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The Gallery at WREN presents:

Mountain Story: New Works by Maria Neal and Robyn Craxton Lindquist

On Friday, November 4 from 5-7pm the Gallery at WREN presents the opening reception of Mountain Story: featuring new works by glass/mixed media artist and photographer Robyn Craxton Lindquist and ceramicist Maria Neal. Both artists draw their inspiration from the North Country landscapes in which they live and work, and are fascinated with the relationship between inner and outer worlds.

Neal speaks of landscapes "both sweeping and intimate" and works with clay as an "enduring canvas" on which to explore the infinite diversity of forms in the natural world. Lindquist explores surprising combinations of

materials in her works, which often include glass, yarn, metal and even branches, and says her work grows from "an insatiable curiosity and love of experimentation."

The show opens on Friday, November 4, with a wine and cheese reception in the Gallery from 5-7pm, and will run through November. The artists will be on hand to meet the public and talk about their work. Mountain Story is generously sponsored by Passumpsic Savings Bank.

Robyn Craxton Lindquist fell in love with art and with New Hampshire as a child. In 2009 she took an opportunity to move to the North Country and establish an art studio. A graduate of the San Francisco

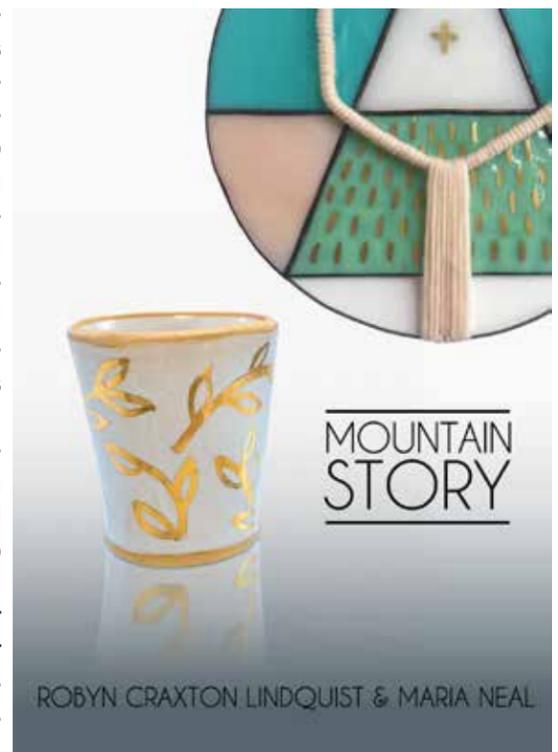
Art Institute, she received her B.F.A. in Interdisciplinary Fine Art. With 16 years of experience in graphic design, Robyn also owns and runs her own design business. She lives and works in a mountain house in Dalton, with her husband Carl and daughter June.

Maria Neal worked for many years exploring wild places as a bird biologist before forming a love affair with clay, and creates functional and sculptural ceramic pieces for the home. Predominantly self-taught, Maria has studied clay at the Haystack Mountain School of Craft and at the University of Vermont. She currently teaches at the Littleton Studio School and at the WREN Maker Studio in Berlin. She lives in Randolph, NH in an off-grid solar homestead with her sugar maker husband, intrepid toddler, and an assortment of furry and feathered friends.

The Gallery at WREN is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please call Local Works Marketplace, WREN's retail market, at (603) 869-3100.

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Calamity Jane's

By Gary Scruton

For the past 30 years Jane Higgins has been a fixture at her eatery just off the common and within sight of the Redstone Missile in Warren. Calamity Jane's may not be a fancy eatery, but you can stop in during her open hours and almost always know that Jane is the one cooking, and sometime waiting on tables as well. That will all come to an end exactly at the 30 year mark, Friday, December 23, 2016 when the doors will close for the final time. Jane will be retiring from this portion of her life, but is anxiously looking forward to what is around

the next corner.

But until that date Jane will continue to put out the meals that she has become known for. We have often enjoyed her breakfast offerings and we did that again on a late Saturday morning recently. In fact it was almost lunch time by the time our other morning chores were done and we got down Route 25 and to Warren Village. But no fear, breakfast is always ready to be ordered, and the coffee is always ready at Calamity Jane's.

Jane's menu has a very nice variety of items that you can order for breakfast including most all your favorites. Janice has tried

and really enjoyed what Jane calls a breakfast boat. This is a taco bowl filled with home fries, scrambled eggs, mushrooms, sausage and cheese. It also comes with a pair of dipping containers, one with sour cream, and the other with mild salsa. Janice's question to Jane was "Can I get you to come to our house to make me one of these for me after you close?"

I also ordered breakfast, though it was a bit more conventional. I got two buttermilk pancakes, a pair of sausage patties, plus a side of very tasty homemade hash. The buttermilk

pancakes can be ordered with blueberries or chocolate chips if you wish (I almost always wish to have the blueberries). I will say that these pancakes are not as big as some eateries serve, but they are more than enough. The sausage patties were quite tasty and were of very good size. In regards to the hash, I will surely miss it.

Another point that I normally make about Jane's is that the wait staff is friendly without being over the top. Our waitress was a regular server at Jane's and easily took care of us and the other customers who were enjoying the late morning. She did it without fuss or the appearance of being hurried.

The total cost for this full breakfast, along with two cups of coffee (actually 3 with my refill) was just under \$33. before tip.

Janice also wanted to add the following.

It will be a sad day for us when Jane closes her doors for good, and at the same time, it will be wonderful knowing that Jane will actu-

ally have weekends free and more time to spend with her family and friends. We wish her well in her future career choices. So, hurry on down to Calamity Jane's and enjoy this 30 year tradition of good food at a friendly eatery while you still can. The last day to indulge yourself will be December 23rd.

