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Yankee Kingdom Media Corp. Promotes Merl Grabowski to Sales Manager

Degree in Communications from Vermont State University -

Lyndon (FKA Lyndon State College), with a 43-year career that included working at radio stations in:

Saint Johnsbury, VT., Waterbury, VT., Littleton, NH., Newport, VT., Randolph, VT., Barre, VT., and Derby, VT., plus over 28 years at WYKR-101.3FM & WTVN-105.1FM/AM-1100 in Wells River, VT, working for the previous owners, Puffer Broadcasting, Inc.

In 2009, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters honored him with the "Funniest Radio Commercial of the Year" Award.

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We are all excited about this new chapter at Yankee Kingdom Media and look forward to the continued growth and success under Merl's leadership.

WELLS RIVER, VT.] – Yankee Kingdom Media Corp. is thrilled to announce the promotion of long-time employee Merl Grabowski to

As Sales Manager, Merl Grabowski will be responsible for leading the Yankee Kingdom Media sales team and developing innovative opportunities to benefit our present and future advertisers.

His proven ability to drive revenue growth makes him an ideal candidate for this position.

Yankee Kingdom Media's Owner, Joshua Smith, expressed excitement about Merl's promotion, stating, "We look forward to seeing the positive impact he will undoubtedly make in his new role."

Merl Grabowski is eager to take on this new challenge, saying, "I am honored to be appointed as the Sales Manager at Yankee Kingdom Media. I look forward to working closely with our talented team, exceeding our client expectations, and contributing to the continued success of our local family company."

Merl Grabowski earned his B.S.

the position of Sales Manager.

Merl Grabowski has proven himself as an invaluable asset to our local family organization. Having over 4 decades of local radio experience, Merl has consistently demonstrated leadership, innovation, and a sharp understanding of the evolving landscape in this industry. In his previous role as a Marketing Consultant, Merl exhibited a remarkable ability to foster strong, long-standing relationships with our advertising clients, and our listening community.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Peyton Place Restaurant

By April Scuton

This issue I decided to have some much needed friend time, with my best friend Melissa. Since I hadn't been there yet for a dining guide review, I decided to go to Peyton Place Restaurant that ironically, Melissa and I had actually been there a couple times before to listen to a friend play.

I thought it would be fun to go again when there was music. Which are Thursday nights from 6pm til 8:30. I picked her up at her house, which is in Fairlee Vermont so right across the river we drove over and parked. We got there, roughly around 6 PM. We could hear the music playing as we entered the restaurant. Inside was a cute little bar. We got greeted at the door and asked if we had a reservation for the live music, as there is not

much space and fills up quickly. We did not, so they asked where we wanted to be seated we decided on the "high top" table, which is located in the bar area. Close enough to listen to the music and far enough away, to be able to have a good conversation. Our waitress asked what we wanted for our drink order. I decided on a margarita. Melissa decided on some wine. I had to try an appetizer so I settled on the Chorizo Dumplings. Soooo delicious with just the right kick of spice. We had a great conversation with some laughs. Possibly some tears. While we waited. Shortly after our drinks arrived. We decided on what we wanted for meals. After lots of considerations, Melissa decided on a Chicken

Roulade & Risotto. I ordered the Lasagna Bolognese.

I had never before met the owner, so I decided to introduce myself. Heidi was very pleasant and gave a short history on Peyton Place. Which was very interesting. Shortly after, our meals came out. We both found them delicious. The waitress asked if we wanted some dessert. We both said yes. Melissa went with her favorite the Crème Brulé. I chose a Brownie with Va-



nilla Ice Cream with Raspberry sauce. By the time we ate those, we were full. So I grabbed the bill which came to \$146.47 which I gave to the waitress. With a good tip as always. What a nice elegant place to dine. The true meaning of fine dining. With a very comfortable atmosphere. We headed out. This was definitely an amazing place that you should all check out. Until next time.

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Letter to the Editor: Sickness in the Country

To the Editor

The New Hampshire primary election is over and a little over half of the Republicans who showed up to vote said they wanted to see Donald Trump back in the White House. Donald Trump, the man who has been:

- 1) convicted of raping a woman,
- 2) convicted of cheating the state of New York out of hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes; who has been
- 3) indicted by a jury of his peers for stealing and concealing boxes of highly classified materials from the government; who was
- 4) indicted by a jury of his peers for inciting the January 6th insurrection against our government; who was
- 5) indicted by a jury of his peers of interfering in the Georgia 2020 presidential election; who
- 6) has promised to be a dictator his first day in office; and also
- 7) has promised to get retribution against his political enemies when in office.

The majority of voting New Hampshire Republicans think it's a good idea for that man to be president – again.

Only ten short years ago, Americans would not have been able to conceive of the idea of a convicted rapist and tax cheat even running for president, let alone being elected to the office. It seems that's not a big thing anymore.

What is wrong with these people?

The Republican party is no longer the "party of Lincoln". That party is long gone. What remains in its stead is a danger to our democracy and to the very existence of our nation.

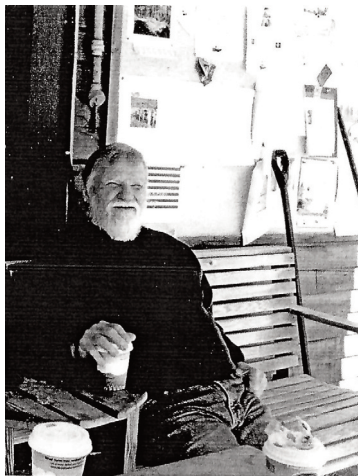
We cannot let this indicted and convicted criminal become our president again. The whole concept of what the founders envisioned America to be - what so many Americans have fought and died for - is at stake.

Rachael Booth
Landaff, NH

Rachael,

The voters in the recent New Hampshire primary were the second group to have a say about who will hold the position of President of the United States for the upcoming four years. Though many might say that the primary process is now finished, there are many who feel there is still a ways to go. In somewhat of a rarity in US politics there is also a potential for a strong third party candidate to be part of the general election come November. These factors all lead me to believe that it will be a long and interesting trip for this country to get to November 5, 2024 and whatever may happen after that date.

Gary Scruton, Editor



OBITUARY: Richard Allen Heath,

Topsham, VT – Richard Allen Heath, 85, passed away in peace at home on his beloved Troll's Bridge Farm, on Thursday, January 18, 2024. He was welcomed into this world on May 27, 1938, by his parents Ethel Gladys (L'Heureux) and Ivan Merrill Heath in Ayer, MA.

He received his elementary education in several schools because his father was a career military man, he finished high school at the Bristol County Agricultural School. He went on to follow in his father's footsteps and joined the ranks of the US Marine Corps. He was a Lieutenant Corporal and served from 1958 – 1962. He was a plank owner on the USS Independence.

