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VETERANS DAY

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

This edition of Trendy Times has several articles with a military theme. The reason for this should be self evident: Veterans Day is November 11th. It is one of the holidays that has remained on its original date. (A quick history - November 11th was the date when World War I ended. I realize that is somewhat simplistic, but it has become the date that is recognized.) Therefore we felt it appropriate to dedicate a good amount of print in honor of this day.

For those who choose to read all the articles you will find below the second in what could be many articles from Author, Historian and Marine George Clark. We have run one article previous and feel this one is most appropriate.

Also on this front page will be "Something to Think About". This is a piece written by David Turner. He is also a veteran and what he has to say is well worth taking the time to read.

Inside of this issue of Trendy Times you will also find other articles. One is a press release announcing the creation of a Cold War Medal. There is also a short piece about looking for Korean War veterans and those currently deployed

there. This is in preparation of the upcoming marking of the beginning of the Korean War.

On page 3 there is a book review. "Is Anybody Listening?" is a book about MIA's and POW's, especially from Vietnam. The author's husband is one of those many listed as MIA or POW. The book is about her struggle to get answers.

Under the Letters to the Editor section of Trendy Times we have a letter forwarded to us via email. We could not find an original author, but the sentiment was such that it needs to be published here.

The other item of interest on this subject is also on the front page. I refer to the parade on Wednesday in Woodsville on Central Street. Though it is a work day for many, it is a work day because of the efforts and sacrifices of those who we honor on this day. The main ceremony of this event will happen on Central Street at the monument and flagpole just east of the intersection with Route 135. All are invited to attend this fairly brief ceremony and display your support for our men and women in uniform today, yesterday and those who have yet to serve.

Armistice Day or Veterans Day

By George Clark

Tomorrow is what is now termed "Veterans Day." Growing up we, myself and others of my generation, celebrated "Armistice Day," which was a national holiday. As a veteran, of three enlistments, of later wars, I sort of am being "celebrated" too. However, I really want to write about a war and its heroes, all of them, that we sort of either forget, or take for granted. They were the men who went to France in 1917-1918 to "make the world safe for democracy." Though they failed in that undertaking, they showed the "Old World" what the New World was capable of doing.

There were several superior US infantry divisions, and many that were very good, though all were lacking in real experience. The one I wish to celebrate here is the Second Infantry Division (Regulars). It was a hybrid division. Composed of the newly created structure of two brigades of four infantry regiments, with associated machine gun battalions, as the main units, plus an artillery brigade, the always superior engineers, and various support trains; supply,

ammunition, health services.

The Second Division was created in Washington, on paper, and developed in France. Two fine old regular regiments of infantry, the 9th and 23d, were shipped over with a load of recently enlisted men, arriving in late 1917. They, with a machine gun battalion became the 3d Infantry Brigade. Another brigade was required to fill the TO&E, and the Army didn't have the necessary trained men available. However, the US Marines already had one regiment, the 5th, on hand in France and another, the 6th, coming soon. When at the end of January 1918 the 6th arrived as did two companies of the 6th Machine Gun Bn, the division was in pretty good shape. Sent to the Verdun front for trench training the division spent two months being trained in what they would never do; fight from trenches.

Their first assignment was to rapidly rush to create a block for onrushing German troops headed directly for Paris. It they took Paris the war was virtually over. The 2d Division stopped

the Germans cold near Chateau Thierry, at a place commonly known as "Belleau Wood." Maj Gen Omar Bundy, the CG of the division, and his Chief of Staff, Col Preston Brown, had decided to assign the 3d Brig to the right flank of the line and the 4th Brig to the left flank and to fight but one brigade at a time.

The latter had the "luck of the draw to have the Woods before them and the rest is history. The Marines beat the Germans in the woods the month of June, after sustaining horrible losses. The Infantry beat the Germans at the town of Vaux, the important position on the right flank. Next came the two day bloodbath at Soissons, where all four regiments were battered but won, driving the Germans back from their most forward location on the western front.

This was followed in September by the Franco-American attack on the German salient at St. Mihiel. Now, the French high command requested that

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Something To Think About

By David Turner

"Freedom isn't free!" We have all seen those words. They are printed on bumper stickers and spoken in speeches. But, what do they mean? What do they really mean?

A teenager in the twentieth century, somewhere in the Midwest, wakes up one morning, goes and looks out the window. It is a brisk fall day. He shivers. He doesn't want to go to school. He isn't sick he is just a little tired from staying up too late the night before. Anyway, he's bored with school. It's the same old stuff. He doesn't feel like he is learning much of

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Extension's Field Crop Meeting was Well Received

By Kristina Vaughan

On Tuesday, November 3, 2009 a group of 27 individuals from Grafton, Coos, Caledonia, and Orange Counties gathered at the church on Route 302 in Bath, NH for the Field Crop Meeting hosted by UNH Cooperative Extension.

The meeting focused on making the most of homegrown forages and feeds; a topic very important to dairy producers trying to stay competitive despite low milk prices. The featured speaker of the day was Tom Kilcer, retired Certified Crop Advisor and Field Crop Agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Kilcer opened his morning presentation, titled A Whole-Farm Approach to Forage Systems, by saying that over the years he has given the correct answers to a lot of producers' wrong questions. He cited the example of having a Steiger [200+ horsepower] tractor hooked to a one row corn chopper and a square bale kicker wagon. On their own, each piece of equipment is a wonderful machine, but when hooked together, they will not work as an efficient system. Producers were reminded to think of their farm as a whole system, where each individual decision is a

piece of the puzzle and must fit into the overall plan, goals, and workings of the business' unique operation.