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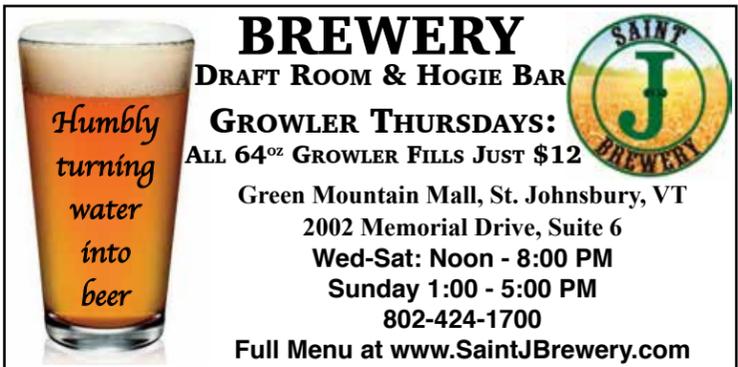
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Starting with a pilot program for 12 entrepreneurs in 1994, today WREN's

membership has grown to over 1000 members, men and women, half of whom own their own businesses. WREN's stores, Local Works Marketplace in Bethlehem and Local Works Gallery at the Omni Mt. Washington in Bretton Woods, currently provide market access opportunities to 350 member vendors. The Gallery at WREN exhibits a new art show every month of the year and the Local Works Open Market connects entrepreneurs, artists and food growers with the greater community, and has

been a catalyst for spotlighting Bethlehem as a cultural and commercial destination for both locals and tourists. In 2010 WREN expanded their reach to Berlin, where they operate the Berlin Local Works Farmers Market and recently opened the innovative WREN Works Maker Studio with flex office space and shared studios.

Those interested in registering for this program or needing more information can call WREN at 603-869-9736 or email wrencentral@gmail.com or sign up online at wrenworks.org.

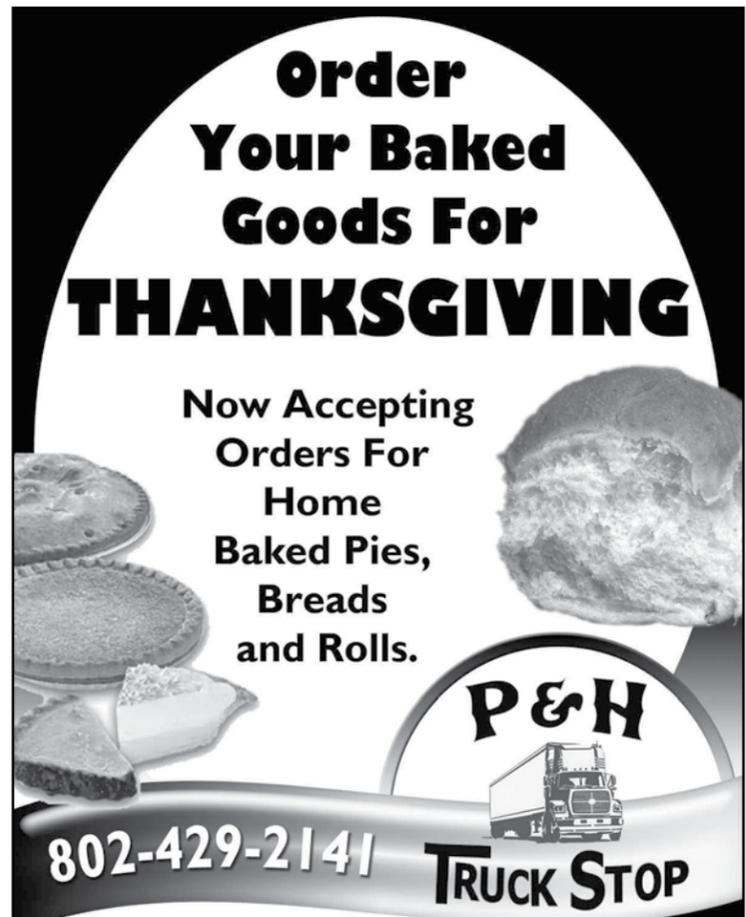
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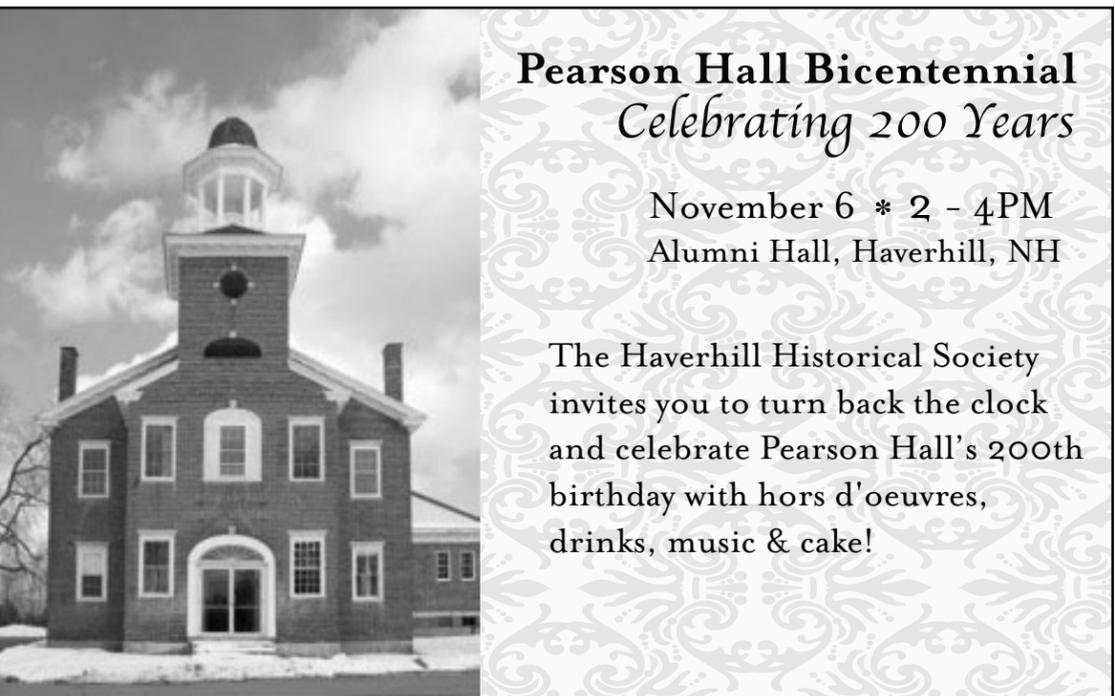
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Dairy Farming Aid Facts Needed

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I have received several communications from the public urging that before emergency support is provided that facts presented to the legislature are substantiated. Initial information presented to the public states that prior to the drought, 120 dairy farms remained in New Hampshire, and that the

drought has reduced that number to 101. This math indicates that 19 farms have been forced out of business due to drought related conditions. This apparently is not entirely so. With new information, we know that several of the farms quoted as exiting the dairy business are in Haverhill, where drought conditions have not been as severe. Farms are complex businesses and in order to stay on the profit side of the ledger, farmers must constantly evaluate the nature of their product. Dairy farming versus raising beef cattle is one of those decisions that may lead some to change direction. Others, within this business also must decide when is the right time to retire and to stop wrestling with an occupation that is physically exhausting, more costly to purchase needed equipment, difficult for those in their upper years, and constantly fighting government milk pricing regulation.