Richard met and fell in love with Polly Jo Craw-

ford Stryker, in 1980 and have been together ever since.

He has worked most of his life in the business of agriculture. He has worked at Olsen's Greenhouse, Mendoza Greenhouses, and Crawford Greenhouses, he also worked for Limlaw Pulpwood, and for himself as co-owner of Troll's Bridge Farm. His hobbies include beekeeping, tending dairy cows, and of course, gardening.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, Ethel, and Ivan Heath; his brothers, Ivan and William Heath; and his former wife, mother of his children, Judith Waylan.

He is survived by his companion of 44 years, Polly Stryker of Topsham, VT; his sons, Michael Heath of South Dart-

mouth, MA, and Timothy Heath of Boston, MA; and his siblings, John Heath of Clifton Forge, VA, James Christy of Hamburg, AR, and Sandra Campbell of Rumford, ME.

Richard will be laid to rest in Welch Road Cemetery in Topsham, VT, a date and time to be announced in early summer, for a mid-July service.

Richard so enjoyed his visits with people over a cup of coffee at the corner store; his wish is for those who knew him, to take the time to visit with friends and loved ones while enjoying a hot cup of coffee.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting.

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Fortunately, you don't have to go it alone. A financial advisor can help you in these key areas:

Developing a personal financial strategy — Many factors go into creating a long-term financial strategy. What is your risk tolerance? When would you like to retire? What sort of retirement lifestyle have you envisioned? What are your other important goals? A financial advisor will ask these and other questions in getting to know you, your family situation and your hopes for the future. By taking this type of holistic approach, a financial advisor can help you create financial and investment strategies appropriate for your needs.

Avoiding mistakes — A financial advisor can help you avoid costly investment mistakes. One such mistake is attempting to "time" the market. Investors pursue market timing when they try to "buy low" and "sell high." In theory, of course, this is a great idea — if you could con-

risen significantly, you'd always make some tidy profits. The main drawback to this technique, though, is that it's virtually impossible to follow, especially for individual investors. Nobody, not even professional money managers, can really predict with any accuracy when stock prices have reached high or low points. Consequently, those who try to make these guesses could miss out on opportunities. For example, investors who are determined to buy low might not want to purchase investments when the market is up — but this practice could lead to taking a "time out" from investing just when the market is in the midst of a rally. But a financial advisor can steer clients toward a more disciplined approach, such as buying quality investments and holding them for the long term, regardless of the ups and downs of the market.

Checking progress toward your goals — If you were to invest without any guidance, you might not be looking at your investments' performance with the proper perspective. For example, some investors simply compare their portfolio returns

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sistently buy investments — stocks, in particular — when their price is down and then sell them when the price has risen significantly, you'd always make some tidy profits. The main drawback to this technique, though, is that it's virtually impossible to follow, especially for individual investors. Nobody, not even professional money managers, can really predict with any accuracy when stock prices have reached high or low points. Consequently, those who try to make these guesses could miss out on opportunities. For example, investors who are determined to buy low might not want to purchase investments when the market is up — but this practice could lead to taking a "time out" from investing just when the market is in the midst of a rally. But a financial advisor can steer clients toward a more disciplined approach, such as buying quality investments and holding them for the long term, regardless of the ups and downs of the market.

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against a widely used market index, such as the S&P 500. But this comparison may not be that useful. The S&P 500 only measures the stock prices of the leading publicly traded U.S. companies by market capitalization — but your investment portfolio, if properly diversified, will include investments other than U.S. stocks, such as bonds, government securities, international stocks and more. Consequently, the performance of your portfolio won't track that of the S&P 500 or any other single index, either. Your financial advisor can help you employ more meaningful benchmarks, such as whether your portfolio's progress is on track toward helping you meet your financial goals. Also, a financial advisor will review your portfolio and investment strategy regularly to determine what changes, if any, need to be made, either in response to the markets or to events in your life.

Investing for your future can be exciting and rewarding — and you can feel more confident in your decisions when you have someone helping you along the way.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Horse Meadow Senior Center Menu: February 2024

Grab & Go from 11:00-11:30. Congregate Dining from 11:30-12:30

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2/2 Chicken Wrap, Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese, Roasted Sweet potato, Broccoli, Milk

2/5 Beef Stew, Banana Bars, Fruit Cup, Milk

2/6 Chicken & Rice, Peas/Carrots, Milk

2/7 Tuna Salad Plate, Nutty Cauliflower, Chips, Fruit Cups, Milk

2/8 Creamy Shrimp Casserole, Broccoli, Pumpkin Bar, Milk

2/9 Turkey loaf, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Cup, Milk

2/12 Chili w/beans, Corn Bread, Fruit Cup, Milk

2/13 Spinach Quiche, Carrots, Milk

2/14 Chipped Beef, Mashed Potato, Peas & Onions, Fruit Cup, Milk (Music by The BOYZ @11:00)

2/15 Chicken Noodle Casserole, Zucchini & Onions, Milk

2/16 Shepherd's Pie, Stewed Tomato, Spinach, Fruit Cup, Milk

2/19 CLOSED for President's Day

2/20 Italian Sausage Tortellini Bake, Green Beans, Roll, Milk

2/21 Hot Dog & Potato Dinner, Corn Bread, Carrots, Fruit, Milk

2/22 Salisbury Steak, Mashed potato, Mixed Vegetable, Milk

2/23 Roasted Pork, Baked Potato, Carrots, Fruit Cup, Milk

2/26 American Chop suey, Wax Beans/Carrots, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cup, Milk

2/27 Beef with Pepper/Onion, White Rice, Warm Apple Sauce, Milk

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1930 – 2024

NEWBURY CENTER, VT – Marilyn Fuller, 93 passed peacefully with family by her side on January 11, 2024.

She was born May 4, 1930, in South Weymouth, MA to the Reverend Andrew Thompson and Marion (Woodworth) Thompson. She lived in Hanson, MA and Arkport, NY graduating in 1948 from Arkport Central School. Marilyn attended New England School of Theology in Brookline, MA. In 1949, she came to VT where her father had just assumed pastorship of the Free Will Advent Christian Church of Newbury.

