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Academics and Athletics: They Both Get an "A"



On Saturday, October 31 Woodsville High School hosted a second round soccer playoff game against rival Lisbon Regional High School. Two teams numbering about 20 each ready to play their hearts out for the chance to move on in the playoffs as well as for their school and for themselves. The crowd numbered at least 100 parents, fellow students, grandparents, aunts and uncles and other spectators plus plenty of press.

The Woodsville High School Chapter of JAG (Jobs for American Graduates) held its annual Initiation and Installation ceremony of Tuesday, October 27. There were more than two dozen students on hand and seated in front of a small but enthusiastic gathering of parents and other supporters. The JAG students had previously met and elected officers for the upcoming year. They were inducted with their jobs clearly defined and each agreed to do their best to uphold the office they were elected to. The group as a whole stood for the reciting of the Career Association Creed. The Creed was recited by seven individual students each taking a piece to make the whole.

The soccer match began

with plenty of enthusiasm from the gathered crowd and it wasn't long before the faithful from Lisbon were rewarded with the first goal of the game. It was a team effort, but one individual got the credit for the goal. And it was the only goal scored in the entire first half. At half time both teams gathered around their coaches and heard the "halftime speech". During the second half of the game there was a penalty shot awarded to Woodsville. This meant the ultimate one on one in soccer. One player defending the goal, one player trying to kick the ball past. In this case, as it is most often in soccer, it was the kicker that had the advantage. Overall it appears that both teams figured out what offense was because the second half featured six goals. Three goals for each squad. Depending on how you look at this it was great work (offensively speaking) or it was not doing as good a job as the first half (defensively speaking). The end result was a Lisbon win (4-3), and a trip to the state semifinals, while Woodsville must "wait until next year".

As part of the JAG ceremony there was a short

speech by Woodsville High School Principal Bob Jones. He recited a poem which talked about winds blowing, and sailing ships mowing with the wind or against the wind. He likened this to the lives of the students in front of him. Pointing out that it is not the fault of the wind on which way you sail thru life, for you are at the helm and it is you that steers the ship. Also part of the ceremony was the presentation of plaques of appreciation to three individuals. One to Principal Jones, one to the owner of "The Bridge Weekly Sho-case", Peter Kimball, and one to myself, Gary Scruton, owner of Trendy Times. It was obvious that the students and advisors in the JAG program appreciate what is done for them.

No tests were involved to be part of the JAG program. At least not a pencil and paper type test. It's more a test of willpower and decision making. One line of the Creed says, "I believe that each individual has the responsibility to develop." It appears this group of students is developing nicely and can accomplish their goals.

These were both events that took place last week that involved students from Woodsville High School. To the students involved they were both big events in the school year. To the parents and others who attended, they were both big events in the school year. And it is my feeling that they should all be proud of what they have accomplished. Now the soccer match was certainly more public and had a bigger attendance, but the JAG ceremony was equally important. It is the age old argument of Academics versus Athletics, which is more important? It is a question that has been asked many times, and will be asked many more times. And like so many other age old questions, there is not an easy answer. The may not even be a hard answer. Both are needed for the well being of the students and the community. Though disappointed about the soccer loss, it does not mean that the student athletes failed. Just like not passing an academic test does not mean failure. In both cases it means you must refocus and try again with even more effort than before.



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From The Editor

Woodsville Armory – Good or Bad?

On Monday, November 9 the second of two hearings will be held at the Haverhill Selectboard Meeting regarding the Woodsville Armory.

The first hearing was held on Monday, October 26. At that meeting a very small number of citizens of Haverhill showed up to take part in this very important decision making process.

Reports have it that most of those in attendance were in favor of the town accepting the offer from the State of New Hampshire to transfer ownership to the town.

My two questions are: Can the taxpayers of Haverhill afford to own this building, and how much will it cost us to own this building? It is true that no tax dollars will be lost off the tax roles, but there are plenty of other costs involved. Like any property owned by anyone there needs to be someone in charge of checking on it on a regular basis. I don't expect our Board of Selectmen to do that and it really is not the sort of thing that a Town Manager should be doing either. That means hours and money spent.

Next is the heating, electric, water & sewer bills. None of these need be that much, but how much? And when there is an event scheduled for the building who controls the utilities, who pays for the extra costs involved and how are those costs determined?

Let us also not forget that winter will soon arrive. Will Woodsville Precinct plow the yard at the armory? Or will that be another bill that we will be paying?

I know that there are many great ideas floating around about the use of this building. In fact I have to agree with several of the suggestions. The questions is, can we, the taxpayers afford it?

Looking at the flip side, it would be too bad for the Town of Haverhill to not take possession of a facility that could, if looked at from the right perspective, save the town money in the long run. I say this because we could never afford to construct a building for the price being offered to purchase this existing facility. And as the town grows and services expand, facilities are needed to

house them. So, long range, it could be considered a reasonable investment.

