost your retirement savings. If you can afford it, try to increase your contributions to your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. The more you put away in these accounts, the greater your chances of reaching your retirement goals. At a minimum, contribute

enough to your 401(k) to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. And whenever your salary goes up, consider raising the amount you put in to your 401(k).

Reduce your debts. It's not always easy to reduce your debts — but it's worth the effort. The lower your debt load, the greater your monthly cash flow. So, look for ways to consolidate debts or find other, possibly more productive, ways of using credit. And if you truly can't afford something that's nonessential, don't go into debt for it. "Live within your means" is an old piece of advice, but it's just as valid now as ever.

Build an emergency fund. If you suddenly needed a major home or car repair, or received a large medical bill not fully covered by insurance, would you have

# New Year's Financial Resolutions

the funds available? If not, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts or other long-term investments. To avoid this possibility, try to build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account that's separate from the ones you use to meet your daily expenses. It can take a while to build such a fund, but if you make it a priority and contribute regular amounts each month, you can make good progress.

Avoid emotional decisions. Too many people overreact to events in the financial markets because they let their emotions get the better of them. If the market is temporarily down, it doesn't mean you need to sell investments to "cut your losses" — especially if these investments still have good fundamentals and are still appro-

appropriate for your portfolio. It can be hard to ignore market volatility, but you'll be better off if you focus on the long term and continue following an investment strategy that's designed to meet your needs.

Review your goals. Over time, your goals may have changed. For example, while you once might have wanted to retire early, and planned for it, you may now find that you'd like to work a few more years. If that's the case, you may also need to adjust your financial and investment strategies.

Revisit your estate plans. If you've married, divorced, remarried or added children to your family within the past few years, you may need to review the ac-

count titling and beneficiary designations on your 401(k) and other retirement assets, along with your estate-planning documents, such as your will or living trust. You might also need to revise these documents in other ways.

Of course, you may not be able to tackle all these resolutions at one time, but if you can work at them throughout the year, you can potentially brighten your financial outlook in 2024 — and beyond.

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Benton (School & Town)	January 31, 2024	6:00 PM	Benton Town Hall
Haverhill Cooperative	February 5, 2024	6:00 PM	Haverhill Cooperative Middle School
Piermont	February 13, 2024	7:00 PM	Piermont Village School
Warren (School & Town)	February 6, 2024	6:00 PM	Warren Village School

\*Please check the SAU #23 website calendar for any possible changes (www.sau23.org)





# OBITUARY:

## Wendy McReynolds Somers

Wendy McReynolds Somers, 64 of Danville, VT passed away suddenly on the 22th of December 2023 at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Mass as a result of complications from the influenza virus.

Wendy was the oldest child born to Russell McReynolds and Nancy (Cahoon) Hale in St. Johnsbury, VT. She was a devoted wife, mother, and active and respected community member in her town of Danville, VT. She took the most pride in her family, especially her boys.

She was a graduate of Danville High School, Class of 1977. During her high school years, she participated in basketball, track, and cheerleading. It was during her freshman year that she met her future husband, Scott Somers. Their loving relationship spanned some fifty years including those after they married in 1999 (24). They raised two sons, Brandon Scott Somers and Cameron Lee Somers both of Danville.

Wendy worked 25 years in the banking industry. She began her career at Caledonian National Bank in Danville, followed by many years at Citizens Bank in St. Johnsbury ending as Head of the Trust Department. Then she worked at Passumpsic Savings Bank in Lyndonville as Branch Manager and finished her banking career in the Trust Department. She had been serving as Town Clerk for the Town of Danville, VT for the past 16 years. Wendy was always involved in various activities in support of her town and her family.

She was artistic and enjoyed creating crafts,

quilting, and participating in craft shows. She had a great love of animals, especially dogs, and her special boxer, Sadie.

Wendy is survived by her husband, Scott Somers, and sons, Brandon and Cameron all of Danville; mother, Nancy Hale of Lyndonville, VT; father, Russell McReynolds of North Danville; sisters Tina (Rory) McReynolds Patrone of Harker Heights, Texas, Sheila (Scott) McReynolds Dodge of McIndoe, VT, brother Earl Jay McReynolds of White River Junction, VT, a half-brother Gary Hale of Lyndonville, VT, two half-sisters Dianne Mc Reynolds of Island Pond, VT, Brandy (Laurindo) Liberty Pacelli, of Littleton, MASS, mother-in-law Anna Somers of Danville, VT, sister-in-law, Linda Somers Tasker of Henniker, NH, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved grandmother, Evelyn McReynolds, of North Danville, VT.

It is the family's hope that Wendy's death serves to support initiatives developed to support health within the community. If one wishes to

make a donation in lieu of flowers in Wendy's memory, please consider The Danville Health Center, 26 Cedar Lane, P.O. Box 185 Danville, Vermont 05828.

Calling hours will be Friday, December 29, 2023, from 5-7 PM at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville. The funeral will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 11 AM at the Danville Congregational Church, 87 Hill St. Danville, VT. Burial will be on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 10 AM at the Danville Green Cemetery.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting.

## The 63rd running of the Delta Dental Mt. Washington Road Race

The 63rd running of the Delta Dental Mt. Washington Road Race is set for 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2024, and registration is opening soon. The popular, quick to sell out, and first come-first serve charity registration period will start on Wednesday, January 10, at 8 a.m. With the 2023 charity registration having sold out in 40 minutes, the 200 slots are sure to go fast. Each charity registrant will be responsible for raising \$200 to benefit Coös County Family Health Services in addition to paying the regular registration fee.