She met Kenneth Fuller in Newbury, and they married on February 4, 1950. She is survived by four sons; Glenn Fuller and Crystal Brooks of Southwick, MA, Kevin and wife Darlene Fuller of Newbury Center, VT; Keith Fuller of Mims, FL, and Timothy Alger of Weldon, CA; one daughter, Karen Wallace of Hot Springs, VA; former daughters-in-law, Marie Lackey and Kandi Alger; her grandchildren: Daniel Fuller, Brian Fuller and wife Shannon, Glenn Fuller, Travis Brooks and wife Jessie, Heather (Fuller) and husband Paul Giurlando, Melissa (Fuller) and husband David Litchfield, Kevin and wife Jennifer Fuller, Josh Fuller, Karen Fuller, Kenny and wife Calista Fuller, Evan Fuller, Christopher and wife Emily Wallace, Stormi and husband Josh Schulze, Ashlie Vaughn, T.J. Alger, and Derrick Alger; her great grandchildren: Garrett

OBITUARY: Marilyn Fuller

Fuller and fiancé Lizzy Minkler, Maddy Fuller, Brian Fuller, Jack Fuller, Katryn Cormier, Hailey Fuller, Aiden Sensabaugh, Madeleine Litchfield, Jake Litchfield, Brayden Charles, Leah Obremsky, and Gracelynn Fuller; her great great grandchildren: Kyara Schulze, Andrea Vaughn, Conner Vaughn, and Emmett Minkler.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband Kenneth of 62 years; her sister Ellen Andrews; former daughter-in-law Maureen Kennedy Fuller; former son-in-law Michael Wallace; daughter-in-law, Helen Alger; grandson Jake Conrad; long time Fresh Air student Diane Wetzel; and many precious nieces and nephews.

In 1950 she became a 4-H leader in Orange County, VT. Attending many leadership training courses and any other opportunities that arose. Her desire to learn and share with others was a great passion of hers. She was a leader with the Busy Bees 4-H Club in Orange County VT and later in the Bob-O-Link 4-H Club of North Haverhill, NH, and she also assisted the Grafton County 4-H Teen Club.

Some of her many accomplishments include Vermont New England Center 4-H Coordinator for 30 years, New England Center 4-H Coordinator, non-livestock, for Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, MA for 25 years, and 4-H Program Associate in Grafton County, NH for 10 years specializing in recruiting and organizing clubs. Her 4-H service spanned over 70 years.

Marilyn became employed at the Grafton County Nursing Home in 1969.

She graduated from the first class of certified Nursing Assistants given by the nursing home. Be-

sides her work there, on the family farm and later with the Grafton County Extension office, you could find her working in school kitchens, substituting in a classroom, serving on the Newbury Little League Association, chairing the Newbury Town House Cemetery Association, working the polls, volunteering for the March of Dimes Walk, judging 4-H competitions, volunteering at the Connecticut Valley Fair in Bradford, VT and North Haverhill Fair, helping with Senior Meals, serving as a committee member of the Grafton County 4-H Leaders' Association Golf Tournament "Playing for Clover", co-chairing the Grafton County Master Gardeners' Association, catering an event, or delivering one of her yummy cakes for a birthday, wedding or any occasion.

In 1996, she graduated from the UNH Master Gardener program and was eager to share her love of gardening with students at various elementary schools in the region.

She was named Modern Woodmen of America Hometown Hero in 2006 and the Cohase Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2014 both for her tireless work to enrich the communities she loved on both sides of the Connecticut River. She was also recognized by the North Haverhill Fair Association for her years of dedication to the 4-H programs held there.

In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, sewing, crafts, knitting, and cake decorating. She especially loved hosting the Fuller family reunions at her beloved Round Pond. A favorite quote of hers is from Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." Marilyn's life was indeed one of giving.

A celebration of her amazing life will be held at

the Newbury Town House on June 29th at 1 PM where she will be laid to rest next to the love of her life, Kenneth.

Memorial donations may be made for scholarship funds and sent to Grafton County 4-H Leaders' Association UNHCE, 3855 DCH, Box

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Ricker Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family.

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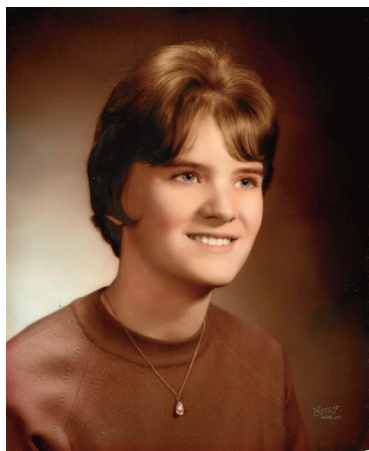
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OBITUARY: OBITUARY:

Paula Stevenson

Barnet, VT – Paula Stevenson, 71, of Barnet, VT, passed away peacefully at home on January 25, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Paula was born on July 9th, 1952, to Calvin “Kelly” Bogie St. and Audrey (Cassady) Bogie in St. Johnsbury, VT. She attended McIndoe Academy until its closure in 1969. She completed her senior year and graduated from Peacham Academy in 1970.

Soon after graduating she married her love, Richard Stevenson in September of 1970. Together they had two children: Jacqueline and Shane.

Paula had many hobbies and talents she excelled at; gardening, sewing, making wedding cakes, and refinishing furniture, to name a few. There wasn't much she couldn't do. She always had a project she was working on. She boiled all the sap to make maple syrup for her whole life and was determined to do so even through her illness. Last year she made 1780 gallons.

Paula was an awesome cook. Many will re-

member her famous potato salad from Paula's Place, a general store that she created, opened, and operated in West Barnet. She was the hardest working woman. Above all, she cherished family time. Spending time at her camp on Harvey's Lake with friends and family, listening to her grandsons play the guitar, sugaring, or cooking and canning with her granddaughters.

Paula was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Richard of 53 years, her children, Jacqueline Gilmour (John), and Shane Stevenson (Christen Emerson). She is also survived by her four grandchildren that she loved dearly, Johnny Gilmour, Garrett Gilmour, Lucia Stevenson, and Lillian Stevenson; and brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends.

There will be no service at this time.

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Anna T. Parker,

Newbury, VT- Anna T. Parker, 92, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, January 12, 2024. She was born on September 24, 1931, to Wilfred Sr. and Aurora (Gendron) Pigeon in North Troy, Vermont. In 1987 she moved to Newbury, VT and stayed till the end.

Throughout her life she was a waitress and was a housekeeper for several businesses, the last before retiring was Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

She was predeceased by her parents, Wilfred Sr. and Aurora Pigeon; her first husband, Donald Lee; second Husband David Parker; and two brothers, Henry and Wilfred Jr. Pigeon.

She is survived by three sisters, Gabriella Maguda, Theresa (Jacques) Baigle, and Denise Pigeon; several nieces and nephews; three stepdaughters, April and husband Bill, Joi and daughter Alia, Kelly and children.

She loved gardening and keeping her lawn mowed. She will be missed by many friends, especially Diana Spear, Joe and Cheryl, Ken, Nancy and their family, Ben Isley, and her church, Kingdom Hall.

There will be a graveside service in North Troy at a later date.

To offer her friends and family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting.