To conclude, this decision is as big as the building itself. By statute it is the decision of our five member Selectboard. They are the ones in the hot seat. But to liken it to athletics, the coach of a team not doing well is on the hot seat, but he can't catch the ball. He needs the players to do their part. In this case we, the taxpayers, need to do our part and offer our suggestions, our comments, our views, so that our Selectboard can make a decision that comes from the people, not just from their own views.

Again, the second hearing is Monday, November 9 at 6:10 PM at the Selectboard Meeting in the Morrill Municipal Building in North Haverhill. If you can not attend, call a Selectboard member to voice your opinion, or send a note telling them what you think. This is the second hearing, but the decision will not be made until, at the earliest, the November 23 meeting of the Selectboard.

Alumni Hall Receives Arts Jobs Grant



Alumni Hall Cultural and Interpretive Center of Haverhill is among 12 New Hampshire music, theater and visual arts and crafts organizations that have received Arts Jobs grants. The grants are paid for through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and distributed through the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. In New Hampshire, 42 jobs are being preserved with the help of these grants.

Governor John Lynch and the Executive Council approved the Arts Jobs grants Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

"We are very pleased that in a small way we have been able to help save jobs in New Hampshire's vital arts community," said Department of Cultural Resources Commissioner Van McLeod. "These organizations are an important part of not only their communities' well being but the state's as well. They provide a major economic engine that will help us all as we work our way out of these difficult economic times."

The State Arts Council received \$293,100 in grants to save jobs in the arts workforce. The funds are part of a \$19.8 million appropriation funded through ARRA. The NEA awarded the funds directly to state and regional arts agencies to respond to the unique needs of arts organizations around the country that are struggling to remain viable in the economic downturn. In New Hampshire, this first round of funds, a total of \$230,000, was awarded by the State Arts Council through a competitive grant program called Arts Jobs: Putting New Hampshire to Work.

Forty-two organizations applied for the grants. In addition to Alumni Hall, which received \$20,000 to support job retention for two years, the following received funding through Arts Jobs:

- Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, Littleton, \$20,000
- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, \$20,000
- Friends of the Arts Plymouth, \$20,000
- Friends of the Colonial, Bethlehem, \$20,000
- League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, Concord, \$20,000
- Monadnock Music, Peterborough, \$20,000
- N.H. Theatre Project, Portsmouth, \$20,000
- North Country Center for the Arts, Lincoln, \$20,000
- Prescott Park Arts Festival, Portsmouth, \$20,000
- Saint Kieran Community Center, Berlin, \$10,000
- Sharon Arts Center, Sharon, \$20,000

The NEA also offered direct grants to eligible cultural organizations. The Currier Museum in Manchester received a \$50,000 NEA grant to support job retention in the arts workforce.

The NEA Web site offers a Recovery page at www.arts.gov/recovery with updates on Recovery grants, agency reports, and other information.

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Craft Fair at Bath Village School

The 17th Annual Craft Fair sponsored by The Friends of Bath was held Saturday, October 24 at the Bath School. Twenty-four vendors from Bath and surrounding area towns, one traveling all the way from Hooksett, converged on the scene to showcase their varied skills. The weather outside was wet and dismal but inside there was much to delight the eye and tempt the patrons. There were candles, bells, yarn and fabric creations, bird houses made from sap buckets, jewelry, gift baskets, original creations, decorated boxes and plant pots, note cards, photos and more.

Everyone who came was given a

numbered ticket. Periodically throughout the day a ticket was drawn with the owner of the matching number having the opportunity to select an item from among those donated by the crafters. In addition, a raffle featured many desirable prizes. The Friends offered their popular corn chowder lunch plus sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, goodies and beverages. They also presented a table of delicious homemade baked goods for sale.

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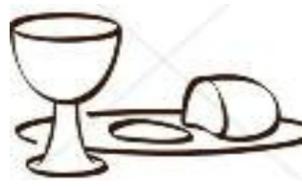
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Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Field Crop Meeting
9:30 AM - 2:15 PM
Bath Congregational Church
Pre-registration required.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Cottage Hospital Flu Clinic
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Horse Meadow Senior Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Midnight Madness
Bradford, Vermont

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Fall Bazaar
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Woodsville United Methodist Church
See page 3 for details.

Rummage, Crafts & Food Sale
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Haverhill Congregational Church
See page 6 for details.