The general random selection registration will be open from February 12th at 8 a.m. through February 26th at 11:59 p.m. The entry fee, charged to those who are selected, is \$130 not including administrative fees. Notification of acceptance or rejection by the random selection will be sent via email to each applicant on February 29th. Random selection registrants can register individually or as a part of a registration group. Runners registering as a group (up to 15 runners) will either all be selected together or all be turned down by the lottery. Charity and lottery registration information can be found by visiting <https://mt-washington.com/mount-washington-road-race>.

After exceeding the 2023 goal of \$50,000, the fundraising goal for 2024

will be to top the \$65,000 mark. Over the past two decades plus, with the partnership of our sponsor, Delta Dental, the road race has raised more than \$300,000 for the Coös County Family Health Services. CCFHS provides vitally needed health care, social services, and dental care to the rural residents of Northern New Hampshire, care that would otherwise require travels of great distances to large regional facilities. The ability to provide high quality care and services locally, services that people in cities and larger towns take for granted, is the mission of Coös County Family Health Services.

Sponsored by Delta Dental, the race ascends the Mt. Washington Auto Road from Pinkham Notch, N.H., to the 6,288-foot summit of Mt. Washington. As we experienced in 2023, runners are hoping to face the full challenge of the unrelenting grade, Mt. Washington's famously high winds, precipitation, and unpredictable temperatures which makes this race one of a kind. Prizes include \$1000 apiece for the first male and female finishers, smaller cash prizes for the next five men and women and the top three male and female masters (over 40), prizes for the first male and female finishers from New Hampshire, and a \$5000 bonus for setting a new course record.

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### PICKLEBALL

Tuesday & Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM  
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LINE DANCING every Wednesday evening 6:00 - 7:00 PM

### ANTIQUÉ STROLLERS WALKING PROGRAM

Monday – Friday from 11:00-12:30  
Clifford Building, North Haverhill

Wednesday, January 17 | 12:00 p.m.

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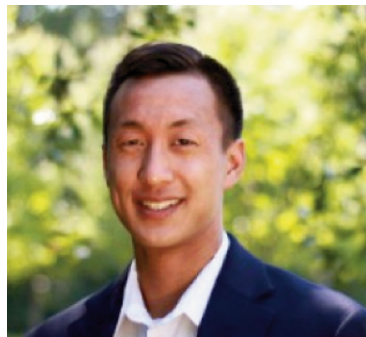
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Kevin Chu, Executive Director of Vermont Futures Project will be the keynote speaker. Kevin grew up in Vermont and is looking forward to growing old here too. He is the son of immigrants and spent most of his early years living and learning in Burlington. A graduate of Middlebury College, he studied the environment and education while also competing in track and field. Prior to joining the Vermont Futures Project, Kevin worked at the University of Vermont, where he led efforts in recruiting for diversity, academic advising, communications, com-

munity engagement and economic development, and strategic planning. He is now the Executive Director of the Vermont Futures Project, a nonpartisan organization that is working to answer the mission question: "How can we use data to support the evolution of Vermont's economy towards a thriving future

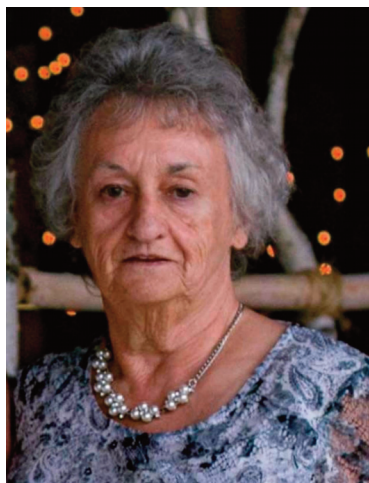
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**OBITUARY:**

**Ruth M Ranno,**

North Haverhill, NH – Ruth M Ranno, age 80, went to be with her Heavenly family on Monday, December 25, 2023, with her family at her side after a courageous battle with Interstitial lung disease.

Ruth was born in Woodsville, NH, on November 8, 1943, to Helen (Winship) and George Ranno. She grew up in Wells River, VT, along with her brother, Sonny Ranno. Many childhood memories were created at Ticklenaked Pond, which were later shared with her children. Upon her graduation from Wells River High School, in 1961, she married David J Locke. They moved to Haverhill, NH, to begin creating a home that would eventually include their five children. They were later divorced in 1975.

In addition to raising her children, she also began working at Channel Mills in Bradford, Vermont, and ended her working career with retiring from the Grafton County Nursing Home.

Following her retirement, she began having her “me” time. This included attending concerts, trips to Foxwoods Casino, bus trips, church suppers, playing cards, but mostly, spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Additionally, she enjoyed giving back to her community through volunteering at the Haverhill Congrega-

tional Church and driving the veterans to their appointments.

She is predeceased by her parents, Helen and George Ranno, and her brother Sonny Ranno.

She is survived by her five children: David Locke Jr of North Haverhill, NH, Wanda Larrivee and husband Marc of Littleton, NH, Kathy Locke of Stuart, FL, Shannon Clough of North Haverhill, NH, and Lisa Simonds and husband Bruce of Woodsville, NH. Seven grandchildren: Emily Wilkins, Rachael Wilkins, Kayla Wurtz, Amanda Edwards, Haley Bott, Molly Simonds, and Sophia Clough. Four great grandchildren: Paislee Edwards, Jase Fullerton, Warren, and Marcia Bott. She will be greatly missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ruth Ranno may be made to an Animal Rescue of your choice.

There will be no calling hours. A funeral will be held at the Haverhill Congregational Church on Saturday January 13, 2024 at 1PM, followed by a Celebration of Life at the parish hall. There will be a private graveside service at the Wells River Cemetery in the spring.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family.



