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Kenley Dean Extravaganza – The Ken Squier Celebration of Life

Barre, VT — Following a meeting between Thunder Road officials, Vermont state government officials and representatives of the Squier family, all parties have announced today that the Kenley Dean Extravaganza – A Celebration of Life, for the One-and-Only, Ken Squier is in full planning stages and scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at Thunder Road International Speedbowl in Barre, Vermont. The Kenley Dean Extravaganza will begin at 12:00-noon on Saturday, May 4 with the annual Thunder Road car show set to start the day beginning at

9:00am. While the particulars, including the panel of speakers, are still in the planning stages, all parties agreed that this is meant to be an extravaganza to celebrate a one-of-a-kind life. Dave Moody, who also joined the planning meeting via video call said, "This is truly a celebration of Ken. Although we were, and are, saddened by his loss, we also all know that he wouldn't stand for some somber, black suit get-together." Governor Phil Scott added, "One of the things we all agreed on is this will certainly be a celebra-



tion, a time to tell our favorite Ken stories and a time to remember all that he has done for our state and, of course, the sport of stock car racing." As in years past, Saturday, May 4 will start at 7:00am with the pit gate opening for Thunder Road and American-Canadian Tour teams for Car Show

set-up. Gates will open at 9:00am for spectators, completely free of charge with the Kenley Dean Extravaganza to begin at 12:00-noon, again free and open to the public. Practice for Thunder Road opening weekend divisions will begin at some time following the services. The 2024 season hits its stride on Saturday, May 4 with the annual Car Show at Thunder Road with free admission for the general public from 9:00am to 12:00pm, followed by the Kenley Dean Extravaganza starting at 12:00-noon. The 26th annual Community Bank

150 for the American-Canadian Tour kicks off the Thunder Road season the following day, Sunday, May 5. Track championship action for the Lenny's Shoe & Apparel Flying Tigers and rk Miles Street Stocks begins on Sunday, May 5, alongside the Burnett Scrap Metals Road Warriors for an explosive start to year 65 at the Nation's Site of Excitement! For more information, contact the Thunder Road offices at (802) 244-6963, media@thunderroadvt.com, or visit www.thunderroadvt.com. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @ThunderRoadVT.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

The Kitchen Counter Cafe

By April Dyke

This issue Anthony and I decided to try The Kitchen Counter Cafe in St. Johnsbury, VT. We decided to go this past Sunday.

After all this snow we braved the drive there. It wasn't a bad drive. Neither one of us have ever been there before. Wasn't even sure where it was. I was surprised I hadn't seen it before, as I pass it every other Tuesday while delivering Trendy Times.

We walked in and it was all decked out for Easter. Sooo adorable. We walked to the counter in the back and saw it had an order here sign. With a big board in the back giving us the

menu items. There was a sign that gave us the specials for the day also. Which included the quiche of the day which was a ham and broccoli with a hash brown crust. That was tempting.

There were tables as you just walk in but we decided to eat at the counter so we could see how it was all cooked. We were quickly handed menus.

I decided to go with the 3 egg omelet with sausage, bacon, cheddar, onion and mushroom. Which came with a bread choice which they had many different choices. As in wheat, white, and cinnamon raisin. I went with sour-

dough. I added hash browns which I chose to get the 1/2 order. Also I had seen that they had sausage gravy on the specials board. So I got a bowl of that on the side. Anthony went with the full order of hash browns and decided on a burrito.

I met Crystal the owner who was very pleasant. She was slaving away at the grill. Anthony caught a glimpse of the pancakes and decided we would come back another time to try those. They were huge, and looked delicious.

While sitting there a gentleman walked up to the counter beside me and wanted to let Crystal know that the quiche that was on special was delicious and perfectly proportionate. Our meal came out and it was quite a hearty portion, so much so, we had to both get boxes to go.

When we could eat no more, we asked for the bill which came to \$29.40. I made sure to leave a good tip as the staff was very pleasant and the food was amazing.

Definitely, will be returning soon. I hope everyone stayed safe through that storm. Haven't seen that much snow for quite a while.

Please tune in the Fridays before the Trendy Times comes out on WYKR for Yours Truly and Josh to give you the scoop on what to look for in the next issue of Trendy Times at roughly 7am. Enjoy!!!



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OBITUARY:
Penny Lezer

Penny Lezer of 27 Water Street Wells River VT, formerly from Corinth VT passed away in her home on February 29, 2024.

Penny was born on February 19, 1963 to Richard R Lezer and Doris E Lezer (Thurston). Penny graduated from Chelsea High School in 1980.

Penny married Rodney Rood SR in 1983, Rodney passed away on February 5, 2020.

They had one child together Robin Lee Rood with her boyfriend Cooper Pierson, she also had 2 step boys from Rodney Rood Jr and his wife Julie Rood, and Ralph Rood and his girlfriend Christina Longmore. Penny had 10 grand children, From Robin, Riley C Palmer, Tyler R Palmer, Austin J Palmer, Trinity Shaw, Dylan Shaw, and Jax Pierson, From Rodney Jr, Ashley Kennedy, and Jordan Rood, and from Ralph, Jayben Rood.

Penny loved to go to yard sales, and thrift stores in her free time, Penny also love to do crocheting. She had one dog that was her world" Kissy Lee".

Penny was on the Ryegate VT Fire Department for 18 years, where Penny met her best friend Kristie Gilbert.

For the last year Penny has been taking care of a lady in Ryegate, Penny thought the world of her!