During the afternoon session, Strategies for Success with Alternative Forage Crops, Kilcer asked workshop participants to "think outside the box". He discussed alternative crops such as Brown Mid-Rib Sorghum-Sudan, Teff and Triticale as either replacement for, or as an accompanying crop to, growing straight corn silage and alfalfa, as is custom in New England.

One dairy farmer, in particular, was excited about the possibility of growing Teff. The gentleman rents some of his farmland from a neighbor who doesn't want corn

grown in his field, as he and his wife would not be able to watch the deer frolic at dusk. Given the nutritional components of this alternative crop, the suitable harvest window, and the wide variety of harvest options, Teff may be an annual this landowner and farmer can agree upon.

Also speaking at the workshop were Larry Jones, PhD, who presented information on silage inoculants, and Art Graves, who discussed corn hybrid selection. Both topics were geared to guide the participants towards thoughtful purchases, rather than buying corn seed and silage preservative based on sales pitches and clever marketing techniques.

Participants at the

day-long workshop had opportunities at break time and during lunch to ask the speakers for additional information, ensuring that they left the meeting with useful tips and ideas to try at home.

Similar presentations over the next two days will be held in Webster and Westmoreland, NH. All three workshops are co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension, SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education), Connecticut River Ag Services, and Crop Production Services.

For more information about upcoming workshops please contact the UNH Cooperative Extension office in North Haverhill at 603-787-6944 or visit www.extension.unh.edu

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Come to the Monroe Town Hall on Saturday, November 21, 2009, for an extravaganza of crafting for kids! Sponsored by Grafton County University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development and Hunt Mountain 4-H Club, the doors open at 9 a.m. The last session ends at 2:30 p.m. with time allowed to finish crafts and clean up.

Hunt Mt. 4-H Club and other 4-H leaders and friends will be there making crafts with kids ages 5-18.

Here's how it works: Each crafter prepares a craft

to be done in one, two or three of the session times. After the opening ceremony, youth are given a time to sign up for the crafts they want to do in the three sessions. Crafters provide all the materials; individuals making the crafts pay the crafter directly for their materials. Class spaces are limited to make sure everyone gets a chance to make a craft and get the help they need to finish it. All crafters give their time free of charge.

There are some "quick crafts" set up to do as time allows. All crafts cost between \$0.00 to \$ 10.00, depending on

the project and its materials.

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Children have first serve status, but adults may participate in the crafts if time, space and materials are available.

Hunt Mountain 4-H serves refreshments all day. All proceeds from the snack and lunch sales go to benefit Hunt Mountain 4-H's annual 4-H activities.

If you would like more information, please contact the UNHCE Grafton County 4-H Office at 603-787-6944 or email: donna.lee@unh.edu.

Looking For Korea War Vets

I am working with Mr. Chi from the UN KOREAN WAR ALLIES ASSN for celebration plans to remember the 60th Anniversary Date of Start of Korean War. He is looking for names and addresses of those who served here during

the War and especially those who have family members serving here now. Next year for the celebration many veterans' organizations here sponsor foreigners who fought to come back to Korea to "see" what their sacrifices have

established. If he is capable of a flight this may be something they can look into also.

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Snowe, Webb, Lincoln, Landrieu Announce Bill to Honor COLD WAR VETERANS

WASHINGTON D.C. – U.S. Senators Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine), Jim Webb (D-Va.), Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.), and Mary Landrieu (D-La.) today introduced the Cold War Service Medals Act of 2009, bipartisan legislation to authorize the secretaries of the military departments to award Cold War Service Medals to American veterans. To date, no medal exists to honor the men and women who served and defended the United States during the Cold War.

"From the end of World War II to dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, the Cold War veterans were in the vanguard of the Nation's defenses," said Senator Snowe. "Although long overdue, this legislation will honor and recognize the American patriots who for nearly half-a-century defended the Nation against the advance of communist ideology in the form of the Cold War Service Medal. The commitment, motivation, and fortitude of these brave service members was second to none and their actions should be recognized in a long-standing military custom befitting their patriotism and service."

"The millions of Americans who served in uniform in the armed forces during the

Cold War, spanning more than four decades, were the living embodiment of our nation's strategy of deterrence," said Senator Webb. "In their efforts to preserve peace, hundreds died during isolated armed confrontations when the Cold War flashed hot at remote locations around the world. This legislation will appropriately honor those who served in an effort that resulted in the largest single expansion in the number of democratically elected governments in world history."

"America's Cold War veterans deserve every honor we can bestow upon them for their hard work and dedication to keeping our nation safe," Senator Lincoln said. "The Cold War Service Medal would allow military service members, veterans, and their families to receive the recognition and honor they rightfully deserve. I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure our veterans receive the support and care they and their families need. It's the least we can do as a grateful nation."

"For 46 years, we were engaged in a worldwide battle against communism," said Senator Landrieu. "During that time, there were countless heroes, who served in our nation's Armed Forces

and played a critical role in America's triumph. These men and women, who sacrificed so much for so many, deserve to be awarded the Cold War Service Medal in recognized of their faithful service to their country and tireless defense of freedom around the world."