13th Annual North Country YMCA Clothing Drive
9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
Woodsville Elementary School Parking Lot
Items should be in plastic bags, no cardboard boxes accepted. Requested \$1 donation per bag to benefit YMCA After School Program

YOU SEW, GIRL - Basic Sewing Workshop
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Bradford Public Library Reading Room

Roast Pork Church Supper
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Bath Congregational Church
See page 3 for details.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Haverhill Selectboard Meeting
6:00 PM
Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill
6:10 PM
Second Public Hearing to take input from the public on the proposed acquisition by the Town of the Woodsville Armory from the State of New Hampshire.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Coffee and Donut Veteran Appreciation Time
9:00 - 10:30 AM
Horse Meadow Senior Center, North Haverhill

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans' Day Parade
11:00 AM
Central Street, Woodsville
See page 10 for details.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Christmas Bazaar
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Bath Congregational Church

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Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

I saw your ad in The Trendy Times and had to put my 2 cents in. I realize that Woodsville is a small town and the budget is small. My comment is pertaining to the police that patrol (or lack thereof) Central Street. My husband walks our dog, on-leash in the evenings, sometimes 9:30 or 10:00. My question is, are they so bored that they literally have to go around the block, slow down to a crawl just to watch him walk the dog? Central Street is very often a play-ground for speeders and motorcycles that are so loud and fast, that it's scary. Come on Chief Smith, please do something about the law breakers and concentrate less on the dog walkers.

I hope I haven't stepped on anyone's toes. Cecil Smith is a very nice person. And as acting Chief, I'm asking for more officers to be put out there!

Thank you.

Anonymous

First things first, I always correct people on this one. Woodsville is part of the town of Haverhill. It is not a town, but is a precinct. Minor point to many, but worth mentioning because it is a fact that not everyone understands.

For the next point. Cheers to you and your husband for keeping the dog on a leash while walking around Woodsville. Do you also carry a pooper-scooper? I am not sure if this is a regulation or not, but if you have ever gone walking and stepped on a "lawn mine", as some call it, then you would appreciate the request.

Now for your real point of police coverage. I believe that at the moment Haverill's Police Force is down one officer. That is no excuse to circle the block watching a dog walker, however. I mention this only to point out that they can not be everywhere all the time. Police coverage is something most of us have come to expect and greatly appreciate. Just remember that it all comes at a price. The question becomes, where is that balance point of enough coverage at a price we can afford?

As a final note, thank you so much for taking the time to write this and make your voice heard. If others were to follow your example we would have a better town.

Gary Scruton,
Editor

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency Begins Annual Appeal

November is National Home Care and Hospice Month. During this month, North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency conducts its annual fundraising appeal.

There may be a time in our lives when we are faced with the difficult decision that has become so familiar to our clients. Am I able to stay in my home and take care of all my needs? By providing compassionate home health and hospice care, North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency makes it possible for hundreds of people a year to continue to fulfill their desire to remain in their own home. We coordinate all aspects of our clients' care with a keen respect for individual needs. It is the respect for our clients' values and expecta-

tions that has earned us the reputation for providing compassionate home health care and hospice services. Additional information about our agency and our services may be obtained on our website. www.nchha.com

Although many of our services are paid for through Medicare, Medicaid and State grant programs, our reimbursement under these programs continues to fall significantly short of actual expenses. There is also no reimbursement for services to uninsured or underinsured individuals. Government mandates, staffing patterns and other rising costs, most beyond our control, contribute significantly to higher costs for the agency to deliver compassionate care to our clients. All these factors make your

contribution needed now more than ever.

As we all prepare for Thanksgiving and recall our many blessings, please pause for a moment to think about the many people in our surrounding communities that rely on the support that our agency delivers to their homes. Your contribution to North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency would be gratefully appreciated not only by the agency, but by all those who need our assistance.

For further information or to contribute to our annual appeal, please contact Human Resources at North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, 536 Cottage Street, Littleton, NH 03561. Phone 603-444-5317.

NRCS Conservation Easement Programs Workshop

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Grafton County Conservation District (GCCD) are presenting a workshop on land conservation opportunities available through NRCS Easement Programs. Topics to be



covered include the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection

Program (FRPP), the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). Sue Hoey, NRCS Easement Specialist, will discuss these programs in detail. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th from 2:00-4:00pm in the UNH CE Conference Room at the Grafton County Complex, Route 10, North Haverhill.

The presentation will be followed by discussion and time for answering any questions that come up. For more information, or if you need directions, please call Pam Gilbert, Grafton County Conservation District, at 603-747-2001 ext 103, or Dean Bascom, NRCS District Conservationist for Grafton County, at 603-747-2001 ext 106. Reservations are not required but would be appreciated. If you cannot attend but would like more information, feel free to contact Pam or Dean.

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More Notes From The Diary of Brian Lebron

10/16/09

We traveled out to Armon's Bar & Grill in Alberg, VT to play another show. For a small bar there was quite a crowd tonight. Unfortunately somewhere towards the middle of the third set, smoke started pouring out the back of both stage speakers. We all took notice and ended the song. We decided to take a ten minute break and come up with a new game plan. But we all agreed no matter what happens the show must go on. So for the rest of the show we played directly through the monitors. And considering what happened I feel from a musician's perspective we did pretty good. All except a couple of hecklers the rest of the people in the bar were dancing and singing and having a good ole time.