There will be a celebration of life for Penny at a later date. Please send any cards, donations, flowers to:

Robin Palmer
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Garden Notes by Deb Robie

Teachers throughout New Hampshire are helping students build gardens of all shapes and sizes in their schoolyard: whether they grow herbs in a sunny windowsill, butterfly garden in containers along the hallway, or beds of vegetables and sensory garden plants on the school grounds. A school garden allows the students to apply their standards-based education in unique, innovative and engaging ways. Every grade can discover a component of gardening that correlates with the curriculum used in their classrooms, from observing plants grown from seeds, to measuring their growth, to designing experiments, to growing plants from historic novels.

Research has shown that gardening in school positively influences student's environmental attitudes, nutritional attitudes, self-esteem, test scores, school attitudes, interpersonal skills, social concerns, and behavior.

Agriculture in the Classroom programs are implemented by state-operated programs. National Agriculture in the Classroom supports state programs by providing a network that seeks to improve agricultural literacy — awareness, knowledge, and appreciation — among PreK-12 teachers

and their students. Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) programs seek to improve student achievement by applying authentic, agricultural-based content as the context to teach core curriculum concepts in science, social studies, language arts and nutrition. By encouraging teachers to embed agriculture into their classroom, AITC cultivates an understanding and appreciation of the food and fiber system that we all rely on every day. AITC is unique within the agricultural education community as the lead organization to serve the full spectrum of K-12 formal education.

The Grafton County Farm Bureau hired their own county AITC coordinator several years ago. Since that time the program has been putting resources into the teachers hands and sometimes bringing classroom lessons to their students. Teachers love the resources and the students often comment on how much fun they had learning about agriculture and how they are connected to it. Imagine that, learning something new and having fun at the same time.

Haverhill Cooperative Middle School(HCMS) has recently received a \$3000 grant from the Whole Kids Foundation.

tion is a charitable organization that provides children with access to healthy food choices through partnerships with schools, educators and organizations.

They support schools and inspire families to improve children's nutrition and wellness. Given the right opportunities, kids will get excited about fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and other nutritious whole foods.

Anyone who has ever grown their own food knows that growing things successfully takes in all aspects of science, math, social studies, geography, language arts, engineering, team building, time management, and persistence.

It also takes dedication, experience and helpers. HCMS teachers and students will start an official gardening program in the spring. For the last few years we have started laying the groundwork for a garden. A few lucky students have planted some flowers and vegetables in various containers and tended to them throughout the summer and were able to share some yummy treats and pretty flowers with their fellow

students and teachers for them to enjoy. Teachers of all grade levels can incorporate garden themed lessons into their classrooms, with the help of the NH Agriculture in the Classroom program. The cafeteria crew can use food grown right here at school for students and staff during their lunch times.

We would like to reach out to any members of the Haverhill School District community to ask if you would be able to help out with our new gardening program in an advisory/mentoring capacity. Soon there will be raised beds and other garden structures to be assembled. Share your passion for growing things and help to introduce that passion to our students. All levels of help are needed. One hour a week, one day a week, occasional weekends, you name it we can find a place for you. There will always be a HCMS staff member present with the students.

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One of your important sources of retirement income will likely be Social Security — but when should you start taking it?

You can start collecting Social Security benefits at 62, but your checks will be considerably bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. You could even wait until you're 70, at which point the payments will max out, except for yearly cost-of-living adjustments. But if you need the money, you need the money, even if you're just 62 or any age before full retirement age.

However, if you have adequate financial resources to meet your monthly needs, whether through earned income, your investment portfolio or a combination of the two, you could have some flexibility in choosing when to take Social Security. In this case, you may want to weigh these considerations:

Life expectancy — For all of us, it's one of life's great mysteries: How long will we live? Of course, we can't see into the future, so the question can't be answered with total confidence. But to

When Should You Take Social Security?

make an informed decision on when to take Social Security, you don't need to know your exact lifespan — you just need to make

a reasonably good estimate. So, for example, if you're approaching 62, you're enjoying excellent health and you have a family history of longevity, you might conclude it's worth waiting a few years to collect Social Security, so you can receive the bigger payments. Conversely, if your health is questionable and your family has not been fortunate in terms of longevity, you might want to start taking your benefits earlier.

Employment — You can certainly continue working and still receive Social Security benefits. However, if you're under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit of \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above \$59,520. So, you may want to keep these reductions in mind when deciding when to begin accepting benefits.

Once you reach your full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing benefits. (Also, at your full retirement age, So-

cial Security will recalculate your benefit amount to credit you for the months you received reduced benefits because of your excess earnings.)

Spouse — Spouses can receive two types of Social Security benefits: spousal and survivor. With a spousal benefit, your spouse can receive up to 50% of your full retirement benefits, regardless of when you start taking them. (Your spouse's benefit can be reduced by the amount of their own retirement benefit and whether they took Social Security before their full retirement age.) But with a survivor benefit, your decision about when to take Social Security can make a big difference. A surviving spouse can receive the larger of their own benefit or 100% of a deceased spouse's benefit, so if you take benefits early and receive a permanent reduction, your spouse's survivor benefit may also be reduced for their lifetime.

When to take Social Security is an important — and irrevocable — decision. So, consider all the factors before making your choice.

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Mackenzie Griswold has been awarded the prestigious JAG Leadership Award

Woodsville, NH – At the recent Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) New Hampshire Career Development Conference, Mackenzie Griswold, a standout student from Woodsville High School, was presented with the prestigious JAG Leadership Award.