Specifically, the Cold War Service Medal Act of 2009 would allow the Defense Department to issue a Cold War Service Medal to any honorably discharged veteran who served on active duty for not less than two years or was deployed for thirty days or more during the period from September 2, 1945, to December 26, 1991. In the case of those veterans who are now deceased, the medal could be issued to their family or representative, as determined by the Defense Department. The bill would also express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should expedite the design of the medal and expedite the establishment and implementation mechanisms to facilitate the issuance of the Cold War Service Medal. The award of the Cold War Service Medal is supported by the American Cold War Veterans, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other veterans' services organizations.

Life is like a mirror.
Smile at it and it smiles back at you.

— Peace Pilgrim, *Her Life and Work*

It's All About The Cloverbuds!

By Kathleen Jablonski
Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

Do you know a child between the ages of 5 and 7? Are you looking for a program to help them build life skills, learn about the world around them and have fun? You may be looking for the 4-H Cloverbud program!

Cloverbud groups are led by interested parents or community members who become screened 4-H volunteers. Parents and other caring adults associated with the youth's family are encouraged to help at group meetings.

The 4-H Cloverbud program exists as a distinct part of the total 4-H youth development program. It is designed as a non-formal approach to developing the confidence, social skills, decision making abilities, subject matter knowledge, and physical skills of kindergarten through second grade youth. As youth begin their 4-H Cloverbud experience they take part in a unique blend of activities and opportunities specially designed for their age level.

Who Can Be a Cloverbud?

Membership eligibility for the 4-H Cloverbud Program begins when a child has reached the age of 5 as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Although all counties in New Hampshire have a Cloverbud program, not all groups (such as: community-project clubs, schools, etc.) provide the opportunity for the involvement of Cloverbuds. Individuals should check with the local Extension office to discover where a Cloverbud group meets in their particular area. Better yet, contact the Grafton County Extension Office (603-787-6944) and find out how you can start a Clover-

bud group in your community. Cloverbud groups can be organized in several ways. You might have Cloverbud Clubs where members meet separate from any other group or club. Cloverbud clubs may meet in community centers, schools, libraries, childcare settings, churches, or in the home of interested parents or trained adults.

You could have a Cloverbud Classroom Club. Cloverbud materials are ideal for K-2 grade classrooms. Teachers trained in their use receive support and resources from their county extension office.

Cloverbud members can be part of an existing 4-H traditional club, but meet separate from the 8-18 year-old members while doing Cloverbud activities.

There are differences between the Cloverbud and

older 4-H member programs. The Cloverbud program is geared toward activity based learning. Curriculum is based on age appropriate research and involves cooperative, experiential, and noncompetitive activities. Older 4-H member learning is project based. Cloverbud instruction is leader directed. Older members receive instruction from a leader and through self-study. Cloverbuds are recognized for their participation only. Older members are recognized for participation, goal achievement, achievement of standards, and being the best in their area via competition. Cloverbud activities come from an approved statewide curriculum, or may use materials approved by their county Extension Educator following the Cloverbud program parameters guidelines. Older

members utilize project manuals or other materials designed for their age group.

The Cloverbud Activity Manual is a series of lessons that address such subjects as citizenship, expressive arts, the environment, personal development, and plant and animal science to name a few. Each lesson includes a background information section followed by a recommended teaching plan. Screened leaders may borrow the Activity Manual to use with their group.

Leaders, upon request, may also sign up for special edition newsletters that contain additional activities to do with the 'buds.

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Special thanks to Ohio State University Extension website and the UNH Cooperative Extension website for providing the information contained in this article.

For more information about 4-H Youth Development or the 4-H Cloverbud program, please contact the UNHCE Grafton County Office at 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy, Box 5, North Haverhill, NH 03774, call 787-6944 or email: Kathleen.jablonski@unh.edu.

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Another Piece of the Philosophy of Trendy Times

Readers to this week's edition of Trendy Times will see three articles/press releases about local businesses. All three are relatively new ventures. Two of them are also advertisers with Trendy Times. The third story came about because of the recommendation of a reader. We are happy to be able to pass along the information contained in these articles. As a new venture ourselves we know the need for exposure as well as the costs for such exposure. We hope to help in both cases.

In regards to getting the word out, Trendy Times will be happy to cover the opening of a new business. When possible we will help put together a story about what you are doing and why. We will also be happy to print a press release directly from the business owner or staff. These are both ways for someone just starting out to get their name out there and become know to the public. We must also add to this that any of these offers are contingent upon room being available for a given edition, fully understanding the need to cover an event in a timely manner.

Businesses that have been doing their thing for a long time are not exempt from publicity in Trendy Times. If you have an expansion of services, maybe a new and important hire, or you are marking a special anniversary, give Trendy Times a call or an email and we can discuss just what we can do for each other.

In all cases, we are not saying that we will run a special article because of an upcoming sale, that's advertising and needs to be done as such, but for an event of general interest, we are ready, willing and eager to assist.

Congratulation to all three businesses who have stories in this edition of Trendy Times. Vickie Wyman with All Access Real Estate, Patty Hammond and Samantha Gandin of Tempting Hair Designs, and Kim Cole from Creativity Unleashed. Best of luck to all of you and thank you for your time and effort in making these stories available to the readers of Trendy Times.