Letter to the Editor One Little Word Can Make a Difference

I want to congratulate Editor, Gary Scruton, on his astute reading of my Letter to the Editor (Jan. 16, 2024, Is There Really a Middle Ground) in which he pointed out an error in my quoted statistics.

In my letter I stated that.... 8.6 million have illegally enter the country, exceeding the population of all twelve of our most populous states.... What it should have read is as

follows: exceeding the population of all BUT twelve of our most populous states. One little word can make all the difference.

My statistics were gleaned from the U.S. Census Bureau as of July 1, 2023. Thanks Gary, for picking up on my omission.

Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

Robert,

Thank you for clearing up the statistic, and thank you also for admitting to an error. It seems that far too many people have gotten in the habit of not admitting when they do make a mistake. I know I have made many errors (both typographical and action related) and I try my best to own up to them.

It is not impossible to disagree and still not be disagreeable. Please keep the letters coming.
Gary Scruton, Editor

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Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

Concerning Jared Pendak's Letter to the Editor about the Juvenile Detention Center the State is hell-bent on locating in Newbury. It seems like he has drunk from the State's Kool-Aid cup. Yes, it is a detention center and not a group home or a mental health facility. I don't believe Mr. Pendak was at the site visit where officials from the State and Vermont Permanency Initiative (Becket Family of Services) spent over an hour detailing how secure the site would be with motion detectors, security lights, detention-grade doors and windows, walls made of abuse-resistant materials and residents locked in their cells. The residents will not experience any of the 280 forest acres the property has, instead they will be limited to a small outside exercise area surrounded by a 12-foot-high fence. This is not a Clara Martin type facility.

This site should never have been proposed in the first place. The State closed and demolished the Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in Essex. Instead of building a new juvenile facility on the site, they built a new adult mental health facility and transferred patients to the new facility that were already housed elsewhere.

The select board, development review board and the people of Newbury do indeed understand and care about mental and behavioral health diagnoses, but we also know the difference between group homes and detention centers. This facility's pri-

Richard,

I believe I see the two sides to this situation. On one side the State of Vermont wants, and needs, a facility such as is proposed. On the other side the voters of Newbury have said, we agree on the need, but disagree on the location. This may be an over simplification of the project, but I believe it is a fair one.

The art of compromise can be very tricky and often difficult one to perform. I hope that somehow the State of Vermont and the residents of Newbury can find a way to compromise, even if it does appear to be very black and white.

Gary scruton, Editor

mary purpose is to house juveniles that have been adjudicated and need to be separated from the Vermont general population.

I take great exception to Mr. Pendak's statement "As DCF Commissioner Chris Winters has stated throughout the process...," Chris Winters worked in the Secretary of State's Office for 25 years, and didn't become DCF Commissioner until February 2023 when Governor Scott appointed him. Dr. Harry Chen was interim commissioner beginning in the fall of 2022 and Sean Brown was appointed commissioner in June 2020. Chris Winters has not been there throughout the process.

The opposition to the location of the facility is not NIMBY-ism. The location is unsuitable. It is located at the end of a class IV road that is all but impassable during mud season. It relies on the State Police in St. Johnsbury, at least 30 minutes away and the Orange County Sheriff Department at least 48 minutes away for protection services. Fire protection is provided by an all-volunteer Fire Department. This location is unsafe for staff and the youth to be housed there.

The proposed facility will not serve disabled youth, it will be a detention center located out of sight, out of mind, in a remote location, without emergency services.

I appreciate Mr. Pendak's interest in Newbury but he has been misled by the State.

Richard M Roderick
Village of Wells River, in
Newbury, VT

Letter to the Editor: Is Joe Too Old?

To the Editor,

It seems likely that the 2024 Presidential election will come down to a rematch between two Old White Guys—Joe Biden and Donald Trump. Of course, many of us would like to see a young, vibrant, brilliant leader emerge to bring our country into the future—into the light. I, personally, look forward to Pete Buttigieg moving on from Transportation to greater leadership.

But, for now, I'm all in for Joe Biden. I know men in their '80s who are capable, smart, physically fit and have gained much wisdom and humility from experience. Donald Trump is not one of them. His claim to be "forever young" places him, maybe, as the worst behaved kid in kindergarten.

Joe Biden has many years of experience working in the federal government and understands how it works, and the necessity of compromise. In the face of an obstructionist House of Representatives, he has passed an impressive amount of legislation and brought our economy back from the edge of disaster brought on by the pandemic. He has brought manufacturing back to the States, begun to seriously address climate change, improved access to healthcare for many, and taken on the price gouging of drug companies. Also, he has managed to restore America's relationship with allies in Europe and Asia, which had been denigrated during Trump's time in office. Trump alienated and demeaned our allies, while admiring dictators like Putin and Kim Jong Un. He demanded attention for himself and only worked for projects of his own fancy—like the ineffective border wall with Mexico.

Trump never worked in government until he was unexpectedly thrust into the oval office—leader of

the free world. His idea of governing was to create division in the American people, disrespect for all people of difference, disability, and other religions, and even for veterans who had the audacity and poor taste to come home disabled or dead. His present campaign promises only personal revenge and a vendetta against anyone who failed to support him—more than half the people in this nation. There will be only sycophants in his new administration, none of the professionals and generals—sensible and experienced people who worked to restrain Trump's impulsivity.

Joe Biden has experienced personal tragedy—which has given him the perspective to have empathy for the suffering of other people—people who have lost their homes to fire and flood, families of military personnel, people with disabilities, misfortune, or a lack of resources. Joe Biden has a strong, enduring Catholic

Cynthia,

It is probably obvious that this letter came to my desk before the NH Primary, but after our last publication. Both Joe Biden and Donald Trump won their respective primaries. At this writing it appears the primary battle is not yet over, but certainly has these two as favorites to win their party's nomination.

Before we get to November of this year, much

faith—supporting true Christian values. However, he thinks independently and supports a woman's right to her own health and reproduction choices. Trump caters to the Evangelical Christian right, claiming that he supports their values—while never having practiced any faith. He only cares about Christian values when they intersect with his own ambitions. This is a clever deception that has brought many otherwise good people into his base of support.

So—for the sake of our country and democracy, go to the polls in New Hampshire on January 23rd and write in Joseph R. Biden to be the Democratic candidate and to continue doing a good, solid job being President of the United States of America—the leader we need in perilous times.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Lanchester
Easton, NH

will be said, written, and occur. It will be up to each and every voter to take in what they can and make a decision, on their own, of what to do when going into that polling booth this fall. My hope is that it is a good clean campaign. After which we will move forward with the decision of the voters of this great country.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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Dennis Edward Ruggles
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Dennis Ruggles, 76, of Claremont, NH passed peacefully on January 15, 2024 after a long illness.