This honor is bestowed upon students who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills, unwavering dedication, and a strong commitment to their personal and professional growth within the JAG program.

WHS Senior Career Specialist Mrs. Jill Nichols presented Mackenzie with the award in a ceremony that was a highlight of the conference. New Hampshire JAG Executive Director Nick Resca and Program Manager Haley DeYoung were also present, standing proudly with Mackenzie as she received her award. The trio's support underscores the community and leadership fostered within the JAG program, highlighting its role in developing future leaders.

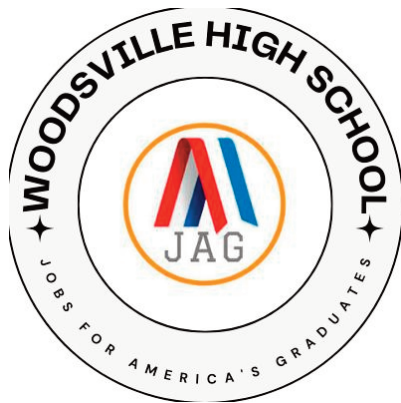
Mackenzie has distinguished herself through her initiative, resilience, and positive impact on her peers. Her leadership in various

projects and community service activities has set a high standard and inspired other students.

"Mackenzie embodies the spirit and values of the JAG program," said Mrs. Jill Nichols. "Her dedication to excellence, combined with her natural leadership abilities, makes her deserving of this award. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and the example she sets for her peers."

The JAG New Hampshire Career Development Conference brings together students from across the state to participate in workshops, competitions, and networking aimed at enhancing their career readiness and leadership skills. The event is a cornerstone of the JAG program's efforts to prepare students for successful futures.

Mackenzie's achievement is a testament to the powerful impact of the JAG program and the potential within every student to rise to excellence. Woodsville High School and the JAG community celebrate her success and look forward to her continued contributions and achievements.



For more information about the JAG program at Woodsville High School, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs. Jill Nichols at jnichols@sau23.org.

About Jobs for America's Graduates

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Aubrie Knights has been awarded the prestigious WHS Rising Star Award



Woodsville, NH – Woodsville High School is thrilled to announce that Aubrie Knights has been awarded the prestigious WHS Rising Star Award at this year's State Conference. The award recognizes students who exhibit extraordinary growth, leadership, and potential in their academic and extracurricular activities, shining examples of what it means to strive for excellence.

The award was presented in a ceremony that underscored the importance of recognizing emerging talents within the school. Aubrie was honored for her contributions and potential, marking her as a source of inspiration and a future leader among her peers.

New Hampshire JAG Executive Director Nick Resca and Program Manager Haley DeYoung, alongside WHS Senior Career Specialist Mrs. Jill Nichols, were present to celebrate this significant achievement. Their presence highlighted the supportive community at Woodsville High School and the broader JAG program, both dedicated to

fostering the success of its students.

"Aubrie's recognition with the WHS Rising Star Award speaks volumes about her dedication, resilience, and capability to inspire those around her," said Mrs. Jill Nichols. "Her achievements and potential are what the Rising Star Award is all about. We are incredibly proud of her and excited to see all she accomplishes in the future."

The State Conference, a gathering that celebrates the accomplishments and potential of students across the state, provided the perfect backdrop for recognizing Aubrie's achievements. It's a testament to the nurturing environment at Woodsville High School that encourages students to reach for the stars and achieve their full potential.

Aubrie Knights' receipt of the WHS Rising Star Award is a proud moment for Woodsville High School. It shines a spotlight on its students' promising futures and the supportive framework that guides them toward success.



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**Portsmouth High School's
Morgan Cole named 2024
NH Poetry Out Loud Champion;
Holderness School's
George Fortin selected as alternate**

The N.H. State Council on the Arts has announced that Morgan Cole from Portsmouth High School is the winner of the 2024 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud High School Championship. George Fortin from Holderness School was selected as alternate champion.

Cole will represent New Hampshire at the national finals, which are scheduled to take place in Washington D.C., April 30 – May 2. Should Cole be unable to participate in the finals, Fortin will represent the Granite State at that event.

This year, more than 3,000 students from thirty high schools participated in New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud, with classroom competitions taking place in the fall and early winter. High school champions advanced to four semi-finals held in February, with the top ten moving on to the statewide finals.

Each student at the championship recited two poems in the qualifying round; the four students with the highest scores moved onto a final round, where they recited a third poem. Scores from all three rounds were tallied to determine New Hampshire's champion.

Recitations throughout Poetry Out Loud are judged on several criteria, including physical presence, voice and articulation, interpretation, evidence of understanding and accuracy, and overall performance.

As state champion, Cole receives \$200 and Portsmouth High School receives a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. Fortin will receive \$100, with a \$200 stipend

given to Holderness School for its poetry book collection.

Administered in New Hampshire by the N.H. State Council on the Arts, Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

Supporters of 2024 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud include Brightspot Consultants; Currier Museum of Art; Frost Place; New Hampshire Writers' Project; North Country Education Services; Poetry Society of New Hampshire; Putnam Foundation, a donor-advised fund of the N.H. Charitable Foundation; and the hosts of the four semi-final competitions: New England College, Plymouth State University, the Rochester Opera House and Tupelo Music Hall.

To learn more about 2024 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud, visit nh.gov/nharts and click on the Poetry Out Loud button.

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is a division of the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. It began in 1965 with legislation designed "to insure that the role of the arts in the life of our communities will continue to grow and play an ever more significant part in the education and welfare of our citizens." Funding for programs is provided through state appropriations, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Conservation License Plate fund. Learn more about the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts at nh.gov/nharts.