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Vickie has been selling real estate in the area since 2004 and has been a Member of NHAR Honor Society since 2005. Vickie was named the 2008 NCBR REALTOR® of the Year, and recently was the recipient of the 2009 NHAR's President's Award for Distinguished Service. Along with the real estate honors Vickie has volunteered with the North Haverhill RC Club (race director), Neighborworks®, Racing Against Cancer, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, and been a volunteer at the North Haverhill Fair. Previous Volunteer work for local REALTOR® organizations includes: Community Service Committee Chair, Director,

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Creativity Unleashed



Unleashed” be a consignment shop for crafters, but Kim is also offering classes for those who would like to improve their craft skills. So far Kim has offered a Scrapbooking class on Wednesday nights that has gained many fans. She has also put together some knitting and quilting classes that have yet to really take off. The shop has a classroom ready to host almost any type of craft class.



“Buy Local” is a buzz phrase that is gaining traction and makes a lot of sense. One of the latest ways to buy local is at a newly opened shop in Wells River, VT called “Creativity Unleashed”. This neat little shop offers crafts, art products and more. Plus every item is from an artisan who lives in either Vermont or New Hampshire. In fact most of the items are from contributors who live within 50 miles of the shop.

Owner Kim Cole has lived in the area for some fifteen

years and has always enjoyed many types of craft work. Because of her interest and the desire to help make some money for other crafters, Kim and husband Byran opened this shop on Main Street in Wells River. They are located in what must be a quiet location - between the library and the post office. But, Kim adds, there is plenty of foot traffic and plenty of parking just past the stop sign as you come into Wells River from the interstate.

Not only will “Creativity

While most of the products at “Creativity Unleashed” are very affordable, Kim also has some upscale items for sale. These include some fine oil paintings on canvas as well as some baby cradles hand crafted by her husband.

If you are a crafter stop in and see about putting some of your items on the shelves. If you are a shopper looking to “Buy Local” stop in and see the variety of items available at “Creativity Unleashed”. The shop is open Wednesday thru Sunday from 10 AM until 6 PM.



Not all Times are Trendy but there will always be Trendy Times



Tempting Hair Designs



When is a new business not a new business? Maybe it is this particular case. Patty Hammond and Samantha “Sam” Gandin have prepared to open “Tempting Hair Designs”. It is a new business name. It has a brand new location on the corner of Montebello and Central Streets in Woodsville (right next to TV Guy). But it really

is two ladies who have been styling hair for about a quarter of a century between them. Patty has almost twenty-one years in her chosen field and Sam has plenty of experience in her five plus years of styling and cutting.

The new salon offers two full styling stations with washing sinks, plus three dryer locations. The ladies are

there to serve. In Patty’s words “always courteous” is the way they plan to do business.

The open house on Saturday, November 6 not only had plenty of friends, clients and family showing up to provide support and good wishes, but also plenty of new faces making themselves known to this duo.

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Above left: Patty talking to one of the many well wishers at Saturday’s open house.

Left: Some of the new equipment installed for the opening of Tempting Hair Designs.

Below: Samantha is surrounded by friends as she becomes one of the newest business owners in the area.



Alphabet Soup

By Sheila Asselin

The other AM I woke up not OK. So I called my MD who is also a FP and told her I needed help ASAP. She looked at me and she could see that I needed a few tests. So she ordered an X-RAY, EKG, EED, IV, asked about my BM's and gave me a cup in which to P. Checked for HIV, MS, TB and LSD. Luckily she eliminated STD but said that fibromyalgia was a possibility.

Finally came her diagnosis. Said it was PMS which really surprised me as I am 83. All I needed was a little TLC. Lucky my spouse has ED cause all I needed was a randy HUB-E. He called FTD which sent roses PDQ. That and a pint of B and J (Ben and Jerry's) made for a happier me. Now I am fit as a fiddle and AOK. Spent the rest of the week in my PJ's.



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Armistice Day or Veterans Day

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Gen John J. Pershing, the AEF CinC, for the loan of two divisions to break the position the enemy had held since the war began; the place that would become known as the Blanc Mont, overlooking the sacred town of Rheims. Maj Gen John A. Lejeune, USMC, the new CG of the 2d Division and his force was allotted to Marshall Foch and in early October they marched to assigned posts.

On 3 October the Americans advanced up the hill toward the strongly entrenched Germans, in position at Blanc Mont Ridge they had developed and strengthened for four years. Positions the French Army had tried to break for the four years and had always failed with tremendous losses. The advance was with the 4th Brig on the left and the 3d Brig on the right, separated by the Bois de Vypers [Woods of Snakes] which held many German soldiers firing on both interior flanks as the Americans bypassed them. Although the French divisions on both flanks were to have advanced with the 2d Division, they failed to do so for several days and the Americans were

constantly attacked on three sides by the enemy. Yet the 2d continued pushing and took their objective, the town of St. Étienne, a few days later.

This battle would literally destroy the old 2d Division. Many casualties in both brigades and supporting units over the following week. The worst day was 4 October when the Fifth Marine Regiment was nearly wiped out; with less than 1,000 men left from the more than three thousand they began with that morning. One battalion, the 1st, was down to 130 Marines of the nearly 1,300 they had that morning. Fortunately for the 2d Division, the fighting cowboys and Indians of the Texas-Oklahoma 36th Division relieved the remnants a few days later and pushed on for more than a week and earned the final victory over the enemy. For France, the city of Rheims was finally redeemed.

The 2d Division was given a few days to recuperate, with many replacements coming in. But General Pershing's efforts at the Meuse-Argonne since late September and into October bore little fruit except enormous casualties, that front had lain quiet for several

weeks. Now, as on 1 November, the push was on again and the 2d Division was to be in the center of the front line.