**OBITUARY:**

**Paul Hatje**

his brother Arthur Hatje and his sister Marilyn Fox. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 <https://diabetes.org> Services will be celebrated privately. Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville has been entrusted with handling the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com)

Paul Hatje, 89, a longtime resident of North Haverhill, NH died peacefully at home on December 20, 2023. He was born in New Haven, CT on February 13, 1934. Following high school, Paul joined the Marine Corps and then went on to college to become a teacher. He was often remembered by his students long after graduation when they would run into him somewhere in Connecticut. They were always excited to see him.

Paul was an avid golfer, especially post-retirement. He loved to read, write poetry, and listen to music. He would often break out into song or sing along when he heard one of his favorite tunes. He spent many years with his dearest friend and life partner, Donna, during which time they traveled and made many happy memories together. The senior community in Grafton County, NH was a great support to him as were his hospice care takers who made his life easier.

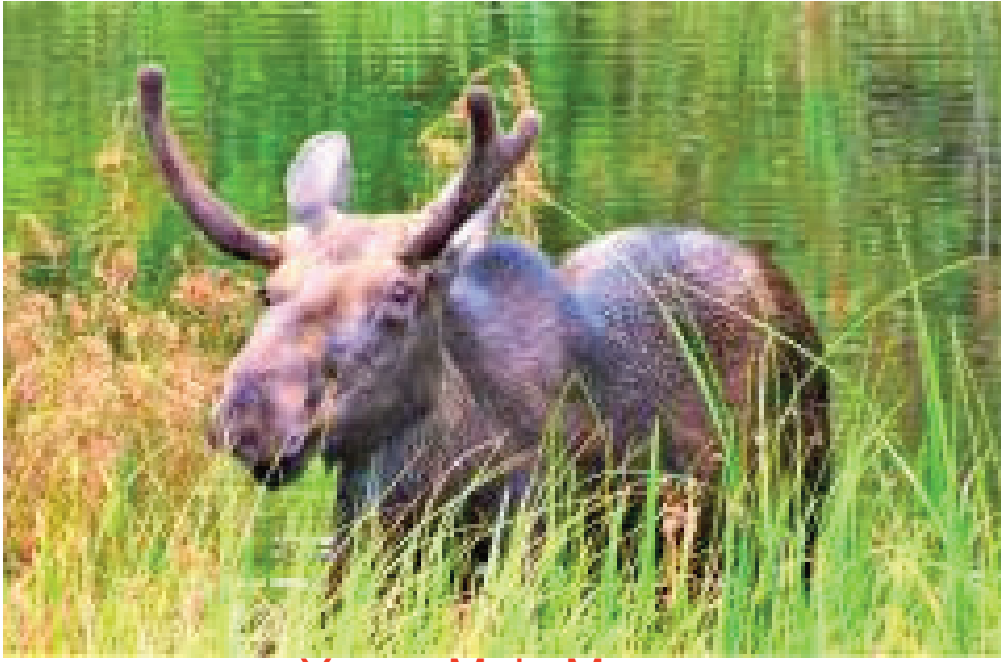
Paul is survived by his dearest life partner, Donna Hatje, and his children; Mark Hatje and Yizza Galdamez, Joanne and Tim Ramsey, Paula Hatje, Donna Truncali and Carolyn Hatje; his grandchildren: Rick Truncali, Nick Truncali, Kris Truncali and Laura, Amy Ellies and Darius, Robyn Kaufman, Brian Eldridge, Max Eldridge and McKenzie Peterson, TJ Ramsey, Lizzy Ramsey and Kurt Schnaars, Gaby Santiago and one great-granddaughter, Quinn Truncali and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Louise and Arthur Hatje,



**Student of the Month for December**

Woodsville High School is proud to announce Nicole Cortez as the Student of the Month for December, recognizing her outstanding academic achievements and exemplary commitment to her studies. " We are incredibly proud of her achievements and look forward to her continued success," said Mr. Hayden Coon, Principal of Woodsville High School. Nicole's recognition as Student of the Month is a testament to her hard work and the high standards she sets for herself. Woodsville High School is committed to recognizing and celebrating students like Nicole, who demonstrate exceptional character and academic dedication.





**Young Male Moose**  
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I saw this Bobcat on our Tree Farm walking around our corn fields looking for a meal. When the corn was harvested as shelled corn for grain a small percent drops on the ground which leaves some corn on the ground for wildlife. The Bobcat was looking for squirrels and mice that were feeding on the corn. Not sure if the Bobcat was successful but I was successful in getting a photo of a good

looking Bobcat. An adult Cat weights around 15 to 16 pounds, they have two to four young in the spring and by fall the young start out on their own. Their diet consists of Snowshoe hares, squirrels, mice, muskrats, grouse and sometimes fox or porcupine. Bobcats are much more plentiful today in our area than years ago.

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The Annual Election of Officers will be held at the Piermont Village School on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 From 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The following officers will be voted upon:

- > Moderator for a term of one year
- > School District Clerk for a term of one year
- > Treasurer for a term of one year
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**OBITUARY:**  
**Roger Wayne Kendall**

McIndoe Falls, VT – Roger Wayne Kendall, 68, passed away at home with family by his side, on Tuesday January 9, 2024. He was born on October 18, 1955, in St. Johnsbury, VT, to the late Hazel (Williams) Pearl and the late Ernest W. Kendall.

Roger attended Barnet School from Kindergarten through 8th grade, he spent some time at Peacham High School before completing high school at Blue Mountain Union, class of 1973. His working career began at Grossman's in North Haverhill, NH, before moving on to various plumbing and heating businesses, and then ending his working career at Appalachian Supply which is the job he retired from in 2021.