His early childhood was spent in Johnson, VT where he lived with his parents Wilbur "Johnnie" and Stella (Rowell) Ruggles and siblings Pam and Brent. The family moved to Cornish, NH when he was 10 years old then to Claremont a year later. He graduated from Stevens High School in 1966.

He and Mary Ann Templeton grew up neighbors, each living on either side of the Claremont/Cornish NH town line. They first dated in 1963 and married in July of 1966. They lived in Claremont NH, Reading VT and Weathersfield VT before buying property in Unity NH in 1979 and building their own home. The couple moved to Haverhill, NH in 2005. Mary predeceased Dennis in 2020, just days after their 54th anniversary.

A jack of all trades, Dennis probably did it or wanted to do it "someday." He was part of the 409-racing crew, racing dirt track in the 60's. In high school, he worked on construction of bridges on I-91 in the Ascutney area and drove truck hauling steel. When newly married he delivered milk for Idlenot Dairy (leading Mary to joke that she, in fact, had the milkman's baby). He did farm work for others and kept some animals himself. He was a maintenance mechanic at Tambrands in Claremont for over 33 years, retiring in 2002. He was a carpenter, a woodworker and a craftsman; building everything from bird houses to his own house, furniture, and beautifully hand carved figures of animals and caricatures. He could

fix just about anything whether it had an engine or without. He loved to hunt and fish and built his own muzzleloader. He was the custodian at the school in Monroe, NH for several years and prided himself in keeping things spotless and running in ship shape. Dennis loved animals and there was always a dog by his side sharing his morning toast.

He was a late comer to baking, but that didn't stop him from trying to perfect apple pie and flaky biscuits. Gardening became one his favorite pastimes too, with his love of tomatoes bordering on obsession. Be assured that no matter what Dennis did he rarely did it alone as he made friends wherever he went.

Family was dear to Dennis. Siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws played major roles in his memories. Nieces and nephews fondly recall his and Mary's house being a second home where much fun was had. He and his cousin "Red" Davis were quite the team; they both liked a good laugh so you never knew what to expect when they got together. Dennis often told of crawling into bed with Gramp Ruggles on cold nights when he was very young. Every time Gramp would ask "Where was Moses when the lights went out?" and he'd respond "in the dark" as Gramp pulled the cord attached to the light switch. He spent so much time with his children and their families, but it was still too short for those he left behind.

Dennis is survived by son Jason and wife Amber of Springfield NH, son Jeff and wife Tracie of Claremont NH, and daughter Jessica Sherman and husband Steve of Monroe NH as well as 5 grandchildren (John & Adam Ruggles, Avery

Waddell & Justine Ruggles, and Emily Sherman), 2 step grandsons (Stephen Proctor and Edward Baker) and 4 great grandchildren (Liam, Brady & Carter Ruggles and Penelope Waddell). He is also survived by sister Pam Smith and husband Walt of Winter Haven FL and brother Brent and wife Connie of Pittston ME.

He also leaves behind his 1975 Jonsered 70 chainsaw: the one possession that rivaled family for his affection. He even risked marital bliss when he spent hard saved money on it while there were two young boys and a new baby to provide for. It was a wise decision though since the old farm house they lived in took 15 cords of wood to heat! Cutting wood was never loathsome to him; it was something he loved to do with his beloved Jonsered 70 in hand. Even after he no longer burned much wood, he cut wood for a friend. He quipped that he should be buried with the saw, but decided that wasn't right because the ol' Jonsered should live on to cut again.

Anyone who knew Dennis knows of his love of a good story or ten, often one segueing right into the next. There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, February 10th at Martin Memorial Hall located at 5259 US Rte. 5 in Ascutney, VT (the Weathersfield Town Hall). All who knew him are invited to drop in between 12pm and 4pm to share stories and some of Dennis's favorite foods prepared by his family. In lieu of donations, talk to your neighbors and lend a helping hand. Know no enemies because you find some good in everyone. Say "I Love You" more because you'll never feel like you said it enough.

FRIENDS

ARE HERE FROM EUROPE

By: Maggie Anderson

Our mountain, a huge paperweight this morning, looks as though it has been covered in molten glass. My little humming bird's world, imprisoned in ice from last night's storm, has been assaulted by a relentless icy rain, propelled by an equally relentless wind all day.

His two feeders, now more precious than usual, have been guarded since before I lifted the shades early this morning.

The windows on the east side of the house look like the frosted glass blocks along the street by the YMCA pool when I was a girl; rumor had it clothing was optional when the girls were in the pool and every boy in my neighborhood pressed his face to the frosting praying for a crack in the glass on his way to school.

It is already 2:30 and no matter how tightly I tried to press my face to the kitchen window's pane - if I had any interest in such a pursuit - I still could not tell if the folks across the street were dressed or not as they tried to hike the frozen wasteland between their front door and their mail box.

On the other hand, the windows on west side of the house are protected from frost by a porch that blocks the wind, if it blows in the right direction the way it did yesterday, making signs of life or frolic clearly visible from the west side's casements.

I have been concerned about my tiny visitor all day. When I first saw him this morning I feared he may have been paralyzed by the cold, too stunned to find cover.

I have an antique bird cage, a small bamboo one, the kind used for transporting budgies and canaries home from the pet shop, and housing them until your folks decide you really do plan to keep your tiny blue budgie and they are forced to find a real bird cage for him.

My concern for my tiny friend was so great I actually bundled up and trudged out to the porch with my little cage hoping to bring him inside where he would be warm, and safe from the neighbor's cats who, out hunting for lunch, might put him on the menu.

I think he would have been ahead of them anyway, the moment I opened the door he abandoned his post and shot across the yard to the safety of the butterfly bush.

As soon as I came back into the house he resumed his duty as guardian of the golden mean.

He situated himself midway between the two feeders bobbing to what must have been a continuous loop of "Stayin' Alive" running through his tiny skull, the bobbing occasionally interspersed by a machine gun burst of tiny steps, the kind of rapid fire shuffle we used to do while waiting for the school bus in the cold and trying to keep our feet from freezing.

It will be getting dark in another hour, I sure hope he has plans for the night.

Day 2 - I raised the shades this morning to find my fluffed ruby already at his post on the railing between the two feeders, both frozen solid.

He found shelter for the night somewhere but returned even before my alarm clock annoyed me in the silver of the breaking dawn.

First I fed my beautiful, patient cat, then I thawed and refilled the two feeders for my tiny friend. He lifted off and hovered while I retrieved them, never venturing far, and returned for a feast before they even stopped swaying from having been rehung.

He knows he belongs here, he's no longer afraid. I'm glad of that, I enjoy his company, and besides he's as close as I'll ever get to so large a shimmering ruby.