Off they went on 1 November with the 4th Brigade leading, and push they did, making an advance of more than six miles. On the 3d of November the 3d Brigade leapfrogged the 4th and push another seven miles. The Germans were falling back but not fast enough for the men of the 2d Division. Finally, the division reached the Meuse River and plans were made to cross over against known strong opposition even though the next day was to be the 11th of November, and the end of the war.

For some reason some bright person or persons at AEF, and French and British Headquarters, had decided to "gain" a strong position on the German side of the river. That night, 10-11 November the 1st Battalion, Fifth Marines went over and died. A few hours later the 2d Bn of the 5th went over those battered bridges built by the 2d Engineers, and they too died. The remnants of each managed to survive that night and early morning because no more Germans wanted to die either. The war ended and it was about time, because the division wasn't in very good shape. They had earned the highest degree of ground gained, prisoners and guns captured and numerous other leading points during that war. But they had paid for their excellence. The 4th Brigade had suffered 150% casualties and the 3d Brigade wasn't far behind. Mustn't forget the "bravest of the brave" the "Docs" [Corpsmen] of the Navy who provided the care so many Marines needed. The war was won and the 2d Division continued serving in Germany until July 1919, when they were finally allowed to return home.

Oh, yes, 10 November 2009 is the 234th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Happy Birthday to all Marines, past, present, and future.

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VETERAN OWNED

Letter To The Editor

First, I would like to thank both the anonymous writer for taking the time to present her concerns and Gary Scruton for his comments and for publishing this response.

Before responding I did a check of Haverhill Police Department records concerning all incidents, arrests, accidents, and traffic tickets, by street, from 1 Jan through 6 Nov 09. I noted that during this period Central St in Woodsville, which is only about 1 mile long and is a very small part of the over 50 square mile area covered by your police department, accounted for over 8% of all police contacts including 22% of all arrests, 21% of all motor vehicle accidents, 30% of all traffic tickets, and 27% of all parking tickets. The entire precinct of Woodsville accounted for 43% if all police contacts, 64% of all arrests, 60% of all accidents, 55% of all traffic tickets, and 100% of all parking tickets.

Although it is impossible to maintain a 24-7 police presence in Woodsville your officers do spend a majority of their time there which comes at the expense of other precincts. To maximize our effort patrols are done in specific areas during times of high activity. We are also rearranging officer shift hours try to provide more patrols during high activity periods. If you feel the Town needs more officers, more patrol coverage, or any other police service, it will require cutting other areas within HPD or an increased budget. This is something to be addressed with the town leaders. In any case, your officers will continue to provide the best possible services with the assets allocated.

Your officers strive to be aware of who is active at night. If they see someone out they make an effort to identify them. Your officers will most often approach anyone they do not recognize. If an incident is reported later in the area this will assist in any investigation. This was the reason an officer slowed down to observe your husband and dog. We don't want to be overbearing on our citizens enjoying a walk with their pet but I know of no better way to know what is going on in town. While on this subject I would like to point out that the 4,500 residents of the Town of Haverhill have 9000 eyes watching and ears listening. Please be the eyes and ears of your police department and report suspicious activity when it is occurring.

As to your officers being bored, I can promise you that with today's ready access to firearms, drugs, etc your officers never approach patrol work as either routine or boring. To do that would result in officers being injured or killed.

Concerning speeding, your officers are responsible to patrol several hundred miles of roadway in the Town of Haverhill. To assist, HPD applied for, and received, a grant to purchase a speed trailer. Although it can

not replace active patrols this trailer has been a valuable tool since most drivers just need a friendly reminder now and then to slow down and drive more safely.

Motorcycle noise: This is a difficult area to enforce since the noise level allowed is a specific decibel level. This level is checked during the vehicle inspection. To enforce this noise level requires specialized equipment to check the decibel level and officer training to operate the equipment. This can be done if that is where our citizens want patrol emphasis but it would involve funding.

It was mentioned that the police budget is small. I am a taxpayer in Haverhill and I disagree. The police budget is not insignificant, but I know from years of preparing and managing this budget that a majority of the costs are fixed (low level of discretionary spending). I also know that to keep costs down over the last several years your police department has applied for and received numerous grants for items including protective vests, personal protective gear (gas mask, etc), firearms, improved radio/communications equipment, computers, radars, cameras, and "Car 54" which is a hands free control system for cruiser emergency lights, sirens, radios, and radars. These grants totaled around \$140,000 and do not include equipment received through our dispatch center, Grafton County Sheriff's Office, such as the mobile data terminal computers in our cruisers. As you can see your department works hard to be well equipped without having a large impact on our budget.

Also mentioned was the fact that we live in a small town. Technically I suppose it is by population, not so much by area. However I assure you it is home to all the same crimes visited on large cities. You already know this by reports in our local papers concerning murders, riots, stabbings, burglaries, sexual assaults, and other serious crimes occurring in our Town. You also already know that a large percentage of these crimes are solved and the perpetrators are successfully prosecuted.

As far as stepping on toes, please don't worry about that. Your police officers and I work for you and we appreciate hearing comments, concerns, constructive criticism, or suggestions to make our town safer and your police department more effective.

Finally, concerning Cecil Smith being a very nice person, I suspect you may get some responses to that. I will check with Mrs. Smith and get back with you on this.

Please feel free to contact us at hpd@sau23.org or call us at 787-2224. As always, your police officers and I are at your service.