**Lisbon Lions
Club
20th
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Dinner**

The Lisbon Lions Club is once again showing their appreciation to local senior citizens by sponsoring the 20th Annual Spring Senior Dinner, free for all senior citizens living in Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff, on Saturday, April 13th. The meal will include ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, applesauce, roll and dessert.

This year's dinners will be offered as home deliveries only. Meals will be delivered as close to noon as possible.

To order a dinner to be delivered to your home, please call Donna & Phil Clark at 603-838-5043 by April 10th.

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will be giving an
update on what
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see in the next
issue on WYKR.*

The Fire
By: Elinor Mawson

Readers of this column have heard how we found our camp and what it meant to us. This story is about how we lost it.

We were spending a month in Florida and were enjoying the warm weather, daily yard sales and a restaurant around each corner. It was about this time of year that we got a phone call from our friend Duane who was looking out for our camp while we were gone.

"I hate to tell you this, but your camp burned last night. I went to see it and there is nothing left."

We could hardly believe it! We were so devastated we couldn't even cry. We called our boys who were just as upset as we were; they decided to head to Bath to see if there was anything they could do.

We still had a week to go, so we stayed where we were and let our sons take care of whatever they could. They met with the fire inspector and it was determined that the cause was "undetermined". They contacted the insurance company. And then they waited until we got home.

Since it was a camp, we didn't have a lot of insurance on it. We were told to make a list of all the contents which included items that we could replace. This meant that we had to get receipts for all replaced pieces.

In between we had to decide what we were going to do about replacing our camp. Although it was a very modest little building, it represented much more! It was our favorite place on the planet--and it was a state of mind, and those couldn't

be replaced. The four of us talked until we were blue in the face. We all wanted to rebuild; what would sit on our lot was up for discussion. Would it be another camp? Would it be a double-wide? Could it be a house with a well, septic system, a furnace?

Eventually we settled on a log cabin. The insurance would just about cover the site work and foundation. The rest of the money would come from the funds we had saved for traveling in our old age.

After the site was cleaned up, one of our sons brought his bucket loader and started in. I located a guy with an excavator. We found a company who sold log cabin kits and signed up--and we spent the rest of the summer getting ready to build.

We found a place to live in Swiftwater--it was a grange hall over a pizza store--and moved in. I found myself feeding up to 6 people every day: a big breakfast, sandwiches for lunch, a huge supper when the crew was done for the day. In between taking care of the place, grocery shopping and cooking, I made 4 braided rugs. (I have never been so smart or so busy since).

And in between, we dealt with the death of my mother, and the wedding of our granddaughter on the hottest day of the year.

Come September, we received the first of our log cabin kit and we were off and running.

(continued in the next issue)

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Grafton County Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service Local Work Group Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Grafton County Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service Announce Local Working Group Meeting North Haverhill NH - Conservation Districts work with farm and forest landowners to let them know that federal technical and cost-share assistance is available for approved conservation practices through Farm Bill Programs. Conservation practices are designed and implemented to address resource concerns that improve water and air quality, reduce soil loss and improve energy efficiency. Examples of conservation practices include: a fencing system, spring development and animal trails for rotational grazing, forest stand improvement, cover cropping, seasonal high tunnels, improving pollinator and wildlife habitat. Installed conservation practices benefit the environment, the landowner, and local contractors hired to complete the practices.

The process of deciding which resource concerns are most critical requires guidance and knowledge of local needs, identified by a Local Working Group. Local Working Groups provide input to the State Technical Committee and the State Conservationist to help identify conservation needs, resource concerns, program priorities, and recommendations for program implementation at a state and local level. Grafton County Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service will host an in-person Local Working Group (LUG) meeting from 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the Extension Conference Room, Grafton County Complex, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill. This is your opportunity to identify local and geographic areas of concern, emerging issues and solutions, and identify barriers to addressing

these concerns affecting agriculture, food security, natural resources and the environment. If you cannot attend the LWG meeting, we would still like to hear from you. We have a Land Use, Goals and Resource Concerns Survey we can mail to you, or visit our website: grafftonccd.org for more information. The agenda items to be discussed include: Welcome and Introductions, Review Purpose of Local Working Group and Meeting Objectives, Conservation Program Overview, Resource Concerns Discussion, and Closing Remarks. The Grafton County Conservation District Local Working Group meeting is open to the public. If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Pam Gilbert at (603) 787-6973, or by e-mail at pamela.gilbert@nh.nacdn.net by March 28, 2024.



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2024 marks the 80th year of the North Haverhill Fair! This year's theme is "Celebrating the 80's" and in keeping with that theme, we are thrilled to bring back a band that rocked the fairgrounds the first time they were here – Resurrection, A Journey Tribute. It's only the second time we've invited a top-rated band back to the Thayer Stage, and in this case it's because this band faithfully recreates the experience of a 1980-era Journey concert.

This dynamic and energetic band has featured some of Nashville's hottest musicians, many of whom have performed, written, or recorded with the biggest names in the music industry - including Journey and Steve Perry. Resurrection – A Journey Tribute will be on the Thayer Stage on Friday, July 26 at 8:30 PM. As always, the cost of your admission ticket includes this performance. Come celebrate the 80's with us!