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Letter to the Editor:

Readers, beware of 'false purveyors of truth'

To the Editor,

In response to a diatribe written by Robert O'Connor, and published in The Caledonian Record on December 31, 2023, entitled "No Questions, Please!" he states that former President "Donald Trump never had press conferences during his presidency." Like Biden, O'Connor must have been asleep like the character in Washington Irving's short story, "Rip Van Winkle," or has been hiding under a rock like a skink during the four years of the Trump Administration?! Or, perhaps, like "Sneaky Joe," O'Connor was hiding in his basement conveniently unaware of the then current events enveloping our country like building the Border Wall by which to keep Americans safe, prevention of illegal immigration and the unlawful spread of fentanyl and other drugs among our citizens by the cartels, increased oil production on which our entire economy is based in order to reduce the price of gasoline, home heating fuel, groceries and dining out.

According to public records from the University of California, Santa

Barbara, entitled "The American Presidency Project": the term "news conference" refers simply to an interaction between the President and multiple members of the press in a relatively formal setting. In a "news conference," the President and the press meet specifically for the President to respond to press questions (of real substance).

According to statistical data from that same project, Trump has held an average of 22 news conferences per year and 178 exchanges per year with reporters while in office compared to Biden's 11.3 news conferences and 132 exchanges with reporters.

It should also be pointed out that Trump took "hard" questions about national security situations like COVID, Russia, China, Iran and the Middle East, North Korea, the American economy and not "softball" questions about what kind of ice cream is your favorite, Mr. President? Additionally, often-times, Trump spoke for himself, and didn't speak through his Press Secretary. Melania was not used as President Trump's spokesperson

nor acted as his guide dog as "Dr. Jill" is being used in the present Biden walk-arounds and interactions with the press (esp in handling the Hunter Biden Tax Evasion Incidents)!

Biden, on the other hand, has "run away from the press," has been protected by the press who ask "softball" questions, or has jaunted off on vacation to avoid answering questions.

In my recollection, John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan gave the most informative and humorous "news conferences" followed by Donald Trump, George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush as well as Lyndon Johnson.

Readers, don't be fooled....beware of "false purveyors of truth" who present little or no data to support their statements. In the opinion of this humble writer, the case in point is Robert O'Connor of Littleton, NH whose "messages" are smooth, slick, and empty of substance, what has come to be called "fake news," or "spin" in order to promote one candidate over another.

Nick De Mayo, M. Ed.
Sugar Hill, NH

Nick,

One caucus and one primary have been completed. It is somewhat unclear right now as to how many more chances primary voters will have to make a choice. One thing for certain is that the biggest choice will

not occur until November 5, 2024 when the American voters get to vote for president. My one hope is that the election is fair, that the votes are counted, a winner is announced, and a smooth transition (or continuance) of the office takes place.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Adult Ed.

By: Elinor Mawson

I was teaching Title One when I noticed an ad for someone to teach Adult Ed. We had just bought a camp and needed to install a composting toilet; needing the money for it, I applied for the job

I hadn't taught adults for quite a few years. But the job came with a Sears-Roebuck catalog-size manual, so I wasn't too worried about what I needed.

And we had researched chemical toilets and were just about to order one. (More about this next time).

My class was in the Middle School of the building I was teaching in. It was strange to go through the door of an empty school--it was very quiet, and kind of scary, not knowing how many people were in there at 7:00 at night.

About 10 people showed up for the class. They were a myriad of ages from all walks of life. After introducing myself, I announced that the first assignment would be to write about themselves. Their story had to include something about their life, and what they expected from the class.

(By the way, I was teaching Reading and Language Arts; another colleague was teaching Math on a different night).

The pieces that came back from my students were an eye-opener. Some were barely legible, many made no sense. I knew I was in for a real

challenge. The gist of most of them was how they hated for their children to know that they hadn't finished school.

I handed out their manuals and we went over the kinds of subjects that they would need to study. A lot of it involved spelling and grammar, which, as you know, is pretty dry and boring--but vital. They had a spelling list for a quiz each class. And we talked about the proper place for an apostrophe and commas. Pretty basic stuff.

At one point a new student came into class. She gave me a letter from her high school, saying she had to attend Adult Ed. or she wouldn't graduate in June. I was to let the high school know if she didn't show up. She came to the one class. The next time she showed up with her boyfriend and they came to the door and then wandered around the school. I was fit to be tied, thinking I was responsible for anything missing the next day; I asked them to leave.

When I called the high school and let them know, they just said "OK", and that was that.

We got through the semester. I heard from some of the students that they had passed the GED exam and I was happy and relieved. I hoped the rest were as successful.

We bought our composting toilet and I will tell you all about that in the next issue.

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Letter to the Editor:

DTo the Editor,

Good morning everybody, a well-deserved night of sleep after 9 hours of standing outside the pool station in Littleton, just to support my president TRUMP. I want to personally thank everybody who voted for TRUMP. A well-deserved victory for the good of the country, and special for our families. Thank You again. And now let us start to work on the town election that will be held in March.

We all know that this town needs changes, big changes, I will work very hard for you all to make sure that I will stop this animosity between the citizens and the town officers that run Littleton. I will make sure to bring serenity and joy to us all who want to live in this beautiful town.

Again I want to remind you all that this election is very important for our future, and the future of Littleton. You my dear

friends have the tough task of choosing who can be the best candidate to be next to you all and resolve the problem that we have in town.

You all know that I care about Littleton and the citizen that live here. I have been your voices for last twenty years, at every meeting you all are in my thoughts, special when the main subject is money that the town spends without consulting with the taxpayers. Money that you all work very hard to manage because of inflation and cost of living. My dear friends when time comes you can vote for the candidate that you believe will do a good job for the town and for you.

I will respect your choice, and never stop protecting and defending your rights as taxpayers and citizens of Littleton, New Hampshire. Please Vote for Rudy Gelsi.

Thank You
Rudy Gelsi
Littleton, N.H. 03561

Rudy,

You are correct that Town Meeting days will soon be here both in New Hampshire and Vermont. Once again voters will be called upon to make several choices. First for your local representatives (Selectboard members) as well as many other positions in town government. Please participate and let your voice be one of those heard both at the ballot box and during any deliberative sessions. This is Democracy at its roots.

Gary Scruton, Editor

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE!

Grafton County Conservation District (GCCD) is accepting applications for the Jim Page Conservation Scholarship. GCCD wishes to foster learning in the area of conservation by awarding two \$350.00 scholarships to deserving students of Grafton County in the area of conservation, towards a 4-H Camp or conservation camp experience. The application is easy to complete – just write a paragraph about why you want to attend camp! Recipients should be prepared to speak to the Grafton County Conservation District about their camp experience. Contact Pam Gilbert at Grafton County Conservation District, 603 787-6973, for an application and information. Information can also be found on the GCCD website Education tab: graftonccd.org. Applications must be received at Grafton County Conservation District by February 9, 2024.