Thanx,

Cecil Smith, Haverhill Chief of Police

As editor of Trendy Times let me say thank you and congratulations to Chief Smith. The above is in response to last week's Letter to the Editor from the Dog Walker's Wife. In putting together this response the Chief got his facts together, made some sense of them and offered his point of view.

Here's a news flash: "Not everyone will agree with him". Not everyone agrees with what I write either. And I am sure not everyone agreed with the Dog Walker's Wife. But, there is one thing all three of us have in common. We are all willing to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and put our thoughts in writing and let them be heard (or rather read)! Big applause for you both. (Me? That's one of the reasons I started Trendy Times).

Now let me put this forward for all others, whether you are a Chief of Police, Select Board Member, School Board Member, Dog Walker, or wife thereof, or any other average (or above or below average person), take the time to write down your opinion. Email it to gary@trendytimes.com or mail to 171 Central Street, Woodsville, NH 03785. Let your voice be the next one to be heard.

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

Since we became an independent country many years have come and gone, however, there is one constant that remains from the 1700's through today. Our country has had many brave men and women volunteer to defend our country.

There was a movie produced about World War II, whose name I cannot recall, but at the end there is a line which rings true (even though the words are not an exact quote), "Where do we get these brave men and women to always step forward when the need arises?"

These men and women come from all over our country and too many times are taken for granted. Men and women, who during times of war and peace, are on-call 24 hours a day 7 days a week and spend countless holidays, birthdays and special events away from their family and friends. The pay is not great, but they continue to volunteer and many make it a career.

They are mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, cousins and friends. We may not always agree in the wars and battles that we fight, but this should not deter us from the support we give to these men and women in uniform. It is through the sacrifice that they and the numerous individuals before them have made, which provides us with the freedoms we have to disagree and speak our objections.

While words cannot pay what we owe you and your families, we 'thank you' for your sacrifice. To the families who have lost loved ones, we offer our most heartfelt condolences. Many of us have never endured the pain you must feel, but our hearts hurt for your loss and wish we could help ease your pain.

Let us never forget the people who did not make it home. Remember those still serving in our prayers and never take for granted the sacrifices they make. In closing, one more time I would like to say..... THANK YOU!!!

From the Editor:

This letter was received via email from a reliable source. Upon inquiry back thru the chain of the email we were unable to identify the original author.

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anything anyway, nothing that will help him in the future. And he's sure he has that pretty much figured out. He would just get a job where his "old man" works, live at home as long as he can "rent free" and worry about the rest when he gets there.

He hops back in bed where its nice and warm, pulls the warm covers up, shivering once to shed the chill he got from standing next to the window, hardly realizing it was still warm from before. He tells his Mom he isn't feeling well when she peeks her head in to check on him, and spends the rest of the day sitting around watching T.V., not a care in the world!

It's December nineteen forties, in the Argon forest. It was the coldest winter in a hundred years! Another American teenager is startled from a half sleep by a nearby explosion. It was the enemy, harassing them with a random artillery round. They kept it up constantly, day and night, denying the soldiers huddled in their holes any real rest. And, it worked! He had not slept any real sleep in over a week. He thought he knew what exhaustion was before, but he felt like there was nothing left inside of him. More than once in the past few days he had wondered if death wouldn't be easier than what was going on now. It would certainly not be as cold he thought.

He peeks out of the cover of his foxhole. It is bitter cold,

so cold that his breath freezes to his face. He realizes that he can't feel his toes. Fear grips him! He knows it's frostbite, and he knows they will probably have to be amputated. It's just one more reason to hate being there! And he does hate it, more than it is possible to imagine if you weren't there. He tries to think of home, but his mind is so clouded by exhaustion that it almost hurts to try to remember. It seemed so distant, and it was! It had been two years since he had seen it! And he has no idea when, and if, he will ever see it again!

He starts wondering if anyone besides his family back home even cares that he was here. He knows he shouldn't start thinking like that. Self pity would destroy any strength and will he had left. Last evening he had heard crying from a foxhole nearby. The guy had had enough. He couldn't take anymore and when they got to him he was curled up in a fetal position begging to see his mother. They got him out of there as quickly as possible. That kind of emotion could spread quickly and it was the last thing everyone else trying to hang on, needed to hear.

He looks back at his buddy, who was wounded the night before. They were minor wounds, according to the standards then, several small pieces of shrapnel in his arm and legs. The medic already treated it as best as

he could with the limited medical supplies they had left, which did not include anything for the pain. But, even though he was in great pain, he refused to be sent to the rear! He refused to leave his buddies! And he wasn't alone! Hundreds of other young men, all around him, were suffering their own terrible situations, in their own ways, and each of them knew that there was a job to do and they were not going to leave, not until that job was done, or they died trying! And, not one of them wanted to be there!

He wondered if he would survive all of this. He really didn't think so. It always happened to the other guy, but he had seen three of his close friends killed in the last two days and no longer believed the other guy theory. His thoughts were interrupted by the shelling that was starting in earnest again. It meant that there would be an attack coming soon after. Fear again gripped him! He wanted to run, but where would he go? Once again he steeled himself for what was to come, and through his fear, he stayed where he was, and prepared himself for what was to come.