Not a fan of the 80's? Not a problem – as always, there are many other things to see and do at the Fair. If you like motor sports, come for the Demolition Derby on Wednesday night and the traditional tractor stone boat pull on Friday. Farm tractors also have a transfer sled pull on Saturday and the 4x4 crowd takes their turn on the transfer sled on Sunday. There is also a youth garden tractor pull on Sunday and the popular Log Loader skill contest on Saturday night. Interested in participating in an event? Come test your skills in the mini ex-

cavator rodeo on Friday – no equipment or experience necessary!

If you like livestock events, there is something every day for you! From the cattle, sheep and goats presented by proud 4-H'ers, to the ox pulling events on Wednesday & Thursday, the pony pulling on Friday and the horse pulling classes on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. There's also an open Ox Show on Saturday and an open Draft Horse Show on Sunday.

As always, there are many other events that will be happening again this year, including racings pigs (an annual favorite!), the Aim High Canines show, carnival rides with four days of ride specials, commercial exhibits, 4-H and open exhibits in the Arts & Crafts building, historical exhibits in the Maple Museum and the Antique Farm Museum, and of course – fair food!

The 80th annual North Haverhill Fair takes place from Wednesday, July 24 thru Sunday, July 28, 2024 at the fairgrounds located at 1299 Dartmouth College Highway (Route 10) in North Haverhill. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$3.00 for children 5-12. Children under 5 are free, as is the parking. If you'd like to camp at the fairgrounds for the full fair-going experience, camping spots start at \$30.00 per night. For more details or to get rules to enter any of the exhibits or competitions, visit www.nohaverhillfair.com



Weathervane Theatre to Present Spring Song Cycle Series



WHITEFIELD, NH - March 18, 2024—Weathervane Theatre and Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa are pleased to announce they will present a spring song cycle series next month. Two productions—Broadway Road Trip and Top of the Charts: Hits Through the Decades—will be presented in the Crystal Ballroom at the Mountain View Grand the last two weekends of April.

"We presented Broadway Road Trip and Top of the Charts in 2020 as part of our virtual programming," said Weathervane Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini. "We are so excited to breathe life into these pieces once again and finally perform it in front of an in-person audience!"

This spring song cycle series is the second recent joint venture between Weathervane Theatre and Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa. This past December, the two organizations presented Who's Holiday! and Winter Wonderettes.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Weathervane Theatre once again," said Mountain View Grand Managing Director Lloyd Van Horn. "So many of our guests are fans of the theatre. After the success of our holiday partnership,

we are ecstatic to offer this exclusive and intimate theatrical experience at the Mountain View before Weathervane's 59th season begins."

The Shows: Broadway Road Trip: Start spreading the news—you're going on a musical journey through Broadway's songbook! Meet us in St. Louis and hop the trolley to New York, New York, Santa Fe, Oklahoma, and more! Featuring the best of Broadway—new and old—this evening of music will set your toes tapping and spirit wandering. Performances are Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 PM as well as Sunday, April 21 at 2 PM.

Top of The Charts: Hits Through the Decades: Covering over seven decades of the most popular songs of all time, this revue of number-one hits takes you from doo-wop to disco to today. "Shake it Off" and join us for "A Little Less Conversation" and a whole lot of music featuring an unforgettable collection of the biggest hits from Elvis to Taylor Swift! Performances are Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 PM as well as Sunday, April 28 at 2 PM.

Broadway Road Trip

and Top of the Charts will feature a roster of Weathervane veterans—Jorge Donoso (Little Shop of Horrors, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels), Nicole Fluegge (Kinky Boots, Winter Wonderettes), Robert H Fowler (Guys and Dolls, Disaster!) Ira Kramer (Million Dollar Quartet, Jesus Christ Superstar), Grace Livingston Kramer (Mamma Mia!, Winter Wonderettes), and Jewell Noel (Honky Tonk Laundry, Winter Wonderettes). Both shows are directed and choreographed by Weathervane Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini.

Performances have an approximate run time of 75 minutes. Tickets start at \$17.50. Dinner and a Show and Show Only tickets are on sale now at weathervanenh.org. Dinner and a Show tickets include a three-course meal in the Crystal Ballroom before the performance.

The Weathervane Box Office currently operates on an off-season schedule, with all inquiries receiving a response within 72 hours. To reach the box office, call 603-837-9322 or email (boxoffice@weathervanenh.org). The physical box office is closed until June.

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OBITUARY:

Jason Paul Emerson

Topsham, VT - Jason Paul Emerson, 47, passed away after an illness on March 17, 2024, with family by his side at Dartmouth Medical Center.

Jason was born July 19, 1976, to Deanne (Roy) Emerson and John Emerson. He started his life in Newbury, VT, and later moved to Topsham as a teen when his family moved. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain Union School.

Jason was very intelligent; he did attend some college classes but was regretful he never obtained a degree. He was super smart when it came to computers. He was happy when he found a passion for cooking; for many years you could find him not only giving warm food to his customers at P&H, but also his warm smile and a funny story or two. He was friendly and loved to joke around with his family and friends. He was a very good cook and had also worked at the Hungry Bear and Mini Mart in Bradford.

The number one love in his life was his animals, his dog baby who we can only hope is waiting at heaven's door to welcome him home, and his numerous cats at home who will miss him dearly.

Jason enjoyed hunting and fishing in his younger years. Before his passing, he could be found spending most of his time with his cats and playing around on his CB radio.

Jason was predeceased by his father John Emerson, his brother Darren Emerson, his Uncle Tony York, his grandparents on both sides, and many uncles,

aunts, and cousins.