He was a Son of the American Legion, post #30 American Legion of Lyndonville. He liked to go to the Oxford Casino, and was a NASCAR fan, specifically Dale Earnhardt #3 and later Little E.

Roger was predeceased by his parents, Ernest and Hazel, his stepfather Russell Pearl, and his brother Maurice Kendall, all of McIndoe Falls.

He is survived by his girlfriend Sheila Dodge of

McIndoe Falls, VT; his daughter Katherine Kendall and partner Jason Sanville, of Winter Haven, FL; his son Kevin Kendall and wife Tiffany of West Barnet, VT; his grandchildren, Alaina, Alivia and Kaeson Kendall from West Barnet, VT; his siblings, Richard E. Kendall of Monroe, NH, Linda Peak of St. Johnsbury, VT, William Kendall and wife Sandy of Wells River, VT, and Susan Blaisdell and husband Steven of McIndoe Falls, VT; and he also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours will be held at Ricker Funeral Home, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH, on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 5 – 7 PM.

There will be a graveside in the spring at McIndoe Cemetery on Friday May 10, 2024, at 10AM.

Donations in Roger's name can be made to American Legion Post #30, PO Box 298, Lyndonville, VT 05851.

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**Less Than**  
**By: Elinor Mawson**

Several of us go out to eat each week. There aren't many places to choose from in this neck of the woods but we try to go to them all, since we like to support local places.

Some are better than others--of course. There are those who need better service; others need a menu update, and still others could serve better food. But we try them all just the same.

We are, however, getting tired of many of the places we go. It seems that the powers that be are getting tired too. There is a lackadaisical attitude abounding out there, and I am amazed that patrons of these places allow it to continue.

Recently our Wednesday group went to a local place after quite a discussion about whether we would give it just one more try. None of us were too pleased by our decision but we don't have that many places to choose from.

This particular place has had some controversies in the past and even shut down for awhile. It has a busy bar business and good servers. The menu hasn't changed in quite a long time--except for the prices.

Our friends ordered sandwiches, my husband

ordered appetizers and I ordered baked chicken and a baked potato. There was a little discussion about the sandwiches, no discussion about the appetizers, but I was blown away by my dinner--the potato was just about raw and the chicken was more like a shingle (although it tasted OK). I alerted the server about the potato and she said she'd consult the manager about it. When she returned she announced that it would be taken off the bill.

When the bill arrived, yes--it was taken off the bill but the total was the same as before. It seemed a bait and switch scheme to me.

That particular place will not be on our itinerary from now on. Someone, probably the cook, was not doing their best work that evening. Someone else, probably the manager, was not looking for repeat business that day.

I was looking for a decent meal on our night out, and I didn't get it. The restaurant we were in was on the short list to start with, and will be on the "no" list from now on. It's too bad that people don't try harder to make sure people get their money's worth, and be happy to go back again next time.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**  
**By: Maggie Anderson**

Once a week I meet with a writhing, ever-changing, group of women who gather at the local senior center to, sometimes read a short story and discuss it, or change things up a bit and grab a pencil and write.

We snack and giggle more than we read or write, but no one seems to mind how far from our name we wander. We are bigger than the title listed in the monthly calendar of activities - Short Story Group.

Thursday each of us was tasked with the job of describing the room we have been meeting in for several years. I gave the assignment a shot as well, I thought I would pass it on.

The room where we meet is sort of the senior center's junk drawer; anything having no other place to be seems to wind up there. Its empty spaces end up acting as sounding boards for the laughter that bounces off the walls.

The temperature is what you might call a mid-most climate, set, not to coddle one over another, but to prod us into action.

Those, myself among them, from cooler regions who find the space hotter than a blast furnace, occasionally have to leave the room just to breathe.

Those who find the temperature bracing have to run in place to keep the frost bite at bay.

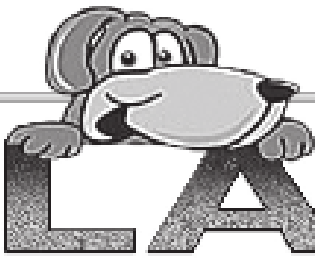
The funny thing is none of the room's shortcomings have deterred anyone from showing up every Thursday for all these many years.

The comforts of the space are far less important than the reason we make excuses to be there every Thursday afternoon.

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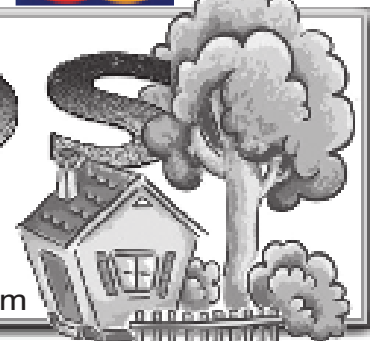




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**Weathervane Theatre's  
Windsock Summer Theatre Camp  
Opens Enrollment for 27th Season  
Weathervane's theatre day camp  
will return July 15 - 26.**

WHITEFIELD, NH - January 8, 2024 - New Hampshire's award-winning Weathervane Theatre is pleased to announce enrollment for its summer theatre day camp - Windsock - is now open.

For over 20 years, Windsock Camp has brought campers from across the White Mountains region to the Weathervane and introduced them to the building blocks of theatre with all the fun of the typical summer day camp experience.

Grace Livingston Kramer will once again lead Windsock Camp as Executive Director. Livingston Kramer, a Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) director and educator with international credits, is in her fourth season with the camp and her sixth season with Weathervane Theatre.

Known for her work on and off stage, Livingston Kramer is Weathervane's company manager and a resident acting company member. Her stage credits include Rosie in Mamma Mia!, Linda in Blood Brothers, and her New Hampshire Theatre Alliance Award-nominated turn as Peaseblossom in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Livingston Kramer has also served as a guest director for Weathervane Theatre's Patchwork Players for three seasons (Tommie Sawyer, Pinocchio, and Cinderella).