The Jim Page Conservation Scholarship Fund was established by Grafton County Conservation District in honor of Mr. Page's commitment to resource conservation. Jim Page was a life-long resident of Grafton County, and served his country as a geologist for the U.S. Geodetic Survey, and as a staff sergeant during World War II. He

returned to Benton in 1950 where he established and managed Page Hill Farms on land settled by his great-grandfather. Jim served his community as Selectman, Moderator and Planning Board member. He was also active in land and forest conservation and was instrumental in developing a comprehensive land use plan for Grafton County through the Grafton County Conservation District. Jim was a District Supervisor for 20 years. Grafton County Conservation District accepts donations to the Jim Page Conservation Scholarship Fund solely for the purpose of distributing conservation scholarships.

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Woodsville, NH — Eric "Bud" Batchelder, 92, of Woodsville, passed away at Grafton County Nursing Home on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Eric was born on December 11, 1931, in Woodsville, NH, to George "Ted" Batchelder and Vivian (Prescott) Batchelder.

After he graduated from high school, Eric joined the Army, serving in the Korean War from 12/14/1949 to 12/15/1952, then being Honorably discharged with a Purple Heart.

After leaving the service he met his bride of 66 years Judith (Battin) Batchelder. After they married, they settled back in Woodsville where they raised their three boys, Cliff, Gary, and Jim. Eric worked for the Boston and Maine Railroad as a switcher, brakeman, and conductor, traveling all over New England; he retired from the Railroad in 1988.

Eric was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing. He also enjoyed his time at the Ammonoosuc Valley Fish and Game Club, particularly trap shooting. He always had a good time in Vergennes with his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, taking advantage of being on the water of Lake Champlain.

He is survived by: his loving wife Judith; three sons, Clifford and wife Donna Achilles Batchelder of Haverhill, NH, Gary Batchelder of Rutherfordton, NC, and James Batchelder and husband Charles Spence on Haiku, HI; four grandchildren, Erica Abbey (Jon), Kyle Batchelder (Stacy Eastman-Batchelder), Kaysie Smith (Stephen), and Jaymie Batchelder (Sean Walzer); four great-grand-

OBITUARY:

Eric "Bud" Batchelder

children, Devon, Sarah, Emily Abbey, and Clara Smith; and one great great grandchild, Grace Vivian Abbey. He is also survived by a sister Lynn Whitcomb and her son Jason, and a sister-in-law, Virginia Ferris, and her sons Martin and Bruce.

He was predeceased by his parents, George and Vivian Batchelder, and a brother-in-law Ted Ferris.

There will be no calling hours or funeral services, per his wishes. In the spring there will be a graveside service at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Woodsville on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 1 PM.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Ammonoosuc Valley Fish and Game Club, PO Box 60, Woodsville, NH 03785, or to: VFW Post 5245, PO Box 268, North Haverhill, NH 03774.

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting.

St. Johnsbury and the Fairbanks Museum Prepare for the April 8 Total Eclipse

St. Johnsbury, Vermont - On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America from Mexico to Canada. The path of totality—where the moon completely obscures the sun, plunging the area below into darkness—will cut across 13 states in the U.S.A.

In New England, there's only one public planetarium and astronomy education hub located within that path of totality: The Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

The Museum and the town of St. Johnsbury are already planning for an influx of visitors both on the date of the eclipse, as well as the entire weekend prior. Over the last few months, the town's downtown organization, Discover St. Johnsbury, has convened a working group made up of St. Johnsbury cultural institutions, municipal staff, lodging partners, and interested businesses to plan for this once-in-a-life-

time event.

An overview of all eclipse events taking place in St. Johnsbury can be found online at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/2024eclipse, along with information about traveling to Vermont in April and links to local lodging. More events are expected to be posted in the weeks and months to come.

"We know that lodging around the state is already booking up, and many visitors are planning to be in Vermont all weekend long," says Gillian Sewake, Director of Discover St. Johnsbury. "A lot of these visitors will want to make a trip to St. Johnsbury to enjoy the eclipse-themed fun that the Fairbanks Museum and other local partners are planning." Anna Rubin at the Fairbanks Museum adds, "We're gearing up for a series of Sun+Moon+YOU activities that provide background, offer context, and explore the science of this rare occurrence." The full experience of totality will be brief. "It's not just about the 90 seconds of totality in St. Johnsbury on the afternoon of Monday, April 8. It's also about the fun you'll have learning about the eclipse at New England's only astronomy education hub located within the path of totality, and exploring St. Johnsbury's one-of-a-kind community leading up to the event," says Sewake.

The Fairbanks Museum is a 134-year-old natural history museum that is home to astronomy expertise and education throughout the year. It is home to the Lyman Spitzer Jr. Planetarium, the only public planetarium in Vermont, and the 'Eye on

the Night Sky' astronomy education program, which is broadcast weekdays to hundreds of thousands of listeners on Vermont Public and beyond. The Museum is already ramping up its eclipse-themed programming, with an exhibition exploring eclipses past and present, and special planetarium shows. Advance ticket sales for planetarium shows will be released soon via their website <https://fairbanks-museum.org/solar-eclipse> and are expected to sell out quickly.

Fairbanks Museum Executive Director Adam Kane says, "The eclipse comes just after our Tang Science Annex opens on February 17, with new interactive stations focused on astronomy and meteorology. Our Sun+Moon+YOU activities before and during the eclipse are designed to be welcoming, accessible, and community-centered."

On April 8, the Fairbanks Museum's own Mark Breen, host of 'Eye on the Night Sky', and Vermont Public's Jane Lindholm, host of 'But Why? A Podcast for Curious Kids,' will host a live broadcast from Main Street in front of the Fairbanks Museum offering moment-to-moment commentary of the eclipse experience. The event will be live on Vermont Public's radio and TV stations, and live streamed on YouTube between 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Details about how to tune in, and more eclipse-weekend events, will be posted to www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/2024eclipse once available.

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Letter to the Editor:

Sugar Hill – A Nest of Cheating Vipers

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To the Editor,

And one real witch. The only thing missing was the caldron. But you know, I do now remember seeing a bunch of brooms parked in the snow.

What we saw in the voting tally in Sugar Hill on Tuesday, voting day, is emblematic of and just one more confirmation of the expression "DEMOCRATS ARE EVIL". We all know their stance on the murder of innocent children, the pedophilia of their leadership (including Uncle Joe), their sexual indoctrination and grooming of children for and by the Alphabet Sex People, the genital mutilation that the Fake (Cross Dressing) "Admiral" Richard Levine pushes with his so-called medical education (he can't really be a doctor, for no real physician is confused about gender) and the wanton use of Deep State re-

sources to tyrannize the only Patriots left in the country (and those Patriots are only within the Republican Party). Yes, Democrats are soulless, godless, and malicious. If Limp Republicans don't man-up and accept and fight in the war that be-sets us, these barbarians will soon push us all over the edge into their Marxist abyss.