In addition, many are questioning why the emergency request for only the dairy industry? What about the fruit tree farming industry where, for example, a farm may have 300 peach trees, and due to the drought, 100 dying trees had to be cut for stumps, another 100 will most likely not make it through winter months, and the remain 100 surviving trees reducing the farm's potential productivity to 30%? Lastly, I have received

other communications

questioning if the drought continues for another year or so, will emergency aid also continue for that unknown period of time.

These are all good questions. Is the data stating that 19 farms failed attributed to only the drought, or is there other causation? Why have some farms in the severe drought area survived, while other have gone under? As

with any economic measure made in Concord, legislators should heavily weigh any request for emergency funding before seeking additional property tax revenue in support of private business.

I urge readers to contact me with your thoughts.

Respectfully,
Rep Rick Ladd

Lyndon State College's Twilight Players present F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby



November 3-6, Lyndon State College's Twilight Players will present F. Scott Fitzgerald's, *The Great Gatsby*. The Jazz Age comes alive once more in Simon Levy's delicate and haunting stage adaptation of F. Scott Fitz-

gerald's classic novella.

When a young man, Nick Carraway, arrives at a guest cottage on Long Island, he is quickly drawn into the glamorous world of self-made millionaire, Jay Gatsby, who's dangerous obsession with the beautiful Daisy Buchanan threatens to cast a dark cloud over one brief, decadent summer. Caught up in a whirlwind of lavish parties, extravagant wealth, and smoldering passion, Nick bears witness to the jazz age era. Fueled by money, ambition, and a belief in what Fitzgerald called "The orgiastic future that year by year recedes before us", Gatsby's meteoric rise and precipitous fall remains a cautionary meditation on the ever-elusive nature of the American Dream.

Levy, who was given exclusive rights from the Fitzgerald Estate, crafts Fitzgerald's great American novel as a memory play. Exquisitely streamlining the story, while showcasing Fitzgerald's wonderful dialogue.

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Ghost in the Meadow @ OCT

by Gary Scruton

I have to really think back to try to come up with a play like "The Ghost in the Meadow" on the stage at Old Church Theater. Sure, there have been some mysteries, but not really a good ghost story. Add the fact that this was scheduled as the last show of the year, closing the day before Halloween, and the stage was set even before the lights went down and the spirits began to move you.

One other great aspect of this performance was that the author, Joe Simonelli of Staten Island, New York, was in attendance on the first two nights of the shows. Mr. Simonelli may not be a household name, but he has written several plays, and has performed in even more. The fact that he sat on stage looking for comments from the audience, and even from the cast, added a bit more to the evening's experience on the first Saturday when we attended. It struck me that he was willing to take suggestions from the audience, notably the moving of the partially completed portrait back to the easel. It meant to me that he was quite content with his skills, and was ready and able to take direction.

Speaking of direction, Brendon Chadwick was given the privilege of making his director debut at Old Church Theater. It is often hard to tell just how much input the director has in any performance when you only see the final product, but when everything goes smoothly, it is obvious that the director deserves a good portion of the credit.

The more obvious stars of any show are the characters that spend so much

time on stage, and normally have a majority of the lines. This performance had the honor of featuring four actors who are no strangers at all to OCT.

Meghan Bullard celebrated her 30th show (not all at OCT) by portraying Sheila, the new owner of this big, old, repair-required, and spirit filled home in upstate New York. Her interaction with the spirits, and the other cast members was once again a joy to watch. She is able to take on her role and make it feel like no other performer could do it the same.

Much of Meghan's interactions were with Ken Hullivan who portrayed Julian, Sheila's recently ex-ed boyfriend, who really wanted the relationship to get back to where it once was. Julian is a New York City police detective who is given credit for not being scared of anything, but who really has a hangup with attics. To his credit he overcomes that fear and even changes off the last of the intruders (even if it was a bit squirrely).

Also partial owner of this old house was Kylie, sister of Sheila, portrayed by Anne Foldeak. Anne is also an old hat at OCT as this is her sixth season on the boards. As Kylie she was tasked with being the steady one, the person with the money that bought the home, the one who tried to talk her sis-

ter into a more practical or, in her mind, a more reasonable decision.

The fourth main character was Antoinette, the expert brought in to try to make sense of the spirited residents of this home. Marilyn Blaisdell did a wonderful job of being aloof, yet still with her own dark background. She led the others with prayers, water spreading, and finally the disposal of the unwanted spirits from so long ago.

I must also mention Arianna Hausmann because she was the one mentioned by the author during his time on stage. Perhaps her part was small, and yes, she had no verbal lines, but her performance was nothing if not unforgettable.

I often write glowing things about Old Church Theater and the performances they do in this small, but functional theater. And I can't do much but that on this occasion. I heard only a couple of minor glitches in lines being delivered. The many sound effects seemed to be right on time. Even the more complex than normal lighting was good, except for that one time that the lights came up before the actor reached the switch. So I will close the season with the hope that the 2017 season reaches the quality level of this year, and I will look forward to spring.