He is survived by his mother Deanne Emerson of Groton; his sister Cindy Emerson of Maine; sister Anita Glass (Dennis Glass) of Texas; brother Brian Emerson (Trista Burns) of Wells River, VT; sister Rose Burnett (Alvin Burnett) of South Ryegate, VT; sister Sandra Wagner (Glenn Wagner) of Monroe, NH; sister Wanda Laflamme (Rob Laflamme) of Topsham, VT; brother Dennis Emerson (Michele Emerson) of Topsham, VT; brother Adam Emerson (Emily Emerson) of South Ryegate, VT; many nieces and nephews, and Aunt Pam York of Gilman, VT. Our family would like to thank the staff at both Central Vermont Hospital ER and Dartmouth Medical Center for their efforts in his care.

Because of Jason's love for animals, instead of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to help fund pets in need when people can't afford to pay.

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There will be a graveside service for Jason on Monday, May 20, 2024, at the Lime Kiln Cemetery in Newbury, VT, at 1 PM.

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OBITUARY: Richard "Dick" Comstock,

Woodsville, NH – Richard "Dick" Comstock, 81, passed away peacefully on March 17th, 2024 at the Grafton County Nursing Home in North Haverhill, NH. Born Richard Edward Comstock of Esmond, RI on July 25th, 1942, to Raymond and Marion Comstock. Dick graduated from Platt High School in Meriden, CT (class of 1960) and from the University of Connecticut (class of 1964).

Dick was predeceased by his parents and his two sisters, Judith Orlando and Susan C. DuBois. He is survived by his wife Heidi Comstock of Woodsville, NH, his three children, Cindy (Don) Cutlip, Glen (Tina) Comstock, Wendy Murphy, his many grandchildren and great grandchildren and his brother Donald Comstock of Wallingford, CT.

Dick enjoyed a fruitful career as a well-respected and skilled physical therapist. He worked in Meriden, CT until he moved his family to Lyman, NH in 1978. Dick continued his career in NH at "The Willows" in Franconia, Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, and his own practice on Central Street in Woodsville. Upon retiring in 2012, he continued to work part time at the Grafton County Nursing Home.

Dick was extremely involved at the Lisbon Bible Church in Lisbon, NH, since its inception in 1980, where he and Heidi remained members until 2022. Dick's faith and love for God were evident through how he lived! He was a solid Bible believer and lived according to the Scriptures. He demonstrated God's love throughout his

lifetime, and his faith in God drew many to Christ.

Dick will always be remembered by those who knew him best as an honest, hard-working and extremely generous man. He touched so many lives with his generosity and helping hands. He was truly a one-of-a-kind person who will be sorely missed by his many friends and family.

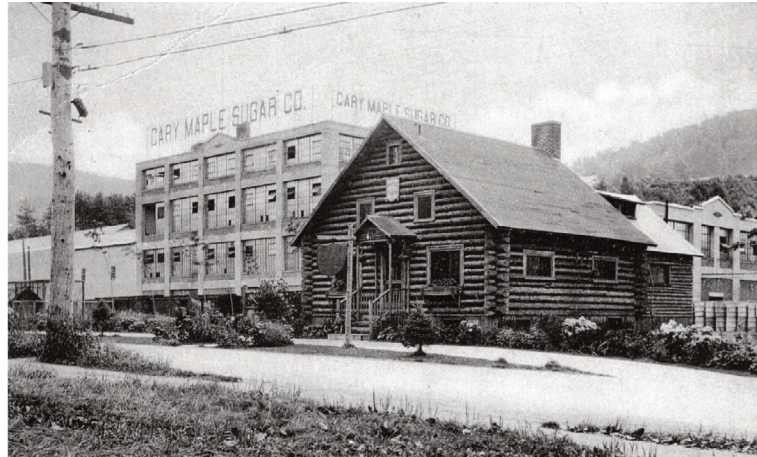
A service honoring Dick's life will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 20 Central Street, Woodsville, NH on Saturday, April 13th at 1:00pm, followed by a short reception at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Central NH Foster & Adoptive Parent Support Group - EIN: 46-3336935. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=36UD3HXDV78RE or mail checks payable to: The Central NH Foster & Adoptive Parent Support Group to: Beth Maltzie, 57 Chandler Street, Boscowen, NH 03303. The Central NH Foster & Adoptive Parent Support Group is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

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Kingdom Maple Festival in St. Johnsbury, Vermont - April 20

Kingdom Maple Festival is Back with a Sweet New Activity

St. Johnsbury, Vermont - Discover St. Johnsbury will once again host the Kingdom Maple Festival with activities on Saturday, April 20 that celebrate the town's status as the Maple Center of the World. Full event details can be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/maplefest.

This year the traditional activities of a pancake breakfast, a sweet street fair along Railroad Street, and a Maple Menu Takeover at local restaurants will be joined by a very special new activity. Maple historian and author Dr. Matthew Thomas will lead a guided bus tour that will visit over a dozen locations in St. Johnsbury and North Danville that are important to the history of the Cary Maple Sugar and Maple Grove Companies.

"This tour is a really exciting addition to the festival," says Gillian Sewake, Director of Discover

St. Johnsbury. "Dr. Thomas is a preeminent authority on the history of the maple industry, and we were so excited that he and Cary & Main Co. have partnered to provide this opportunity for people to take a deep dive into the historical reasons for why St. Johnsbury is the 'Maple Center of the World.'" Those interested in participating in the tour should purchase tickets in advance, with the ticketing link to be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/maplefest.