Biblical Redemption and Salvation are still available to the common humble man, but there is every evidence that salvation for the Pharisees and Sadducees among us (most every Dem) is illusive. What Democrat voters did on Election Day in New Hampshire by the TENS OF THOUSANDS demonstrates the venality and gutter snipe folk most of them are, with 70% of the vote for Haley coming from Democrats - lying and masquerading as Republican Voters. Like all who premeditate crimes, the

Dem's intention to lie and cheat by changing their Party Affiliation for the sole purpose of subverting the vote - took place months ago! If there was any question about the 2020 election being a stolen election, it was answered Tuesday evening by the behavior of the slime, most of it having slithered across the border from Massachusetts decades ago. The smiles on the faces of those leaving the Town Hall looked like the blood lust grins of MS13 gang bangers.

"Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. (don't forget women and the witches – my words) Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall." Proverbs 4:14-16
Ken Leavitt
Sugar Hill

Ken,

By your letter I can tell that you believe some very evil things were done in Sugar Hill on election day, or well before that day. However you do not go on to say exactly what the results were. I could make an assumption or two, but I have learned not to assume.

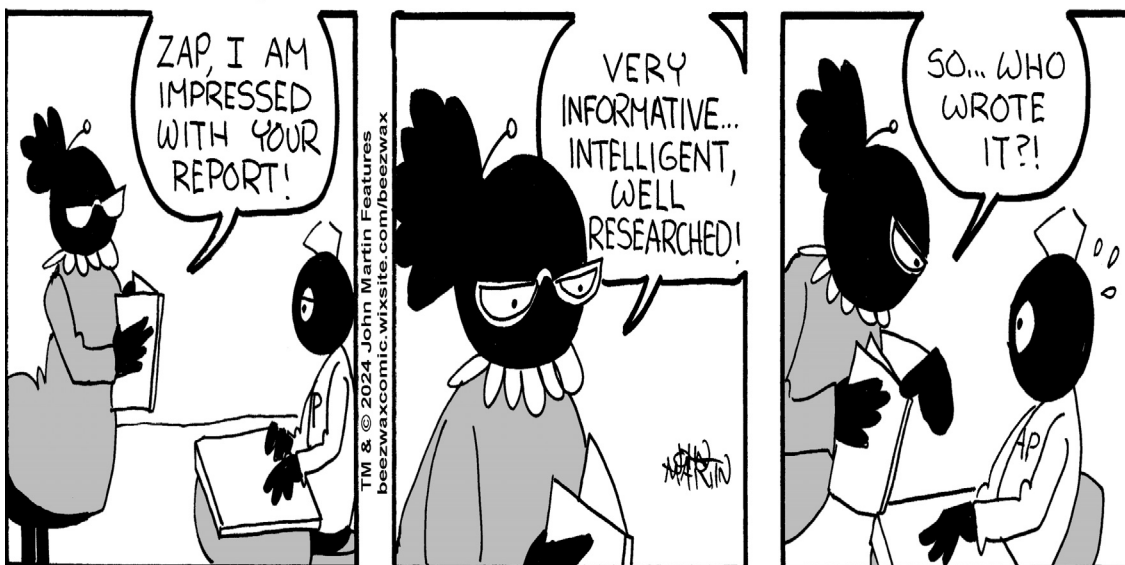
State law in New Hampshire allows every voter to sign up as a Republican, Democrat or undeclared. I will admit to be one of those proud, and native, undeclared voters. This means that when it comes to a primary, I get to make several choices. First I can either vote or stay home. My second choice is to select either a

blue or a red ballot. My third choice is who on that ballot I wish to vote in favor of. After all, Freedom of Choice is one of my most precious rights. Additionally I have the right to tell you how I voted, or not. I choose to keep my secret ballot a secret.

One final comment Ken. I have found that most, if not all, people prefer to be judged on their own actions, not by the political letter following their name, or even how they may be referred to by others. I can not quote you a Bible verse, but I am pretty sure that compassion to others is a main objective of that book.

Gary Scruton, Editor.

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Crockpot Boneless Pork Rib Roast

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm okay but having leftover flu like symptoms for a few days now. I caught a stomach bug and it knocked me out, I spent 2 days in bed.

I heard about this stomach virus going around and I know quite a few people that have had it. Basically I was wiped out. The dogs were great and snuggled with me in bed. I wished they could have made me some tea and toast. You know they sense something is wrong when you're in bed all day.

I'm on the mend now and I hope you are all well too. It feels good to feel good, you know what I mean.

So it's time to take out your crockpot and dust it off. It's been a while since I've used mine. The pork came fork tender and the flavor was great. Since the crockpot does all the work I made twice baked potatoes and fresh carrots and I will tell you how I prepared them. Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it.

Ingredients

2-4 lbs Boneless pork rib roast
1 cup vegetable broth
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup soy sauce
3 Tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp minced garlic
1 Tbsp cornstarch to thicken broth after cooked.
Place boneless pork rib roast in crockpot. In small bowl mix broth, vinegar, soy sauce, brown sugar and garlic. Whisk to mix then pour over meat and cook on high 5-6 hours.
Turn over a couple of times during cooking time. When done remove from crockpot and let rest 10 minutes. Remove 1 cup of broth and put in small pan. Over medium heat add the corn starch and whisk. Reduce the broth to thicken by slowly boiling and spoon over roast. For the twice baked potatoes I used russet potatoes because they have good skin. Bake them until done then carefully cut in half and scoop out the potato putting it in a medium bowl. Add cheddar cheese about 1/2 cup cut in small cubes, about 1/4 cup sour cream, 2-3 Tbsp milk salt and pepper. Mash everything together

then refill potato skins. Sprinkle some paprika on top and bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes until cheese melts and tops getting a bit brown. They are so good and I love the crispy skin. Top with a little sour cream. You can even pick them up to eat. Do a potato for each person.

For the carrots peel and slice carrots. Use as many needed for your family. Boil until tender about 7-10 minutes and drain. Add a Tbsp of butter and 2 Tbsp maple syrup. Toss to coat. I made 3 potatoes because I wanted leftovers. They re-heat well and are a great snack. Adjust ingredients to fit your family size.

That's it, you are done. Easy peasy and "Delicious". Please give this recipe a try because your family will love it and you will be a star!

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Serve with a nice bottle of white or red wine either one works.


Remember to drink responsibly. Enjoy! If you have any questions please contact April and I will answer any of your questions and help you out. Stay safe and healthy my friends. Until next time I am signing off,
Sincerely,
Cin Pin



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