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Already booked are the Tabor Valley Singers, a short play and the church's choir with many more individual acts. Events are being scheduled right up to showtime, with singing groups, one-person acts, readings and recitations welcome to be part of the evening; in-

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- 12 years as coordinator of Operation Impact, an educational diversion program for Grafton and Coos counties working in schools with inmate speakers

EXPERIENCE IN COUNTY AFFAIRS

- Active in my community, serving on Zoning Board, Cemetery Commissioners Board, Town Budget Committee and Former Trustee
- Former Member of Grafton County Mental Health Court Advisory Board & NH State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice
- Member of Mt. Cube Masonic Lodge, Orford, NH

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

- Lifelong Bath resident
- Woodsville High School graduate
- Plymouth State College graduate with B.S. in Business Administration

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Calendar of Events

A Full Page of Events from Local Non-Profits, Schools and Towns. *Presented FREE by Trendy Times.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
NH STATE VETERANS COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE
8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Woodsville American Legion Pos

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3-5
THE GREAT GATSBY
7:30 PM
Alexander Twilight Hall, Lyndonville
See Article on Page 4

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
PEACHAM CORNER GUILD ANNUAL CHRIST-
MAS SHOW
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

ALLEY II
7:00 PM
Lyndon State College, Lyndonville
See Article on Page 9

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 & 5
THE MAGIC FLUTE
7:00 PM
Jean's Theater, Lincoln
See Article on Page 10

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
PEACHAM CORNER GUILD ANNUAL CHRIST-
MAS SHOW
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LEGION AUXILIARY PENNY SALE
1:00 - 4:00 PM
American Legion Home, Woodsville
See Ad on Page 7

FALL CHILI SUPPER
6:00 PM by Donation
Landaff Town Hall

ECHOES FROM THE HILLS
7:00 PM
East Topsham Church
See Article on Page 5

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD "EM POKER
11:00 AM
Breslin Center Main Street, Lyndonville

PEARSON HALL BICENTENNIAL
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Alumni Hall, Haverhill
See Ad on Page 3 and Article on Page 7

THE GREAT GATSBY
2:00 PM
Alexander Twilight Hall, Lyndonville
See Article on Page 4

THE MAGIC FLUTE
2:00 PM
Jean's Theater, Lincoln
See Article on Page 10

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
ELECTION DAY
A Voting Booth In Your Town

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
MONTHLY MEETING -
ROSS-WOOD POST #20 AMERICAN LEGION
6:00 PM
American Legion Home, Woodsville

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Community Meal
5:00 - 6:30 PM by Donation
St. Luke's Parish Hall, Central St., Woodsville

DRUG ABUSE DISCUSSION
6:30 PM
Wells River Garage / Office
See Ad on Page 4 & Article on Page 18
INTO THE WOODS
7:00 PM Adults \$10/Seniors & Students \$5
St. Johnsbury Academy Theater (Fuller Hall)

CONN RIVER VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASS.
7:00 PM
Grafton Co. Extension Office, No. Haverhill

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY PARADE
11:00 AM
Central Street, Woodsville

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE
6:00 PM - PUBLIC MUST BE SIGNED IN
American Legion Home, Woodsville

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS MONTHLY
MEETING**
6:00 PM
American Legion Home, Woodsville

INTO THE WOODS
7:00 PM Adults \$10/Seniors & Students \$5
St. Johnsbury Academy Theater (Fuller Hall)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
MORE THAN YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST
8:00-10:00 AM Adults \$7/Seniors \$6/Kids \$3
Lake View Grange, West Barnet

LIGHT OF THE WORLD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Church, Hill St., Lyndonville

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Bath Congregation Church

INTO THE WOODS
2:00 PM Adults \$10/Seniors & Students \$5
St. Johnsbury Academy Theater (Fuller Hall)

4-H TEENS TURKEY SUPPER
5:00 - 7:00 PM \$10 Adults
North Haverhill United Methodist Church
See Ad on Page 8

PENNY SOCIAL
6:00 PM DOORS / 7:00 PM DRAWING
Warren Town Hall
See Ad on Page 7

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CORN CHOWDER
LUNCHEON**
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Bath Congregational Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
VETERANS BREAKFAST
8:00-10:30 AM - Cost \$8 / Vets eat free
American Legion Post 83, Lincoln

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD "EM POKER
11:00 AM
Moose Lodge 1779, St. Johnsbury

ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM
12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM
Clifford Memorial Building, Woodsville

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
FACEBOOK BOOT CAMP PART I
See Article on Page 3

HAVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 PM
Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

Ongoing Weekly Events

MONDAYS

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS
11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House
NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville
ADULT STRENGTH TRAINING
1:00 - 2:00 PM - North Congregational
Church, St. Johnsbury
9 AM – 10 AM
Municipal Offices, Lyndonville
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Municipal Offices, Lyndonville
BINGO - 6:00 PM
Orange East Senior Center, Bradford
TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)
6:00 PM - Peacham School

MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS

RSVP BONE BUILDERS
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Linwood Senior Center, Lincoln
CARE COORDINATOR/ENROLLMENT SPECIALIST
1 PM, Baldwin Library, Wells River

MONDAYS/THURSDAYS

ADULT INTERVAL AEROBICS CLASS - 6:30
Woodsville Elementary School
GOLDEN BALL TAI CHI
8:30 – 9:15 AM – St. Johnsbury House

TUESDAYS

BREAKFAST BY DONATION
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Horse Meadow Senior Center,
North Haverhill
ADULT STRENGTH TRAINING
9 AM – 10 AM - St. Johnsbury House
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
SENIOR ACTION CENTER
Methodist Church, Danville
NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS
11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House
NOON - Senior Action Center,
Methodist Church, Danville
NOON - Presbyterian Church, S. Ryegate
NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville
TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)
Weigh In 5:00 PM – Meeting 6:00 PM
Horse Meadow Senior Center, N. Haverhill
EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Wells River Congregational Church
COMMUNITY DINNER BELL - 5:00 PM
All Saints' Church, School St., Littleton
Orange East Senior Cntr, Bradford
WEIGHT WATCHERS - 5:30 PM
Orange East Senior Cntr, Bradford
AA MEETING (OPEN BIG BOOK)
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
St. Luke's Parish Hall, Woodsville

TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT STRENGTH CLASS
1:30 PM
Woodsville Post Office, S. Court St
GROWING STRONGER FITNESS CLASS
3:00 PM
East Haven Library

TUESDAYS/FRIDAYS

GOLDEN BALL TAI CHI
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM
First Congregational Church, Lyndonville