The day of the festival starts off with a traditional pancake breakfast at the United Community Church (1325 Main Street) from 8:30am - 11am. Featuring pancakes (including gluten free options), sausages, juice, coffee, and pure maple syrup donated by Maple Grove Farms of Vermont, the breakfast costs \$10.00 per person in support of the church's capital projects.

The activities continue with a street fair from

10am - 3pm featuring 45+ vendors arrayed along Railroad Street, including sugar on snow from Kiwanis Club of St. Johnsbury, Cary & Main Co., Goodwin Family Maple, St. Johnsbury Distillery, Gadapee's Family Sugarhouse, Farmers Daughter Fudge, handmade crafts & goodies galore, prepared food, free face painting, family-friendly crafts, and a kid fun zone featuring a bouncy house by Union Baptist Church, live music from Tritium Well and the Maple Leaf 7, and lots, lots more.

And, in case there isn't enough delicious maple to sample at the street fair, eateries around town will be participating in a Maple Menu Takeover that showcases products made with local maple on their menus all weekend long.

The full list of activities, vendor list, and ticketing links can be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/maplefest, or by calling the Welcome Center at 802-748-8575.

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Letter to the Editor: What a Disgrace

To the Editor:

I've watched a lot of State of the Union (SOTU) addresses in my lifetime. What I witnessed on Thursday night, March 7th, was an angry old man delivering a pathetic, divisive, hate filled speech, spewing lies and vindictiveness.

Like him or not, but former President Bill Clinton knew how to deliver a speech, and that was no Bill Clinton speech! What Biden managed to accomplish was to further alienate and harden the opposition to his failed policies. So much for reaching out across the aisle in a spirit of compromise and unity.

Contrast Biden's speech with that of Alabama Senator Katie Britt, who gave a common-sense Republican response in a low-key impassioned manner. She addressed a number of issues: Biden's failures at the border, by signing

executive orders reversing former President Trump's policies which had resulted in the most secure border we have had in decades; criticized his economic policies (Bidenomics) causing the highest inflation in 40 years; the disastrous Afghanistan pullout resulting in 13 American soldier deaths and hundreds of Americans left behind; the rampant crime and drug use reaching into communities across the nation and the list goes on. All of this, and more, was spelled out by Senator Britt with a compassionate, caring speech, coming directly from her heart.

President Biden should be ashamed of the way in which he demeaned the Office of the President. Our allies and adversaries must have looked on aghast at this despicable performance.

Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

Robert,

I have not, and will not, attempt to take sides in this space when it comes to politics either at the local or national level. I will, however, stand up for the right of any citizen to say, or write, what they think and what they believe. The one thing I ask is that these letters be courteous and hopefully factual.

I am not a fact checker, but I can certainly see when someone is not being courteous. No matter how you feel about the current or any past presidents of this great country, they deserve respect. That certainly becomes more difficult during campaign season. But campaign season seems to last longer every election cycle.

I am sure that between now and early November there will be many, many letters to the editor that are for as well as against most every candidate, whether it be on the local, state or national level. I only ask that they be kept civil as well as factual (maybe even with some references). An educated electorate is the best body to choose the path forward.

Gary Scruton, Editor

A PROBLEM IN NEED OF A SOLUTION

By: Maggie
Anderson

I read an interesting story this afternoon, one many folks here in the US know little, sometimes nothing, about.

It told of an Austrian, conscripted into Hitler's army when Austria was overrun, captured in North Africa while serving under Rommel, then sent as a POW to work on a farm in the wide open expanse of Kansas.

He worked for the farmer for 3 years - not so remarkable, legions of POW's were sent to different locations all over this country. What is remarkable is that, when the war ended, after having worked for the farmer and his wife for 3 years, they wanted to pass the farm on to the POW who had toiled beside them for so long.

As it turned out, his wife did not want to leave her homeland so he went back to Austria and lived out his allotted time on Earth.

These days, with so much strife all over the world, I wonder if those two men would ever have had the opportunity to build the same kind of bond.

How would they, indeed how could they, ignore today's constant barrage of news, reports of atrocities foisted on one side by another, accusations, and complaints, chatter from every possible means, and still see one another as men in a world they'd have to live in when the chaos subsided?

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OBITUARY: Richard 'Dick' Fabrizio

Richard 'Dick' Fabrizio, 87, passed away on March 21, 2024, at his home, Windy Ridge surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Brockton, MA to Ethel (Hayward) and Frank Fabrizio on March 10, 1937. He was the oldest of five children. They moved around the country as a family but called East Bridgewater, MA, and Brockton home.

Dad started working on dairy farms at the age of 12. He told great stories of riding in the back of the farm truck to bring produce into Boston Market. He worked while going to school and ultimately put himself through college. He graduated from the Bristol County Ag High School and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. It was at a UMass dance that he met 'the catch of his life', his wife Ann (Lawson).

After college, he worked as a milk tester in Connecticut and for the Boy Scouts of America before moving to New Hampshire to work as the Grafton County 4-H Agent in 1965. Dad worked for 4-H for 30 years before he retired in 1995. He is remembered for traveling the county to judge 4-H gardens and taking groups of kids on hiking

and canoeing adventures as well as dairy judging tours. Two years after moving to North Haverhill he and Ann bought a dairy farm nestled on a hill. It was here that his family grew along with his dream to start an apple orchard.

His five children and Windy Ridge Orchard were his pride and joy. He started planting apple trees in 1968 and grew his business into what is now a 'Family Destination' in the White Mountains.

Dad loved working out in the orchards and greeting customers from near and far. He could be seen enjoying a cup of coffee and chatting with visitors on picture-perfect fall days. Dad always worked hard, loved what he did, and ran the operation until his final days.