10/26/09

Played a show down at The Silver Fern in

Claremont, NH two nights ago. It turns out that when the bar posted the show in the newspaper, they accidentally posted it for Friday the 23rd instead of Saturday night the 24th. And although we were expecting a bigger turn out, it still went pretty good considering one of our instruments fell out of tune in the middle of one of the songs we were playing. But at least this week, we didn't fry any speakers. Thanks Wayne for helping the band with the equipment we need in order to have made this show possible. Couldn't of done it without you buddy.

10/29/09

I received a call on Tuesday morning about possibly having another show down at the Silver Fern this Friday night. Unfortunately it all fell through. The next day I received another call from Greg saying there will be no

show on Friday. By the time he tried to book the show they had already hired a D.J. to play that night. The pressure is on. Here it is Thursday already and we're only two days away from heading to New York City to audition for America's Got Talent. We barely have enough money for gas and the rest of us band members are waiting on "Rooster" to burn footage from last Saturdays show onto a DVD so we can turn it in to the judges for America's Got Talent on Saturday.

It's almost 7:00 pm and neither Greg or I have heard any word from Rooster. I talked to Greg a couple of hours ago and he hasn't heard anything from Billy all day either. The good thing is I got permission to borrow my Aunt's digital video camera. Greg and I agreed that even if we have to record an acoustical piece with just us, then so be it. I guess it'll just be the two of us then if

that's the case. All I know is this thing is going to happen one way or another regardless how the night turns out.

It's now a little after 8:00 pm. I just finished talking with Rooster and he's not sure if this person will even have the DVD burned in time for us to leave on Saturday. That's why it's always good to have a backup plan in times like thee. It's always better to play it safe then to have nothing to fall back on.

10/30/09

We've got a busy day

today. We're putting plan "B" into effect first thing this morning just to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible. As soon as I pick up the camera and tripod, it's back to the band room to record and then burn the recording onto a DVD. It's now after 3:00 pm and we've got what we needed recorded. Just waiting now for Greg to pick me up to finish the final details. I still haven't heard anything on the progress the other DVD with the live performance on it, but I'm sure glad we've got all our bases covered on this one.



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Used Clothing, Every "Body" Wears It

By A Thrift Store Junkie

Think about it, unless we are purchasing a new outfit everyday, we all wear used clothing on a regular basis. In my opinion, it makes sense to buy used clothing for many reasons. If you're tired of wearing the same look as everyone else, and wish you could lose the "cookie cutter" look-alike trend from your wardrobe, used clothing stores offer some of the best selections of merchandise found anywhere. You can come across wonderful "one of a kind" treasures, and the opportunity to combine colors and styles that cover several years of fashion statements. For us "thrift store junkies", it's part of the fun to mix and match clothes from different era's ending up with a look which is totally

ours. I'd say it offers the best of all worlds. Join the ranks of some of the "best dressed" folks and do it on a budget.

Of course there are many excellent reasons for purchasing and wearing used clothes. One of the major considerations for many is the cost factor. You get the opportunity to wear good quality and often name brand clothing for a fraction of the original retail price. It's great for your budget, and there are a variety of different types of resale shops that cater to both thin and thicker wallets. Even if your budget allows for a large clothing budget, the money you save could add an additional vacation to your family's budget or a few extra treats. It makes sense and cents add up to dollars.

The reduce, reuse, recycle philosophy applies well to clothing. By reducing the clutter in our closets and passing it on, we are reducing the quantity of usable textiles in landfills. I find a growing population of shoppers who come in buying clothes just for the fabric content. Wool sweaters are washed in hot water to become felted fabrics which in turn become hats and mittens. Woven calicos transform themselves into quilts. That slightly dated red wool suit becomes part of a braided rug. Clothes get cut up for costumes, cut into strips for rug hooking or used for rags in the garage. The ideas are endless. Trendy Times would welcome additional ideas that you might have as to how to recycle clothes.

There are many places where you can get used clothing. The ones we normally think of are thrift stores, consignment/resale shops, rummage sales and of course the annual neighborhood yard sales. A lot of folks are confused as to how consignment/resale stores differ from thrift stores. I'm not sure if there is an official definition, I've come across many varied definitions in many varied places. In this part of the country, it seems to hold that

thrift stores are full of items that were donated to the store. These stores are frequently run by non-profit organizations to benefit specified areas. Examples of thrift stores in this area are The Salvation Army with stores in St. Johnsbury and Barre, VT. Robert's Thrift Store in Bradford, VT raises money to help fund the Connecticut Valley Fair. Gratefully Carried Away, also in Bradford uses proceeds to help disabled individuals. The Variety Store in Woodsville, The Mustard Seed in Newbury, The Benefit Shop in Barre and Connect with Kids in St. Johnsbury also use profits to benefit others.