In a large, well stocked mega-store a mother was dragging her young son along by his arm, and he was pulling back, pointing at the shelf, screaming that he wanted the toy she just took from him and put back. As young as he was, he knew that if he threw a tantrum long enough, he would eventually get what he wanted. He had done it many times before. The mother looked around and saw that the people around her were starting to stare. She was embarrassed by her young boys actions, but felt she could not discipline him in front of everyone. What would they think? Would they think she was a bad mother? Finally, to stop the scene she led him back to the row of toys and let him pick out whatever he wanted, just so he would be quiet. And, it worked.

In a small village in Vietnam, a helicopter door gunner stood by his ship, waiting while the troops he was to escort to battle formed up. He looked over by some trees and saw a small child standing by himself looking back at him. He noticed that the child was skinny, too skinny. Then he noticed others, standing nearby, all of them obviously in need of some real food. Their bellies were distended beyond normal. The first kid slowly walked over to him and put his hand out, a universal sign

of begging. The Gunner had food, his daily rations stashed back in his seat. He hated them, thought they tasted like wax. But to this kid, they would be like prime rib he thought. Without another thought, he reached back to grab the food to hand it over to the kid. He probably wouldn't eat it anyway. Before he could, he was stopped by his crew chief and was told that if he didn't have enough for the others, he couldn't give it to just one of them. There would be a fight and perhaps one or more of them would be hurt, or worse, for what little food was in that box. The kid had already seen him start to reach for something and was expecting a handout of some kind, but nothing came. He stood there, staring at that gunner, wondering why nothing was happening. The gunner had to sit there for several minutes trying to ignore the stares from that little kid, knowing all the while he had what that kid desperately needed, and was not be able to give it to him. As they took off, he took one last look backwards and that little kid was still standing there staring up at him, a sight that he will play over and over in his mind, for the rest of his life!

In Michigan, the Human Rights Party members were gathering together for a trip to Washington D.C. They were going there to protest the re-inauguration of President Nixon. It was to be a grand time! By the time they arrived things were already happening. There were marches here and there, chanting sayings singing songs. On hastily erected speaker stands, several persons were spouting their beliefs to whoever would listen. They decided to go over to where there was a large crowd had gathered. Upon arriving they all noticed that there was one person in the middle of a large circle of people. He was shouting something about freedom and his rights as a citizen. With the crowd whipped up to a frenzy he decided that he needed to do something to further spur them on, so he took out his draft card and announced that he would not join the military and fight for the fascist pigs, and in front of them all he lit it and held it high in the air as it burned. This seemed to please the crowd so he looked around for something else to do, and that's when he saw an American flag. Without much thought, he grabbed it from someone's hand and with the same ferocity he lit it on fire and held it by the pole as it too burned, and the people danced around him as it did.

Gettysburg Pennsylvania,

eighteen sixties, a young kid, no older than sixteen, was holding the flag of the Army of the Republic. They were forming for a charge against a well entrenched foe. The Colonel, knowing that one of the very first people to fall during a charge, would be the ones carrying the colors, informed him that, because of his young age, he would not have to carry the flag into the fray. The young man refused to give it up saying that he would not shirk his duties, just because it would be dangerous. True to form, the young man did fall, but as he did, another soldier grabbed up the colors before they hit the ground, and carried them only a few feet farther before he too was felled. Before the charge was over twelve different soldiers, all knowing full well that they too, would more than likely die, grabbed that flag and held it aloft for the enemy to see, and for that entire battle, that flag never touched the ground!

Tibor Rueben a Jewish immigrant, who joined the military soon after coming to this country, and was awarded the Medal of Honor, this countries highest decoration, once said that he didn't even know what this Medal of Honor was. He just knew that it was his responsibility to pay his dues to live in this country which he felt is the greatest country in the world!

This Veterans day, please take a moment from the sales events, and your otherwise busy life to think about what these and other veterans of all the wars this country has fought have gone through to provide you with the freedoms that you have. (((Even if they wouldn't agree with what you do with your freedom, they still fought and suffered to give those rights to you, and you do have them, to do as you please, to do things in this country that you might be imprisoned or even executed in other countries for doing.))) They have fought, bled cried, suffered untold misery, froze and starved to death, and seen and experienced things they will never forget. And, if and when they survive to come home, they will carry those awful memories of their struggles with them for the rest of their lives! For a veteran does not just pay that price for your freedoms for a time. They continue to pay it, every day!

"If you love your Freedom, Thank a Vet!" Another saying you all have heard, but do not just thank them on this day, take just a little time out of your busy lives to thank them every day, for every day you are free, someone has already paid the price!

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“Disorderly Kunduct”

(This spelling is from the band leader)

The Latest Update: Auditions Are Now Open

Hi everybody, what's going on? Well just thought I would let you know that the band has made some changes at the last minute. We went to New York City last weekend and as far as we know it went great. Just waiting till January 2010 for the confirmation. After we got back Billy and myself, Greg, the leaders of the band “Disorderly Kunduct” decided we needed another Promoter/Manager to take care of gigs up here in the North Country. When we did so, some of the other people in the band decided to put their two cents in, saying that

“this is a band, and all decisions in the band need to go through everybody in the band.” Well if everybody is making decisions in this band where is the law and order? There isn't any. I hired these people on this project. Billy and I are the only original people in this band. The rest were just hired musicians.