Outside of Weathervane, Grace recently served as the Managing Director for Education at Maine's Penobscot Theatre Company. In addition to overseeing their youth theatre programming (Dramatic Academy), Grace choreographed many Dramatic Academy productions, including The Addams Family, SpongeBob, and Coraline. She is a founding member of HEART Global, a non-profit focused on connecting students worldwide through music. Her music outreach non-profit work has taken her all over North America, Europe, and Japan, teaching students of all ages.

"Windsock Camp is back in an all-new way, and we couldn't be more excited," said Livingston Kramer. "Campers will create their own show with scenes and songs under the guidance of our

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professional theatre artists from our resident acting company and production team. A true hands-on experience in all facets, our 2024 campers will have an experience unlike any other."

Running July 15 - 26, 2024, Windsock will offer two one-week camps for ages 6-11 and one two-week camp for ages 6-17.

The camp day starts at 9 AM and ends at 4 PM and is divided into blocks of rehearsal for the camp show and blocks of instruction from Weathervane guest and resident artists covering all aspects of theatre (dance,

music, Shakespeare, tech, etc.), strengthening the connection between the campers and the Weathervane resident company. Campers also receive exclusive behind-the-scenes access to Weathervane's highly anticipated productions of The Wedding Singer, and the global regional premiere of Everybody's Talking About Jamie. Additional perks for campers include complimentary Patchwork Players performance tickets and discounts for select Mainstage productions.

Windsock will present its final camp show on Saturday, July 27, at 10 AM on Weathervane's outdoor stage. A complete theatrical production, the show will include elements like props, costumes, music, and a set. The camp show will only feature campers enrolled in the second week of camp (July 22 - 26).

Camp registration is now open. Camp pricing ranges from \$355 - \$790. Family discounts and scholarship opportunities are available. Book by Sunday, January 21st, and save up to \$125. Camp registration includes the classic Windsock Camp t-shirt tie dye experience and complimentary tickets to a Patchwork Players performance at the Weathervane.

For more information and to register, visit weathervanenh.org/education. Additional inquiries can be directed to camp staff by email (windsock-camp@gmail.com) or phone (603-837-9322).

**Grant funds available to  
improve New Hampshire  
cultural facilities**

New Hampshire arts and cultural organizations seeking funding to improve facilities that serve as venues for their programming are invited to apply for a N.H. State Council on the Arts' Cultural Facilities grant.

Grant funding must support projects that provide long-term improvements to a New Hampshire venue the organization uses for cultural programming, including for the renovation or maintenance of a facility, or for the purchase of major equipment to improve the venue, including to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Grants will be awarded for projects that will take place between April 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025. Funding requests may be made for \$2,000 - \$25,000.

"New Hampshire is so well-known for the depth and breadth of cultural experiences available, including visual arts and crafts, music, dance, theatre, media and literary arts," said Adele Bauman, director of the N.H. State Council on the Arts. "These Cultural Facilities grants will help ensure that the experiences that unite us continue to be accessible in our communities, and that they are more readily available to all who wish to participate."

In order to be eligible for a N.H. State Arts Council Cultural Facilities grant, the facility that would receive project funding must be in full compliance with the ADA, the organization applying must have established goals to provide access to the facility for its programming and / or its services, or the organization must have a cultural access plan in place that outlines ADA accessibility goals for the facility.

Eligible organizations must have at least one

year's experience in providing arts programming for the general public. Among other requirements, they also must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the IRS and be a registered not-for-profit organization in State of New Hampshire.

While the organization applying for grant funding is not required to own or purchase the venue where the project will take place, it must have established at least a three-year lease or the option to lease the venue for at least three years once the project is complete.

All applicants seeking funding for cultural facilities that are historic - defined as 50 or more years old - will need to submit a Request for Project Review form from the N.H. Division of Historical Resources to avoid any potential harmful impacts the project might have on the venue's historic integrity.

Grant applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- Cultural significance of facility
- Quality of project
- Public benefit and access
- Administrative capacity to complete the project

The deadline to apply for a N.H. State Council on the Arts' Cultural Facilities Grant is February 9, 2024. For more information, visit [nh.gov/nharts](http://nh.gov/nharts).

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, a division of the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, enhances the quality of life in New Hampshire by stimulating economic growth through the arts, investing in the creativity of students, making the arts accessible to underserved populations and preserving heritage arts. Learn more about the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts at [nh.gov/nharts](http://nh.gov/nharts).

**BEEZWAX** By John Martin





### Cohase Winter Decorating Contest Winners Announced

Even though the cold of winter and the snow that is normally expected in the Cohase Region was a bit late in arriving this year, there were still plenty of great sights and plenty of bright lights in the area. For the third year the Cohase Chamber of Commerce with sponsorship help of the Wells River Savings Bank has promoted a Winter Decorating Contest for both businesses and residential properties in the six towns of Newbury, Haverhill, Bradford, Piermont, Fairlee and Orford.

The general public was asked to get a jump on the voting season and choose the winners. On the residential side, Lorie Walters of Bradford won for Walters Winter Wonder-

land light display. Kim and Kirk Morrison of Newbury took second place. They will both win a cash prize.

The winner of the commercial division was Farm-Way, in Bradford. Second place went to Young's Farm House Christmas in Newbury. And the Nootka Lodge in Woodsville won third place. A plaque will be given to Farm-Way to show their decorating superiority.

The Cohase Chamber of Commerce invites locals and visitors to continue to visit our region and enjoy all that it has to offer. To learn more about this sponsor and other local businesses, visit the Local Business Directory at [cohase.org](http://cohase.org).