WEDNESDAYS

AQUA AEROBICS
Evergreen Pool, Rte 302, Lisbon
ADULT STRENGTH TRAINING
1 PM – 2 PM
North Congregational Church,
St. Johnsbury
BINGO - 6:30 PM
Haverhill Memorial VFW Post #5245
North Haverhill
CRIBBAGE - 7:00 PM
Orange East Senior Center, Bradford

WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS
11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House
NOON - Presbyterian Church, West Barnet
NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville

THURSDAYS

ADULT STRENGTH TRAINING
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Senior Action Center
Methodist Church, Danville
NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS
11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House
NOON - Senior Action Center,
Methodist Church, Danville
NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville
PEACHAM FARMERS MARKET
Peacham Academy Green
LISBON FARMERS MARKET
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Main Street, Lisbon
ST PAUL'S BIBLE STUDY ON JAMES, 6:15
PM, 113 Main St., Lancaster
FRIDAYS
ADULT STRENGTH TRAINING
9 AM – 10 AM - St. Johnsbury House
1 PM – 2 PM - North Congregational
Church, St. Johnsbury
WORSHIP UNDER THE TENT- 7 PM
100 Horse Meadow Rd, No Haverhill
AA MEETING (OPEN DISCUSSION)
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Methodist Church, Maple St, Woodsville
SUNDAYS
CRIBBAGE - 1:00 PM
American Legion Post #83, Lincoln

Horse Meadow Senior Center

Every Tuesday: 8:30
Community Breakfast

November 1:

Nifty Needlers @ 9:30
Classic Bone Builders @ 10:00
Cookbook Meeting @ 1:00
Paper Crafts @ 1:00

November 2:

Bone Builders @ 9:30
Writer's Group @ 10:30
Bingo @ 1:00

November 3:

Art Class w/ Barb @ 9:00
Classic Bone Builders @ 10:00

Cribbage @ 12:30
Line Dancing @ 12:45

November 4:

Bone Builders @ 9:30
Mahjongg @ 10:30
Blood Pressure @ 11:00
Crafts 1 @ 1:00
Tai Ji Quan @ 2:00

November 7:

Bone Builders @ 9:30
Hearts & Hands Quilters @ 12:30

Tech Time w/Paul @ 1:00
Deco Arts 1 @ 1:00
Tai Ji Quan @ 2:00

November 8:

Nifty Needlers @ 9:30
Classic Bone Builders @ 10:00

November 9:

Bone Builders @ 9:30
Writer's Group @ 10:30
Bingo @ 1:00

November 10:

Art Class w/ Barb @ 9:00
Floral w/Jane @ 9:30
Classic Bone Builders @ 10:00
Cribbage @ 12:30
Line Dancing @ 12:45
Paper Craft 2 @ 1:00

November 11:

Bone Builders @ 9:30
Mahjongg @ 10:30
Honoring Veterans @ 11:00

November 14:

Bone Builders @ 9:30
Hearts & Hands Quilters @ 12:30

Tech Time w/Paul @ 1:00
Tai Ji Quan @ 2:00

November 15:

Nifty Needlers @ 9:30
Classic Bone Builders @ 10:00
Heart Peer Support Group @ 10:00
Cookbook Meeting @ 1:00

November 16:

Bone Builders @ 9:30
Writer's Group @ 10:30
Bingo @ 1:00

Jewelry 1 @ 1:00

November 17:

Art Class w/ Barb @ 9:00
Classic Bone Builders @ 10:00

Cribbage @ 12:30
Line Dancing @ 12:45

November 18:

Bone Builders @ 9:30
Mahjongg @ 10:30
Commodities @ 11:45
Tai Ji Quan @ 2:00

Orange East Senior Center

All events held at the Senior Center are open to the public unless otherwise advertised.

The East Corinth Cribbage Club is at O.E.S.C on Wednesdays for the 2016-2017 season at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.00 per night. A raffle drawing will be held on the last Wednesday of every month. Any levels welcome—please come to enjoy! If you have any questions, please call Sally Osgood 802-222-5756

Mary Robinson will be playing music on Friday, November 4 starting at 11:00 a.m.

No Strings Attached will be playing music on Friday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m.

The Boyz will be playing music on Friday, November 18 at 11:00 a.m.

We are looking for help in the kitchen. We are looking for help Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2p.m., but you can set your own hours and the day or days, you would like to volunteer.

Bingo is every Monday at 6:00 p.m. The doors will

open at 5:00 p.m. The kitchen will be open selling drinks and food.

Computer class winter hours will be on Wednesdays from 3:00 p. until 5:00 p.m. This class is for all levels.

The Orange East Senior Center is available for rent. We have a capacity of 125. If you would like to book your wedding reception or birthday party or if you have any questions, please give us a call.

If you are in need of any medical equipment, please check with Vicky to see if we have it to borrow before you purchase any.

There is space available in the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday exercise class. The class begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 10:00. The Tuesday and Thursday exercise class is a strength and balance class.

Orange East Senior Center is holding informal Line Dancing classes for exercise and just plain fun, each Tuesday at 10 a.m. Come On Down!

HHS Celebrates 200 Year Old Pearson Hall

Haverhill, NH – The Haverhill Historical Society invites the community to celebrate the bicentennial of Pearson Hall on the Common in Haverhill Corner, NH. The celebration will take place on Sunday November 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Alumni Hall, 75 Court St. Haverhill Corner, NH. Join us for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music, birthday cake and horse-drawn wagon rides around our historic common.

Built in 1816 to house the Grafton County Court on the second floor and Haverhill Academy on the first floor, this beautiful Federal-style building served as the County Court until 1846 when the court moved around the corner into a new Greek Revival building now known as Alumni Hall. When the Acad-

emy built a new building in 1897, James Pearson, an alumnus, gave funds to convert the building into a community center and library henceforth called Pearson Hall. It later reverted to its original function as a school. In 1969, with the closing of Haverhill Academy, it became a part of the Haverhill Co-operative Junior High School. With the opening of a new Middle School in 1992, it sat vacant until 2008 when it was turned over to the Haverhill Historical Society. It is now under rehabilitation with grants from the NH Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHP). Renovation of the exterior is nearly complete and soon a capital fund drive will be initiated to renovate the interior.