Dad was an avid reader of history and fiction and loved working on puzzles. He enjoyed being outdoors every chance he had. He loved hiking, fishing, canoeing, and traveling. His favorite trips were canoeing the Koksoak River with friends in northern Quebec, hiking local mountains with his sons, visiting his daughters in California, Florida, Paris, Senegal, and Costa Rica, exploring the British Isles with Ann, and traveling on agricultural trips around the US, Australia, New Zealand, and Cuba. Dad was an active member of the state agricultural community as well as the town of Haverhill. He held nu-

merous leadership roles for the state and county Farm Bureau and Grafton County Conservation District and was a member of the NH Fruit Growers Association. He and Ann received the Grafton County Conservation District's Legacy and Stewardship Awards. He received the Grafton County and State Farm Bureau Profile Awards. Windy Ridge Orchard is considered an NH Farm of Distinction.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ann; his children Rick (Grafton, NH), Lynn (Haverhill, NH), Mark and Noelle (Charlotte, NC), Nancy (St. Johns, FL) and Sheila (Haverhill, NH); his grandchildren Shane, Shayla, and Shayden Zona, Evan Fabrizio, and Max Fabrizio; his great grandchildren, Avery Fabrizio and Baby Williams (arriving this summer); and his siblings Janet (Wareham, MA), Donna (Thousand Oaks, CA), Susan (Brockton, MA), and Dan (Burlington, WA).

A celebration of life will be held at Windy Ridge Orchard on Saturday, April 6, 2024, beginning at 11:00 am.

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OBITUARY:
James Gonyer,

James Gonyer, 31, of Monroe, New Hampshire passed away unexpectedly and far too soon on February 29th, 2024.

Jamie was a driver for Shaw's grocery store in Maine. He is predeceased by his grandmother and dear friend Debbie Poston of Bath and his great-grandmother Norma Baker, "Nana," from Monroe.

Jamie Gonyer was born on December 18, 1992, and graduated from Nokomis High School in Maine in 2011. He lived in New Hampshire and Maine where he developed a love of the great outdoors. Jamie was an avid hunter, especially of deer and turkey. He loved classic rock-'n'-roll and metal music; Iron Maiden was his favorite band. He particularly enjoyed going to concerts, watching football games, bowling with friends, and listening to his favorite music. As a child, Jamie went on a trip to Disneyworld and developed a life-long love of Disney as well as travel.

He became a truck driver to see the country-

side and eventually the world.

James Gonyer is survived by his loving mother Kristin Hatley Placey and his father Scott Placey, from Monroe, his sisters Kelsea Miller, Jessica Gonyer, Willow Placey, his grandparents Robert and Suzanne Placey from Lisbon, and John and Julie Hatley from Monroe, and a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends who loved and adored him and will miss him deeply.

Jamie is now at peace with his grand- and great-grandmothers. A memorial service will be held this summer in Maine at a time as yet to be determined. Notes of condolence can be sent to Kristin Placey at 1045 Woodsville Road, N.H. 03771. Jamie loved animals, especially his shelter cat Trevor. Donations can be made in James Gonyer's name at any local animal shelter.

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Crustless Quiche

sure tank. OMG. I really can't complain too much because I've lived here since 2003 and never had a problem. Now hopefully I'll be all set for a very long time.

broccoli, onion and mushrooms and set aside. In large bowl whisk together the eggs, milk, 1/2 & 1/2, S & P, mustard and nutmeg. Place sautéed vegetables in bottom, sprinkle grated cheddar over veggies then carefully pour egg mixture over the top. Place on a baking sheet in center oven rack.

Bake for 35-40 minutes until puffed, golden brown and insert a thin knife in center and it should be dry. Let sit for 8-10 minutes and serve warm.

That's it, you are done. It's healthy and nutritious so please give this recipe a try because your family will love it and you will be a star. If you want you could add cooked crisp bacon on top of veggies. Use your imagination and come up with mix ins your family likes.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. If you have a special recipe for me to share email April and I might pick your favorite! Stay safe and healthy my friends and until next time

I am signing off.
 Sincerely,
 Cin Pin

Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make this easy peasy and "Delicioso" meal that is good for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Also if you want to freshly grate the cheddar cheese. I believe it's better than the one you buy already grated. It comes creamier because the shredded cheese you buy has something added so it doesn't stick together. I grated mine because I had a small block of cheddar cheese. But use what you are used to.

Ingredients

- 6 large eggs
- 2/3 cup whole milk
- 1/4 cup half & half
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard (optional)
- Pinch nutmeg (optional)
- 1 1/2 cups broccoli florets bite size
- 4-6 sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 small onion thin sliced and chopped
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease your quiche pan or deep pie dish. Quick sauté the

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How is everyone doing today? I'm okay just got over some kind of flu. I had chills, nausea and vomiting a low grade fever. I started to feel better and got a head cold. A few of my friends also had the same symptoms. We are all feeling better now but as we grow older it takes longer to recoup.

What a week I've had. I lost my water on Monday. It flipped the circuit breaker and I turned it back on. I went downstairs to check the switch and when I flipped it, it sparked. My wonderful neighbor Kevin came to check it and he tried and it sparked. Then we could smell like a plastic burn smell. He thought it was my well pump and we shut down everything. I called a well company and was lucky to get Capital well company to come. They fixed the pump and that night I had continuous rusty and gritty dirty water. It wouldn't clear up and I called the well company again. They had to replace my pres-



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