Consignment stores are a different kettle of fish. Consignment means that all the items in a store are owned by individuals (consignors) and they are paid for their items as they are sold. This enables consignors to actually earn money without the hassle of having a private sale. Consignment shops in our area include Mucca's Place in St. Johnsbury. Mucca's has clothing for the entire family as well as toys, video games and systems. Cheap Kids and Windfall Clothing are both located in Orford, NH. Cheap Kids specializes in children's clothing,

accessories, maternity and nursing wear. Windfall Clothing caters to women and teens with an equestrian corner for the horse lovers among us. Trendy Threads in Woodsville has clothes and accessories for the entire family including maternity and nursing wear. Women and Children First is located in Barre, VT. The Little Red Wagon, Out of the Closet, Time to Consign and Emma & Co. Consignments are all located in the Littleton, NH area. The Little Red Wagon can clothe the whole family in style and Out of the Closet refers to their clothing as "fun, funky & fresh" for men and women. In Season is located in Bradford, VT. One More Time in Montpelier, VT carries an eclectic collection of vintage and higher end clothing.

Resale stores are known for purchasing clothing outright for resale. Heather's Nearly New in Montpelier, VT is a good example of this. Heather's specializes in children's and maternity wear.

Consignment and resale stores can be selective as to what they will accept and price for sale. Because of this, quality control tends to be better (but not always) and items will generally be displayed with a bit more

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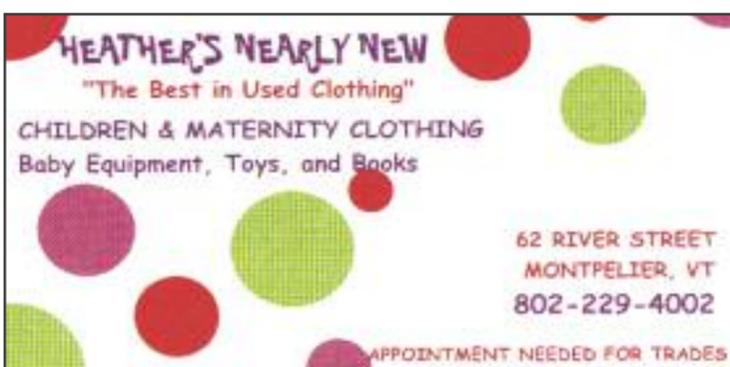
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The Haverhill Heritage Commission has been working on this project for some time. They were finally able to procure this unit from its previous site in St. Albans, VT. Though the unit is not in pristine condition, it has an amazing amount of original items intact. There are hand rails, snow guards and a cupola with glass all the way around.

It is also missing a few things. One of the obvious items is the wheel assemblies (or trucks) that go under the unit to allow it run on tracks. These were removed before it was set in its previous location. The long range plan is to finish the restoration with a new set of wheels to go under the caboose. In the meantime some old railroad ties made for a great resting spot for this new unit.

As you can note in the pictures above the cupola was detached from the caboose itself in order to allow the unit to be transported to Railroad

Park. Plans were to have it securely reattached very soon. Further restoration will take place as manpower and funding become available.

It appears that the pool of willing hands for this restoration project may be large. There were almost two dozen people around for the relocating work. And there appeared to be just as many cameras shooting the flying caboose.

One interesting fact about this unit is that without the trucks attached its weight was cut about in half. Each set of trucks weighs about 10,000 pounds or 5 tons. The caboose with trucks weighs in at about 42,000 pounds or 21 tons. So as it flew thru the parking lot and onto the railroad ties this caboose barely topped 10 tons. No match at all for the very capable crew and large crane brought in to get the job done.

The Haverhill Heritage Commission is part of the Town of Haverhill and like any other volunteer group is always looking for new members to join the team. They plan to continue developing Railroad Park as well as work on some other very important projects throughout the town.



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Used Clothing, Every "Body" Wears It

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flair. But store layouts and organization skills vary as much as leaves on a tree. When you support a consignment or resale store, you are helping your community in several ways. Because consignors receive money (or sometimes credit) for their items, you are in turn releasing those funds back into the community to be used somewhere else. This is a great example of "keeping it local".

I strongly suggest that you check in with a store before bringing things in for consignment or even to donate. Most businesses only accept seasonal items and many have specific guidelines that limit quantity of clothes brought in, only accept clothing on certain days, or require an appointment to drop off items. No store (including rummage sales) wants clothes that are dirty, stained, have holes, ripped seams, broken zippers or missing buttons. Do everyone a favor and dispose of these items on your own. The Salvation Army does have a recycling program for textiles that don't make the grade to be sold, check with them for details. There are some clothing drives or drop and

swaps that will also accept less than perfect textiles for recycling purposes.

There are many areas where your dollar goes just

so far. Clothing your family in used clothing is one way in which you can stretch your dollars. Consigning or donating items allows your

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Food Plots - Part 2

By David Falkenham, UNHCE Extension Educator, Forestry & Wildlife

Last week's article spoke about the basics of food plot preparation and the breakdown of the three types of food plots: annual wildlife plots, clover plots, and hunting plots. Each type of food plot has different physical and economic factors that must be determined by the landowner when laying out food plots. This month I want to talk about the actual layout and maintenance of the plots.