Chester D. Ludwig Jr, 80, of Bath, NH passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 5, 2024, at his home with his wife by his side.

He was born on February 12, 1943, to Chester Ludwig Sr and Sarah (Manoli) Ludwig in Winthrop, MA. After high school, he worked at Polaroid for 34 years until retiring.

After retirement, he got to do and spend time with what he loved like his home, his land, & animals. He looked forward to every day and found something good in his every day. He always checked in on his neighbors, giving a helping hand if they needed it,

without ever expecting anything in return.

Chet was a very positive person, he had a passion for loving his wife, and for life itself, which included family, friends, hunting, his land, his many vegetable gardens, beagles, and his puddy cat.

Chet was a very private person, very quiet, and saw the best in everybody until proven otherwise.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Maureen Ludwig; 1 younger sister, Deborah Peterson & her husband Adrian, along with their children & grandchildren; 1 younger brother, Eric Ludwig & family; a very special cousin, Jean; his beloved wife's twin, his sister in law, Colleen Chase- whom he loved; his beloved wife's special niece Kym & husband Mike; his best friend James Sutkus and his partner Pattie; friends

Kevin Hassey & wife Wes; Alex Sutherland Sr; Alex Sutherland Jr and wife Jean; Nancy & Dick Thibadeau; plus many, many more loving friends.

"You need three things in your life to be happy: someone to love, something to do, and something to look forward to."

-Kenny Rogers  
Per Chet's wishes there will be no other services but calling hours, they will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024, from 4 to 5 PM at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH 03785. After services, Chet is to go home with his loving wife, Maureen. To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family.

## OBITUARY:

### Chester D. Ludwig Jr

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# Letter to the Editor:

## Is There Really a Middle of the Road?

First, I would like to congratulate Alex Foryan for his excellent article (Trendy Times, 12/22/23). He succinctly pointed out the many failings of the Biden Administration. Most of the Administration's policies are only in place to advance the woke policies of the far left socialist/communist agenda. These policies continue to exasperate the American people through high inflation, high gas prices, unbelievably high grocery prices and high retail prices. These policies are having a direct effect on the average citizen's ability to be able to manage their budget, with many living paycheck to paycheck. The elderly, most on fixed incomes, are having difficulty maintaining a bare minimum of subsistence, having to make tough

decisions between needed medicines and food for the table. The Administration's unilateral attack on American industries through their green energy policies, pushing unpopular electric vehicles, to their attack on gas stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, gas powered lawn mowers and other home equipment is driving up the costs for everyone. These are just some of the issues where there can be no middle ground, unless of course you are a supporter of Biden's radical agendas.

I would like to expound upon the open border issue which Alex Foryan touched upon in his article. As soon as Biden took office in 2021, he abruptly terminated President Trump's effective border policies. During

the Trump Administration, border crossings reached their lowest point in history. Since then, over 8.6 million have illegally entered the country, exceeding the population of all twelve of our most populous states and all U.S. cities with the exception of New York City. The majority of these people have not been vetted, bringing diseases into this country which had been eradicated years ago, placing undue burdens on our health care facilities. According to Custom and Border Patrol (CBP) statistics, included in that 8.6 million are 1.6 million "gotaways." Gotaways is a term used by the CBP to describe foreign nationals who illegally enter the country to avoid being caught and include criminals and terrorists.

This presents a serious ongoing threat to the very security of our country. There cannot be, nor should there be, any middle ground when it comes to our security. The other serious issue concerning the border is the control that the Mexican cartels have over who and what enters our country illegally. The cartels are controlling human trafficking, subjecting women and children to sexual abuse and selling many into servitude. Once these women and minor children enter the country we have no idea where they are. In addition, the cartels are making millions of dollars smuggling fentanyl and other illicit drugs into the country. More than 111,000 individuals have died from drug overdose in the 12-month period

ending in April of 2023, according to the CDC. This represents the largest cause of death of Americans between the age of 18 to 45 years old. There can be no middle ground on this issue, yet the Biden Administration insists, through Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandra Mayorkas, that the border is not open and that it is secure. Things must change fast before we lose the country that we dearly love.

With all due respect to Editor Gary Scruton, if one stands in the "middle of the road" long enough, one is very likely to get run over.

Robert Briggaman  
North Concord, VT

Robert,

I have no doubt that I have already been "run over" in the minds of some people. But I also believe that others will stand with me in that precarious location. Further I strongly believe I have every right to stand where I please, and offer my opinions.

I am normally not a "Fact

Checker" when it comes to letters to the editor, but I have to ask about the statistic that you mentioned in your letter. You stated that 8.6 million exceeds "the population of all twelve of our most populous states and all U.S. cities with the exception of New York City." I may not be reading this right, but I believe this to be in-

correct. The population of New England alone is over 14 million.

I will certainly agree that there are way too many people crossing the southern border of the United States legally or illegally. Congress and the Administration need to do something to correct this. However, getting those two entities to agree on

almost anything seems to be more than what they are capable of.