“Disorderly Kunduct” is holding open auditions for these 2-3 positions: Bass 'Guitar/Backup Vocals, Rhythm-Lead Guitar/Backup Vocals, and possibly Keyboard/backup Vocals. We hope you come and try out,

but I will be honest, you have got to be very, very serious about your music and want to go somewhere with it. We are currently waiting to hear back from America's Got Talent, and are working on a tour that will start in December of this year, hopefully, if not the start of 2010. If you are looking to get into something like this you can call Greg at 802-584-3779 or Billy at 802-439-3847. If you can not get hold of these two people please contact our Manager, Wayne, at 978-979-4871. Hope to hear from you soon. Have a wonderful day.

Editor's note: Well it appears the boys have run into a little bump in their road to fame and fortune. Greg did promise to pass along more information about the New York trip in the coming days. We will be sure to continue that segment of the story when it becomes available.

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Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

COFFEE & 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 1 for details.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

FALL FAIR
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wells River Congregational Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

FALL FAIR
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunch from 10:30 AM to 1 PM

OPEN HOUSE

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Haverhill Dog Kennel (old Armory Building Rte 116)

SPAGHETTI DINNER

6:00 PM
Bradford Fire Station

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

AARP DRIVE SAFE PROGRAM
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Bradford Fire Station
AARP Members \$12, Non Members \$14.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

4-H ARTS AND CRAFTS JAMBOREE
9:00 AM
Monroe Town Hall

CUB SCOUT PACK 755 BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Trash Drop in Bradford (on Fairground Road),
Newbury (by Newbury Elementary) and
Wells River (across from Warner's Gallery)

31ST ANNUAL HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Woodsville Community Building
See page 4 for details.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD MEETING
6:00 PM
Morrell Municipal Building, North Haverhill

WHENEVER DATE

Place your event for your town, school or organization
at no charge. To be included in the Calendar of Events,
your event must have no admission charge, unless you
are paying for an advertisement with Trendy Times.

Submit your entries by:
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A Solemn Ceremony on a Beautiful Day



#20 American Legion in Woodsville, NH mustered to the cemetery in McIndoe Falls, VT to offer a final salute to a fallen fellow member. But they were not the only ones to show up for the occasion. Three members of the Vermont Air National Guard from South Burlington also made the trip and presented flags to the widow of William Pecor and to his daughter. One of their standing orders is to perform such ceremonies when requested. This event marked approximately 170 for the year of 2009.

Allow me to say, it was our honor to perform a ceremony such as this for someone who served his country well. It is an honor that will be repeated in the future. Let us all remember those who have gone before us in service of

our country. Those who serve now, and those who will take up the cause in the future.

Gary Scruton
Commander
Ross-Wood Post #20
American Legion



Photos by Phil Davidson, SAL Commander

Members of the family as well as friends of Bill Pecor, expressed gratitude to members of the honor guard for attending and performing the ceremony.

The weather could not have been much better on Sunday, November 8th. The sun shown bright, the temperature was anything but November like. It was a

beautiful day for almost anything outdoors.

One event that took place would have happened no matter what the weather. Members of Ross-Wood Post

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Not all Times are Trendy but there will always be Trendy Times

LETTERS (and even some real words) From The Editor

What Were You Thinking?!

I have been asked several times why I started Trendy Times. In the first issue of Trendy Times my wife, Janice, wrote an article defining some of my background and my history in this business. It seems appropriate for me to expand on that explanation at this time.

The main objective of Trendy Times is to give voice to members of the general public. After all it is members of the general public who have some great thoughts, comments or stories that they have not felt comfortable in sharing. I have heard from many that "I can't write!" To that I say you don't have to be able to write. Just put down your thoughts, the facts of your idea or opinion, the feelings you have about an event past, present or in the future. With your permission I will be happy to help you smooth out the edges, make it sound like you want it to sound.

I do not claim to be a writing expert. I have been writing since about first grade, but that still does not make me any kind of an expert. What I do have is the willingness to help get your voice heard by getting your thoughts on paper and into print in Trendy Times. It does not matter whether I agree with your point of view or not,

Trendy Times is designed to be a voice for everyone.

Another aspect of Trendy Times that I feel very strongly about is, if you write a "Letter to the Editor", I will answer it. I do not do this to make fun of anyone, or to make slight of their opinion. I do this to point out another perspective to the situation. Almost every idea has good points, bad points and probably some points that are just somewhere in the middle. In order to make a good decision on any item, all sides need to be looked at, thought about and considered. After that a good decision can be made. Therefore, I will quite often take the opposing view that is expressed in a "Letter to the Editor", just to make people think and hopefully react.

Freedom of Speech is one of the main building blocks of this great nation. We all need to exercise that right more often. Trendy Times is a way that many more will be able to do so.

Now for some of that legal talk that I must make a part of this letter. Any "Letter to the Editor" or any other submission, must have a verifiable name attached. Names will not be published if there is a good reason to not do so.

OHS National Honor Society Gets In The Spirit

On Saturday, October 31 some members of Oxbow High School's National Honor Society volunteered to help out the Bradford Elementary School PTO with their Halloween party. Pictured from left to right: Shannon Page, Michael Eaton, Emma Schneidmuller, Erin Clark, Courtney Stevens, Kaysie Batchelder, Elyse Neubauer, Kelly Clements, and Jeremy Belknap in front. These students ran games and craft tables, helped with snacks, and helped set up and clean up. It was a fun afternoon for all!



Below Shannon Page helps make spider magnets!



Above Kelly Clements helps kids decorate their own Halloween cookies!



Jeremy Belknap encourages kids to play the Cauldron Bean Bag game!



Elyse Neubauer gets creative with face painting!