As mentioned in my previous article, annual plots are the cheapest and require the least maintenance of all the food plots. If this is the only plot you choose for your property you will not spend much money or effort and you will attract a large diversity of wildlife to your land. Annual plots should be mowed every one to five years. This low maintenance

allows you to place them on the farthest reaches of your land as long as you can get to them every few years with a tractor. It is a good idea to mow these plots late in the year, August or September, to allow the ground nesting birds that are using these openings to fledge and head south.

Clover plots are my favorite. They are a nice balance of providing a great nutritional food source for wildlife, and aside from the initial cost and effort of building the plot, they are pretty low maintenance and they can be grown on a variety of soil types. The key to good clover plots is to mow, mow and mow a little more. I recommend mowing clover plots three times per summer; starting in May and the last mowing should be around the middle of August.

Given this, you should locate these plots any place on your land that you are able to get mowing equipment to three times a year. There are three reasons for mowing clover: 1. Mowing provides a steady supply of mulch for your plot and this does cut down on fertilizer costs. 2. Mowing is a disturbance and it causes the clover to spread its root system and its seed, thus increasing the volume of the clover. 3. Mowing "freshens up" the clover by keeping it young and tender. This improves the taste and the nutritional value of the clover. If clover is left all summer without mowing it becomes stiff and unpalatable.

Hunting plots are pretty high maintenance, and usually require equipment such as disk harrows, but if you have the time and ambition go for it, they act

like a deer magnet. These plots need to be harrowed and re-planted once a year so they should be located where you can get to them with equipment. They also require good loamy, rock-free soil because you will be harrowing once a year. Abandoned agricultural land works well, or any place where rocks are in limited supply. Despite the extra effort required, hunting plots are a lot of fun because they allow you to try so many different types of seeds that are on the market; brassica, kale, turnip, rye, wheat, oats...the list is endless and if it doesn't work this year, harrow it up and try something new next year.

Some helpful hints:

If you don't have access to a tractor and don't want to pay for all that mowing, consider purchasing a DR Brush Mower. These handy mowers can cover a lot of territory and they are rugged. Since they are pretty small, you only need a narrow trail to get to your plots. The only drawback to these is the mowing deck is not that big so mowing anything more

than two acres takes some time, but it is a cheaper option and is good exercise.

Locate your plots in areas with thick brushy cover. This added concealment will encourage daytime use of your plots by wildlife. Regenerating clear-cuts work great.

If your plot is larger than one acre, allow islands of brush and trees to grow inside the plot. This too will help critters feel safer using your plots, thus increase usage.

When designing your plots, consider a long narrow shape. It might cost less money if the excavator can move up one side of the plot and down the other side, stumping as he goes rather than moving in circles, pulling all of the stumps.

For more information feel free to call me at the UNH Cooperative Extension office in North Haverhill (603-787-6944).

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10 VFW Trip to DC (Part 2)

Last week's edition of Trendy Times had a front page story about a group of veterans and others who made a trip of a lifetime to Washington DC. As stated in the story there were thirty people who boarded that bus in North Haverhill on Friday morning October 16. That large a group is hard to keep together and even harder to get all in one picture, especially in the rainy weather these intrepid travelers dealt with during this trip. Therefore, some of those who made the trip did not show up in the photos run with last week's story. We are now attempting to correct that.

There were three members of Haverhill Memorial VFW Post #5245 who were not pictured. They were: Past Commander Harvey Keyes, Past Commander and Service Officer David Johnson, Jr., and 1st Vice Commander Rick Ames. This made a total of 15 post members on the trip.

There were six Auxiliary members pictured but nine who made the trip. The three not pictured were: Hazel Carr, Eleanor Cassady and Mary Hutchins.

The final six who made the trip were: Henrietta Powers, Debra Ames, Rosario-Matiaf Mitchell, Ellen Simpson, Shirley Cobb and Tammy L Fortier.

A final note would be that of thanks from the Post for the contributions made by local businesses and others that helped make this trip possible. It should be noted that some of those contributions are from those who play Bingo each Wednesday night at 6:30 at the VFW Post on Benton Road in North Haverhill. The members invite everyone else to join them in this fun time.

Editor's PS: If you think this trip was enough to take the starch out of most anybody, let me add this little tidbit. VFW Commander Wayne Fortier of Woodsville drove back to Washington DC on Friday, October 23rd in order to participate in the Marine Marathon on Sunday, October 25th. This is not the first time Wayne has run. It is also not the first time for his daughters Haley and Tammy who kept track of dear old dad as he put in the full 26+ miles. Before the event Wayne had set a goal of beating his old time of just over 6 hours. In fact he was determined to beat the 6 hour mark. His time for 2009? Five hours, fifty-eight minutes. Our congratulations are hereby added to those of many, many others.