We are now in an election year. In New Hampshire we go to the polls on Tuesday, January 23. It will be just the start of a long political year. For our country's sake I hope it all goes well.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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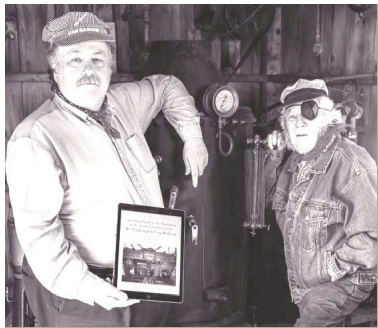
The Annual Election of Officers and Annual School District Meeting will be held at the Warren Town Hall on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 From 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The following officers will be voted upon:

- > Moderator for a term of one year
- > Treasurer for a term of one year
- > School District Clerk for a term of one year
- > 1 School Board Member for a three-year term ending in 2027

Candidates for the above may file at the Warren Village School From 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM January 24, 2024 – February 2, 2024





### Lisbon Area Historical Society Annual Meeting

*History of Mt. Washington Cog Railway and its Local "Coggers" to be Presented at Lisbon Area Historical Society Annual Meeting*

LISBON – The Lisbon Area Historical Society (LAHS) will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30pm at the LAHS Museum at 9 Depot Street in Lisbon followed by a free special program at 7pm presented by author, educator, journalist, broadcast correspondent/producer, and “Cogger,” Tim Lewis, who has for years studied the history of the Mt. Washington Cog Railway with particular interest in the names of the people and stories relating to those who worked on the Cog, at the Base Station, and at the Summit House.

Tim Lewis, “Jitney Jr.” is the son of Cog engineer, the late Norman “Jitney” Lewis, and spent his first 14 summers growing up at the Cog. He was one of the youngest people to fire a complete trip up Mt. Washington on a Cog Railway steam train and has developed the first-of-its-kind roster of Mt. Washington employees. So far, Lewis has tracked down over 3,000 former Cog employees, he refers to as “Coggers.”

Lewis will give a unique, illustrated talk at the LAHS Annual Meeting about the Cog and its Coggers from the Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff area. In doing so, Lewis hopes to learn some new names to add to his list. As Lewis says, “Remember, Coggers walk amongst us.”

For more information call 603-838-2003. LAHS is a non-profit with a mission to preserve and promote the rich history of Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff. To learn more, go to [www.lisbonareahistory.org](http://www.lisbonareahistory.org).

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## NOTICE

### BATH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Annual School District Meeting and Election of Officers will be held in the Bath Village School Cafeteria at 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 14, 2024  
**Polls will open at 6:00 PM**

The following officers will be voted upon:  
 Moderator for a term of one year  
 School District Clerk for a term of one year  
 Treasurer for a term of one year  
 1 School Board Member for a three-year term ending in 2027

*Candidates for the above may file at the Bath Village School From 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM January 24, 2024 – February 2, 2024*

## Want to Connect to Other Readers?

### Join the Bath Book Club!

The Bath Library Book Club will be discussing “Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine,” by Gail Honeyman on Monday, Feb. 12 at 4:30 pm at the Bath Public Library. As a nominee for the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Fiction (2017) and a choice for Reese’s Book Club it seems that Gail Honeyman’s first novel, like the character in its title, is completely fine. While the novel is completely fine, Eleanor Oliphant, the main character, may have to adjust her thinking about life.

Eleanor has a lackluster job and a traumatic past. She struggles with social skills, often speaking too frankly about what she is thinking. Her personal life runs on a timetable. Her weekends are spent eating boring food, drinking vodka and talking with her mother.

Sometimes life events conspire to upset one’s fixed routines. Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling IT guy from her office, and together they save an elderly man who has fallen on the sidewalk. The three of them somehow manage to rescue one another

Books may be picked up at the Bath Library; hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm; and Saturday 9:00 am to noon. Anyone with an interest in reading and conversing about books is welcome to attend. For information, please contact the library at 603-747-3372 or email [bathlibraryljh@gmail.com](mailto:bathlibraryljh@gmail.com)



## OBITUARY:

### Theo Eva (York) Ricker

North Haverhill, NH – Theo Eva (York) Ricker, 111, took her final breath on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Theo was welcomed into this world a month before the Titanic sailed, on March 1, 1912, by her parents M. Jessie (O’Meara) and George F. York, in Northumberland, NH.

Theo graduated from Groveton High School, and then went on to attend the Wilfred Academy Beauty School in Philadelphia, PA. She returned to New Hampshire and lived and worked in the Lancaster area until she moved to Woodsville in 1938.

She enjoyed playing scrabble, reading, and spending time in her garden. When it got hot in the summer, she loved to spend those sunny days at Groton Pond.

Theo is predeceased by many of her loved ones. Her husband Nelson C. Ricker passed

away on August 14, 1982; her son Richard H. Mayberry on January 4, 2005, her stepson Philip J. Ricker on November 2, 2010; her stepson Paul N. Ricker on June 9, 2012; her brothers Rex E. York, Max K. York and Horace J. “Ted” York; her niece Michelle “Goldie” Gilbert; and two nephews, John and George York.

She will be remembered by three nieces, Margaret York, Linda Muldoon, and Brenda Allen; and one nephew, David York; and four step-grandchildren.

Theo will be laid to rest in the Pine Grove Cemetery Thursday May 23, 2024, at 1PM.

To offer the family and online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family.

## NOTICE

### To the Voters in the Town of Haverhill, NH Please note the following Workshop and Hearings Dates

- Haverhill Select Board  
Budget Workshop  
Monday, February 5th at 6:00pm
- Haverhill Select Board  
Budget Hearing  
Monday, February 12th at 6:00pm
- Haverhill Select Board Public Hearing related to SB2 form of Town Meeting  
Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00pm

Workshop and Hearings to be held at the Clifford Building in Woodsville



# Letter to the Editor:

## Sugar Hill Response 2.0

To the Editor,  
Sticking up for friends is praiseworthy, but it is not honorable to present falsehoods instead of facts in so doing.

What people think about the Town of Sugar Hill should be based upon the facts, not a fairytale or a misrepresentation of the division that does and should exist in a culture at war with powers and perspectives that are chipping away at the good foundations of that which is Godly and Moral about American Culture and Character. Thirdly, we call out "projection" when we see it: When the indoctrinators accuse you of indoctrination, you know you have uncovered REAL INDOCTRINATION!