Groton Library Free Programs

Vermont Humanities Council Book Discussion Series: Continues on Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:30pm with "The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love" by Oscar Hijuelos. To or from the United States, spanning India, Cuba, and Greece, this series of Pulitzer-winning works spotlights characters in the midst of broader migrations. These sessions are free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. Books are available to loan in advance.

NEW! Shelburne Farms: Free General Admission Passes are now available to all library card holders. More than 10 miles of walking trails are open year-round, weather permitting, starting from the Welcome Center. Leashed dogs also invited to enjoy starting in November! Call, email, or come by the library to reserve a pass. Check out shelburnefarms.org for more information.

Discounted Echo Center Passes Available: Contact the library the reserve a pass that offers reduced rate of \$4 admission per person for up to 4 people. New exhibits and programs year round for your next trip to Burlington! Check out www.echovermont.org for more information.

Crafts & Conversation: Every Wednesday from 1-3pm. Stop by the library for some crafty tips, and perhaps share some of your own. Bring a project to work on or just enjoy some good company!

All of our programs are free and open to residents of all towns.

Find us on Facebook (Groton Free Public Library) or contact Anne: grotonlibraryvt@gmail.com, 802-584-3358.

Open M (2:30-7) W (10-4) F (2:30-7) S (10-12). www.grotonlibraryvt.org

Lisbon Lions to Host Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner

The Lisbon Lions Club is once again showing their appreciation to local senior citizens by sponsoring the 19th Annual Senior Holiday Dinner, free for all senior citizens living in Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff, on Saturday, November 12th, at the Lisbon Regional School cafeteria at 12 noon. The dinner menu will include roast turkey with stuffing, gravy, mashed potato, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, and a variety of home baked pies.

Please come out to cel-

brate the holidays a little early, enjoy great food and visit with friends and neighbors. Home deliveries are available again this year for those unable to attend the dinner at the school. We are also happy to provide transportation to the event, if needed.

To make reservations to eat at school, to request a dinner delivered to your home, or to request assistance with transportation to the school, please call Donna & Phil Clark at 838-5043 by November 10th.



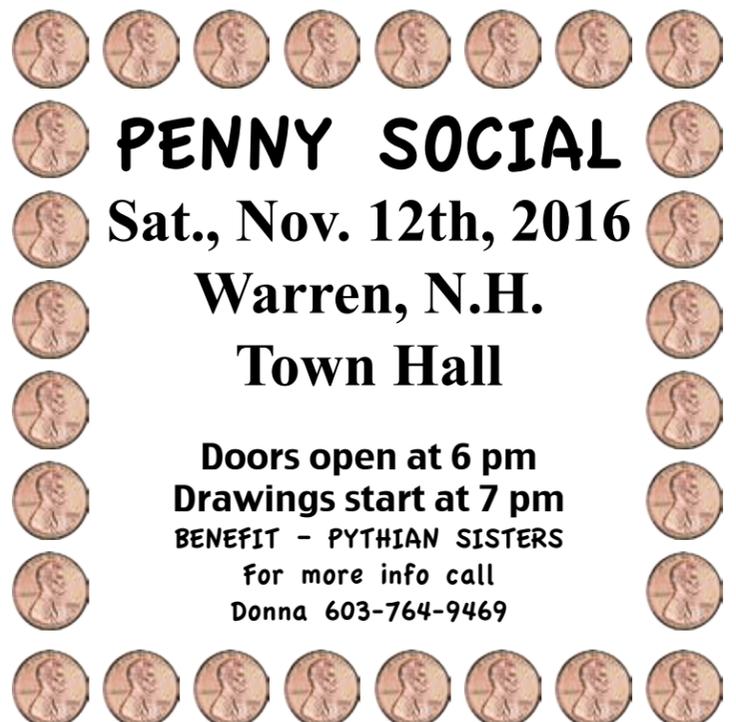
PENNY SALE



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Saturday, November 5
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Low Grade Wood

By Jim Frohn,
UNH Cooperative Extension
Grafton County Forester



As forest product markets and logging techniques have evolved over time, we have been able to utilize more of each harvested tree. We have markets for logs that can be turned into veneer, lumber, railroad ties, pallet stock, crane mats, and flooring; for low grade wood that will be made into paper pulp or used for firewood; and for the branches and tops that can be chipped or ground to provide fuel to generate electricity or heat. This has been a good thing overall—the more of a tree we can utilize, the more wood we produce on fewer acres. With some modifications, we can harvest this wood and leave enough to provide the

beneficial functions of dead wood. And being able to use most trees means we can harvest the poor quality, unhealthy, diseased, and low value trees to make room for the healthier, more vigorous, better quality, and more valuable trees. Improving the timber quality and value of a stand of trees allows the landowner to profitably own forest land, and therefore keep it as forest.

We have been able to sell this wide variety of forest products until very recently. There have been some fundamental changes in New England's forest industry in recent years that effect the health of low grade wood markets in New Hampshire. The paper industry in the Northeast has declined significantly due to a number of reasons, one of which is the decline in demand for the type of paper our region's mills produce, and paper in general. Anyone with a

computer, smart phone, or tablet can probably guess that we simply don't use as much paper as we used to. New Hampshire no longer has any pulp mills, and several mills in Maine have closed recently. Not only have they closed, but they have been dismantled. In the past, closed mills would sit idle and wait for someone to come along and start them up again; this time it's different. The mills are no longer there. In addition, two electricity biomass plants in Maine closed due to issues with complex electricity markets.

All of these mill closures have resulted in a loss of places to sell much of the low grade wood we harvest in order to improve the growth, quality, and value of our woodlots. This is a classic case of supply and demand—the demand is down and we have lots of wood (supply), so the price goes down, making it harder to profitably produce certain products.

The good news is that we have an abundant forest resource, good infrastructure, and proximity to markets. Many talented people are looking for new markets for the low grade wood resource, so it's a matter of time before markets improve. The challenge in the short term is determining what to do with the low grade wood so we can continue to improve our forests

and practice good silviculture. In times past, when we lacked adequate low grade markets, forests were at risk of high-grading. This is essentially removing the best trees, those that have the most value, and leaving the rest to grow. This leads to a decline in the vigor and value of the forest, and lack of opportunity to develop valuable timber and to create diverse, resilient forests and diverse habitat.