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The Third Annual Chad Paronto Children's Charity Poker Tournament & Silent Auction

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It's an interesting note that this event has been held in three different locations in the three years yet it has continued to grow. This year the Poker Tournament seated 40 players and offered rebuys to those who went "All In" at the wrong time. In fact one of the door prizes was a Jeff Bagwell bat given to Brad Paronto who made the most rebuys. (Of course, that means he made a very nice donation to the charity).

Along with the tournament players there were more than 20 others who showed up to play cash games, buy raffle tickets or bid on the silent auction items. In total, this event



Winners and More

Front row: Don Kimball. Second row (left to right) Dale Paronto, Adam Gagnon and Valerie Carr. Back row: Rob Walker, Glenn Libby, Chad Paronto, Shane Carr and Nate Lang.

raised over \$7,000. Congratulations should go to Chad and family for the effort and caring they continue to show for the community.

A couple of other interesting notes about Chad Paronto. He is at the moment a free agent once again. In Chad's words he had a "pretty good" season in 2009 and feels he will be pitching

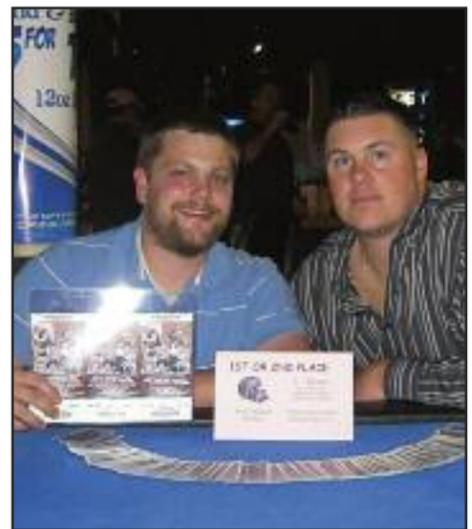
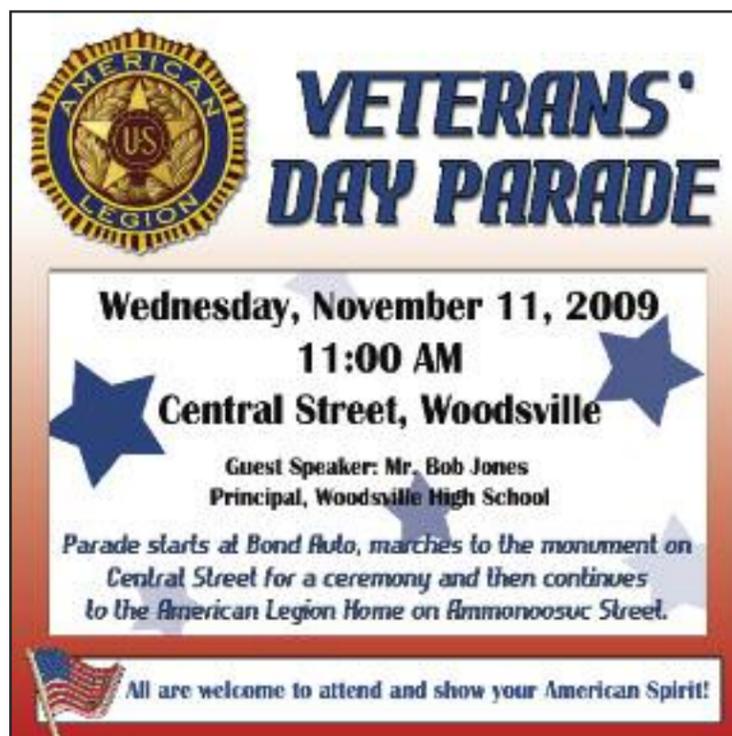
in the majors again in 2010. As he said, he's been through this before. When asked about his performance at the card table Chad admitted that cards are not his thing. While many of his fellow players will play for hours on the long bus, train or plane trips, he picks up a book, listens to music or watches a movie.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- 1st - Adam Gagnon - Patriot Tickets for Dec. 27th vs. Jacksonville Jaguars at New England
- 2nd - Dale Paronto - 4 Red Sox Tickets, \$50 Gas Card and Motel
- 3rd - Glen Libby - Autographed Hall of Fame Jim Rice Jersey
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- 6th - Josh Souliere - Nolan Ryan Ball Autographed
- 7th - Dan Becker - Framed / Autographed Tim Wakefield photo
- 8th - Rob Walker - Troy Glaus Bat Autographed
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- John Smoltz Autographed Ball - \$300 (Phil Tucker)
- Willie Mays Autographed/Framed Picture - \$430 (Brandon Hodge)
- Corey's Car Wash Gift Certificate - \$50 (Dale Paronto)
- Full House Poker Chip Set - \$101.69 (Dale Paronto)

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THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE: SCRUTINIZED

NUMBER ONE (OR SHOULD THAT BE WON?)