Sugar Hill Citizens have had it with the tyranny that comes with entrenched power in the hands of civil SERVANTS who no longer understand what the word SERVANT

means and who don't always know or care what an RSA is let alone are afraid of consequences of legal mismanagement. We have had it with the nonsense that has infected the minds of the New-York-Times-Reading town elders who are bent on pushing left-wing unhealthy indoctrination without consideration of its negative effects upon our society. (Not even the New York Times reads the New York Times anymore!) We are pushing back against real indoctrination of hatred of Country. Most importantly, we are sick of attempts at the sexual indoctrination and the grooming of children into the sex cults.

The recent Equality Resolution voted in by the Select Board was a violation on several fronts: It was enacted without consideration of the greater polity, it gave no consideration to its effects upon the town in forcing its tax-

payers to affirm the public affirmation of sex acts and indoctrination of children, and it gave no consideration to whether the Select Board had certain legal authorities. No, there was no following of any RSAs on this front. Town Counsel had to "educate" those on the Board - who intimate that their 20+ years in power gives them the gravitas and experience to act as they see fit - that they had run afoul of the law!

When it came to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, what we get from at least two town Boards and their officials is some pablum about their one-time tipping of the hat to the Constitution, not wanting to offend the God haters, and not wanting to indoctrinate people into love of country (a country that they think has laws that allow them to destroy it).

I have sympathy for the proletariat who look up to

and admire the folks whose policies and behaviors we oppose, but we will not be cowed or dissuaded by any attempts to pull at heart strings.

Ken Leavitt  
Sugar Hill



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Ken,  
I am very much at a loss for words when sitting down to write this response. I, admittedly, am not aware of the status of Sugar Hill's Select Board members, how long they have served, or what their political views may be. It should not matter. There are New Hampshire RSA's that dictate how board members should act, and what informational meetings they must hold before enacting certain programs or policies. If they have not followed those

RSA's there is recourse. There is also recourse at the ballot box come March and town meeting.

As I have said many times, be involved. If you have an opinion, don't be afraid to voice it. But also, when it comes time to do the work, don't be afraid to put your hand in the air and step up to the task. It can be frustrating, but it can also be very rewarding.

Gary Scruton, Editor

## UT MARTIN NAMES LOCAL STUDENT TO FALL SEMESTER CHANCELLOR'S HONOR ROLL

MARTIN, Tenn.—The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2023 Chancellor's Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and

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To be eligible for the Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5

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Landaff – Meredith J. Copithorne, Honors.

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**NOTICE**  
**HVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
The Annual Election of Officers will be held at the James R. Morrill building  
North Haverhill, NH  
**March 12, 2024 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM**  
The following officers will be voted upon:  
➢ Moderator for a term of one year  
➢ 3 School Board Members for a three-year term ending in 2027  
➢ 1 School Board Member for balance of term ending in 2025

*Candidates for the above may file at the SAU #23 Office at the James R. Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill, NH 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM*  
**January 24, 2024 – February 2, 2024**





**by Cindy Pinheiro  
to contact Cindy  
(aka Cin Pin)  
write to the  
owner/publisher at  
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# Peanut Butter and Jelly Cookies

easier and they are inexpensive. I also used my automatic stand mixer. Check out thrift stores because you can find one at a good price.

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

**Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup butter 1 stick softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar packed
- 1 cup peanut butter creamy or crunchy
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups white flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup seedless jam or jelly (I used grape jelly)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. In large bowl or stand up mixer beat softened butter till smooth and creamy scraping sides and bottom. Add sugar and brown sugar beating well and scraping sides and bottom. Add peanut butter continually beating, add egg and vanilla extract until combined. In small bowl mix flour with baking soda and salt and whisk to mix. Add flour mixture a little at a time to incorporate scraping bottom and sides. Mix

until no flour streaks are visible. Try not to over mix. Using your 1 1/2 Tbsp cookie scoop forming a ball placing 3" apart. They spread quite a bit so put only 12 per cookie sheet. With a fork press down to flatten a bit to about 1/2 inch making fork lines then criss cross with fork making square marks. In small bowl put jelly or jam and mix to make smooth. With a teaspoon spoon put jelly directly in center. Bake for 13-15 minutes until edges are set. Mine took 13 minutes. Leave on cookie sheet for 5-10 minutes then remove carefully to a wire rack to finish cooling. Bake 2nd baking sheet. If you have any extra dough use separate cookie sheet. I used the first sheet I used. I got 28 cookies. That's it you are done. Store in Tupperware. Try one with a nice glass of milk, coffee or tea. They are good any time you have a craving.

Please give this recipe a try because you and your family will love them and you will be a star.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Enjoy! If you have any questions please contact April and I will help you out. If you have any recipe that's your favorite and want to share it with me I would be thrilled. Stay safe and

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? Happy New Year 2024! I am fine and just got home from Rhode Island and I had a wonderful time. My grandchildren are getting so big and smart. Angelo is 11, Abigail 9 and Arlo 3. My car was great driving and good on gas. We went to a couple of my favorite restaurants Twin Oaks and Twins Pizza. I got to see my niece and nephew and my sister in law. My 2 dogs were in the kennel and so tickled when I picked them up. I left a bunch of food and water for my 2 cats Bella and Sox that were home alone and they were fine. The parakeet, Pretty Bird was fine too. It's a big ordeal when you have pets and want to go away but this time was good.

Today's recipe is so good and very inexpensive to make. "Delicioso" and easy peasy! You probably have all the ingredients in your pantry. I used creamy peanut butter but I'm sure chunky would be fine too. I also used my cookie scoop 1 1/2 Tbsp size. It makes making cookies so much

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