A Partial Solution- Low Grade Wood as Habitat High-grading doesn't have to be the only option in the absence of low grade markets. Poor quality, low value trees need to be removed from competing with better trees or from impeding growth of seedlings and saplings, but they don't necessarily have to be removed from the woods. Trees that compete with quality crop trees can be felled and left on site to become habitat and eventually soil, or girdled (rings cut in the bark around the tree to disrupt the flow of sap) and left to become a standing dead tree. The low value tops of harvested trees can also be left on site for habitat and soil building.

If we allow more woody debris to be left in the woods for habitat and to break down into soil, we can still accomplish good forestry while harvesting trees that have a market. It's not a complete solution, but it can help in the short term.



Felling and girdling trees simply to leave them on site doesn't create the revenue that selling them does. However, even when they can be sold, sometimes the cost of logging these trees and trucking them to a mill exceeds their worth. Regardless, it still costs money to cut and girdle trees. Assistance is available for these practices from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through Forest Stand Improvement and other practices. More information on their conservation incentives program is available at the New Hampshire NRCS website, or through this link: <http://tinyurl.com/j5gj3mn>

As the forest industry works to come up with solutions for the decline of low grade wood markets, landowners, foresters, and loggers can all work together to make the situation easier in the short term. Landowners can allow more wood to be left behind to become wildlife habitat and soil; foresters can explain the benefits of retained organic material to their clients; and loggers can continue to carry out silvicultural practices designed to improve the woods while leaving behind some of what they traditionally were able to extract from the woods to sell.



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Each ticket has 3 numbers
Winner chosen by wheel spin



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016

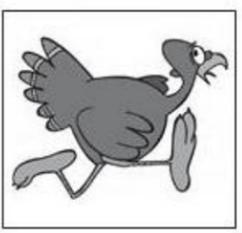
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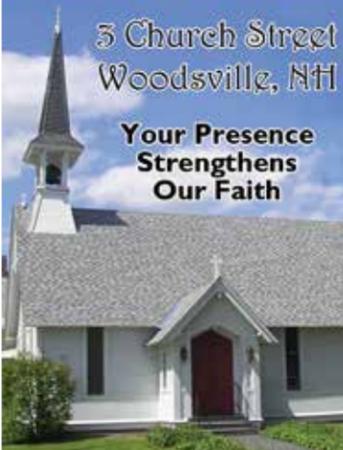
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Children's Corner

Ailey II Will Perform Iconic Choreography, Revelations, In Lyndonville, November 4th

Legendary dance company Ailey II has embarked on a 24-city world tour that will include an eagerly anticipated appearance in Lyndonville, VT on Friday, November 4th at 7:00pm.

Ailey II is universally renowned for merging the spirit and energy of the country's best young dance talent with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding emerging choreographers. Ailey II is one of the most popular dance companies in the country, combining a rigorous touring schedule with extensive community outreach programs. In his fifth year leading the company, Artistic Director Troy Powell announces four dynamic new commissions.

"I am excited to introduce audiences to the ... outstanding premieres by talented rising choreographers that we've welcomed into the repertory," said Troy Powell. "These diverse and powerful new works... showcase the strength, grace, and versatility of these gifted young dancers."

The superb 12-member ensemble will perform two

of the company's new commissions, Stream of Consciousness and Sketches of Flames, as well as Alvin Ailey's signature masterpiece, Revelations.

Stream of Consciousness, by former Ailey company member Marcus Jarrell Willis, gives physical life to our inner thoughts. Willis weaves six simple gestures into "the stream," the tumultuous monologue within each person's mind. Set to a contemporary reimagining of Vivaldi's Four Seasons by Max Richter, this work echoes the tension and poignancy of the music's ever-changing tides.

In Sketches of Flames, Bridget L. Moore fuses flamenco influences with her African-American and contemporary aesthetic to create a rapturous ensemble dance. Set to a series of passionate folk songs and drawing upon the writings of Federico García Lorca and others, each section of this eight-part work depicts a different facet of the joys and sorrows of love.

Alvin Ailey's enduring classic, Revelations, brought the company international

recognition in 1960, and is the most widely-seen modern dance work in the world. Ailey himself said that one of America's richest treasures (is) the cultural heritage of the African-American, "sometimes sorrowful, sometimes jubilant, but always hopeful." Revelations is a tribute to that heritage and Ailey's genius. Using African-American spirituals, song-sermons, gospel songs and holy blues, this suite fervently explores the places of deepest grief and holiest joy in the soul.



For more information about the company, visit www.alvinailey.org. Tickets for the Alvin Ailey II show Friday, November 4, at Lyndon Institute can be pur-

chased at the Catamount Arts box office or by calling 802-748-2600. Online sales are available at www.KCP-presents.org.

Cottage Hospital "Support"

The Cottage Hospital Auxiliary's September meeting featured presentations to both key individuals responsible for the successful Big Ticket Raffle and also senior management of Cottage Hospital. Proceeds from the raffle will support the Ray of Hope geriatric psychiatric unit recently opened.

The Auxiliary is a not-

for-profit organization open to all members of the community who have an interest in supporting Cottage Hospital. The Auxiliary meets monthly for educational presentations and program planning. Information about membership is available on the internet at CottageHospital.org under the link "Support."