This is only the first of many problems with the American language. You would think that something as important as the very first number would have its own sound. One should be one, not one or won. They are at least spelled differently and that makes it easier than some other words we may discuss later. But come on, shouldn't one, the very first digit of only ten digits, at least have a unique sound?

Not only that but how about one becoming first? Using the digits we get #1 or 1st. Why would you not say onest? Why must it be changed to first?

Another issue is this: Is one actually the first digit? Really 0 (that's zero, not oh) is the first digit. But it has no real value, unless it is preceded by some other digit. Therefore zero gets very little respect. It does get some good praise, however. Most people will say they would like more zeros on their paycheck, they don't say they would like more ones on the check.

Now I'll try to get back in order. That means 2 is next. I use the digit here because, again, there is more than one 2. In fact there are three 2's. The digit (two), going somewhere (to), and also (too). Again they are spelled differently but sound alike and two of the to's (or too's) are confusing for most people. The other part is that 2 is normally considered second in line of numbers. Why "second" (2nd) and not twond? Doesn't it read twond? Pronounced tuned but certainly not spelled that way.

Next in line is three. Well there is only one three. But it becomes third (3rd). Both are unique sounds in the American language and that says a lot for this particular digit, and yet at the same time makes you wonder why the rest couldn't get the same treatment.

Four is next. Or is that for, or fore. Again three spellings of one sound. At

least these three meanings are not even close in definition. For is used quite often in the normal talk or writing of the American language. Fore on the other hand is used much less often, unless you have a boat, or you spend a lot of time talking about one particular finger. The other interesting thing about four is that it becomes fourth. Pretty simple, add "th" to four and you've got fourth.

Obviously it was too simple for those early cavemen making the numbers. Because when they went to the next digit "5" they had to make it fifth, not fiveth. The good thing was that they decided they liked "th", or perhaps our friend "Creative Guy" had issues again. Whatever the reason "th" became the ending from here on.

Six easily became sixth. Another number with it's own sound. Good Job! Then is seven and seventh. It seems they were on a roll at this time, either trying to be consistent, or they simply were tired of the whole process.

Eight is next. This just screams out that they must have been hungry, they ate lunch and then continued with the numbers and just got confused. They did continue with the "th" but shortened it to just "h" to make eighth because eighth just looks wrong!

The final digit is nine. Again a good simple word, with no double meanings or other spellings, just a clean crisp nine that turns into nineth. Bravo!

But wait, spell check tells me it should be ninth. Take out the "e". It just shows that nothing is safe with the American language. Almost no rule is sacred. There almost always is an exception. I am so glad that I grew up using this language, because I could never learn it now.

Sew until next thyme, remember spell check is your friend, butt it does not cure awl.

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By Sheila Asselin

My poetry's from another time
It has to can, it has to rhyme

Ann Sexton'd be alive today
If she wrote the old fashioned way
Her mind was never idle and it made her suicidal
Do the math
Sylvia Plath
It's got too many syllables

Modern poems are seldom bland
But me I just don't understand
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Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit

And A Darn Good Meal

The Cohase Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2009 Cohase Region Economic Summit at Riverbend Technical Center last week. While the summit featured many top movers and shakers of the area, they were almost overshadowed by the wonderful meal served up by the Culinary Arts Class at

Riverbend. With a choice of delicious entrees and locally procured sides, that followed a fine green salad, there was almost no room left for the well presented and delicious dessert. High compliments to the class and staff. In regards to the summit, it was just that, a group of local leaders who are at or

near the top. There were some 30 plus people in attendance. Those attending included select board members from all four towns of the Chamber district, Bradford, Newbury, Piermont & Haverhill. Plus superintendents of schools from both states. Regional economic development representatives

from both sides of the river. Presidents of business groups from Bradford and Woodsville / Wells River. Plus there were some elected officials, representatives of the health care industry, several members of the Chamber Board and even a couple of members of the press.

The Chamber had a good set up for the evening. Place setting were assigned, thereby making for some very diverse tables. Most tables had six people who represented a wide range of interests, knowledge, experience and perspective. Though the meal was delicious it could not stop interesting conversations at virtually every table.

When the meal was finished it was time for presentations of a more planned nature from each select board. Compliments to all four select boards for having one or more representative on hand to answer the questions presented to them in advance by the Chamber. Those questions included inquiries about the biggest changes in each town over the last 12 months, how the rental and real estate markets are fairing in today's economy, and even what each board saw as the biggest issues they are facing.

In each case the board members did not simply read a prepared text, but offered their thoughts and feelings in response to each question. Those responses quite often brought questions or comments from others in attendance.

At the end of the select board presentations there was time to hear comments, concerns and even some complements from many others in attendance. This portion of the evening was also well managed, and the questions and comments was moved along nicely by moderator Marvin Harrison.

When the evening's activities were wrapped up all the world's problems (or even the region's problems) were not solved. However, new connections were made, suggestions were put forward for future events on possibly a more frequent basis, and it appeared that most were satisfied that it was a worthwhile endeavor.

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