Receiving a gift from the Auxiliary, 1 to r: Marcia Selent, Auxiliary Co-President, Dr. Maria Ryan, Cottage Hospital CEO, Karen Rajsteter, Co-Chair, Big Ticket Raffle; Brenda Long, Auxiliary Co-President, Karen Wood, Cottage Hospital Administrative Director; Don Perlee, Co-Chair, Big Ticket Raffle

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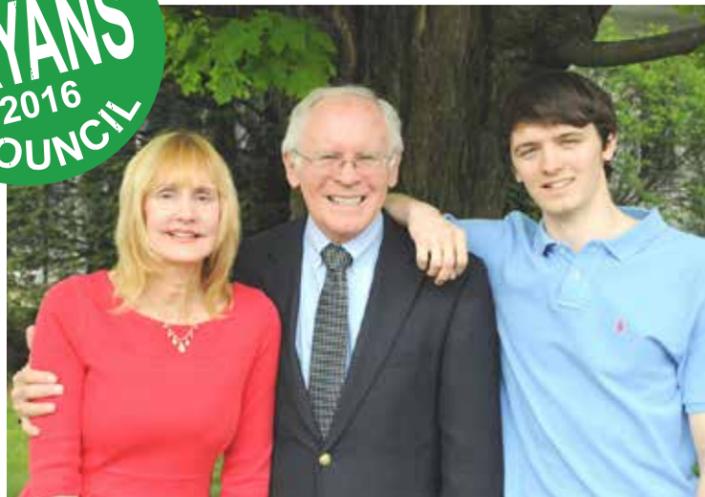
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have never even heard the Christmas story, they definitely have rewritten! Soon everyone from the terrified pint-sized shepherds to the furious church ladies are calling for reluctant director Grace Bradley to cancel the whole thing. It's up to Bradley and the Reverend to help their community see the Christmas story and the Herdman kids through new eyes in this buoyant musical adaptation of the funny and touching holiday classic. Silent night? Not a chance. But sometimes a little joyful noise is just right for Christmas.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical is adapted from the beloved children's book by Barbara Robinson. Performances are scheduled December 2-18, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25, with \$1 off per donated item of non-perishable food, up to \$5 (food drive will benefit the Lin-Wood and Plymouth food pantries). Tickets on sale now! This production is generously sponsored by Dead River Company.

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September Memorial Motorcycle Ride



More than 40 bikers joined forces on September 10th to visit the graves of fallen veterans from the area.



Before heading out the riders gathered at the Ross-Wood Post #20 American Legion Post #20 in Woodsville. Legion Sergeant-at-Arms Walt Dellinger who is also an Iraqi War Veterans gave information to his fellow riders.



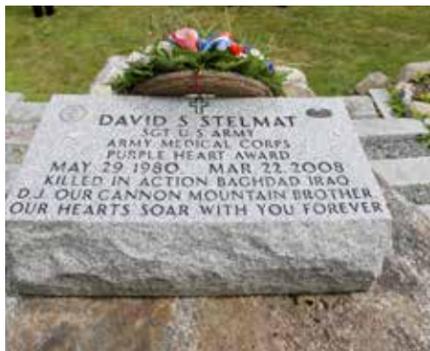
Grafton County Deputy Dick Greenwood escorted the riders as they visited graves in Ladaff, at Canon Mountain, in Bath and in Woodsville.

The four honored veterans included Alan Burgess who was killed in action in October 2004 and DJ Stelmat who was also killed in action in 2008. The other two departed comrades were Robie Boutin and James Keenan who both took their own lives due to the affects of PTSD. At each stop the participants did honors with a prayer and salute.

The ride ended at the Post Home where hamburgers, hot dogs and salads were served by members of the Legion.



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Thank You

I would like to take this space to thank the many outstanding on lookers and employees that so quickly came to my assistance when I fell recently in the parking lot at Shaw's in Woodsville.

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Lisbon Students Conduct Stream Survey

BETHLEHEM – What do trout and people have in common? Both need clean water to survive. In September, students from Lisbon Regional School teamed up with New Hampshire Fish & Game and the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) to survey streams on the Brebner property in Bethlehem. The Brebners are conserving their land with ACT, both to protect over a mile on the Ammonoosuc River and tributary streams, and to preserve the legacy of their family place.

The stream surveys were to determine the presence of brook trout and other aquatic species. Brook trout are native to New Hampshire, and they are an indicator of good water quality. Tributary

streams to larger rivers like the Ammonoosuc are critical as spawning places, as shelters where young trout can escape larger fish predators, and as places where they can find cold water in the warm summer months.

The Brebner property has two tributary streams to the Ammonoosuc. One stream was almost completely dry due to this summer's drought, but the other still had water and held baby brook trout and other common species such as stream chubs and blacknose dace. The students also found an unusual species, the northern redbelly dace. This fish is a species of concern in New Hampshire due to its small numbers and susceptibility to changes in its habitat such as loss of trees and shrubs along the riverbank. Fish & Game seeks better a better understanding of the distribution of this fish, but knows it is more common north of the Whites, so finding it in Bethlehem is important.

The Lisbon students are members of PAWS (Panther Adventure Wilderness Society) and are all high achievers. But they happily spent the day bushwhacking through the forest and getting muddy as they helped net fish and dug around for aquatic insects. According to PAWS advisor Greg Superchi, "At Lisbon Regional School, we believe in creat-

ing life-long learners who are connected to their community in many ways including caring for their surroundings - the people and the environment they live in and around. School should be so much more than learning reading, writing, and arithmetic. It's about fostering growth in people who can contribute to our society in multiple ways. By doing activities such as trout surveys on streams, building bog bridges on trails, and helping to reclaim river banks, PAWS students get to make that connection. They see there is so much more to life than doing a good job in school and getting a well-paying job. They become linked to life in the North Country, which we hope they will have for life."

Protecting the 200-acre Brebner property is a high priority for ACT, and the organization has secured some crucial and competitive funding to make it happen. Part comes from the Aquatic Restoration and Mitigation (ARM) Fund administered by the NH Department of Environmental Services. The review team for this ARM Fund saw the importance of the riparian habitat, but also the extensive wooded wetlands and potentially unusual plant species there.

As part of the conservation project, ACT's consulting ecologist Jesse Mohr is doing a natural resources inventory and management plan for the property. Ray Lobdell, a wetlands scientist and long-time ACT member, was instrumental in identifying the important natural resources values of the property and making the successful application to the ARM Fund.

While the land is private and will not generally be open for public use, there



Back row L-R: Trevor Fenoff, Myles Barnes, Jacob McCormack. Front row L-R: Laura Superchi, Logan Lopus, Siobhan Smith, Sara Grant, Alyssa Jellison, Andy Schafermeyer (Fisheries Biologist, NHF&G)

is access to it along the rail trail that runs from Littleton up toward Whitefield. With the NH Trails Bureau, there are plans for a small parking area on Railroad Street near the entrance to the cement plant. This would allow snowmobile parking in the winter and parking for anglers and boaters in the warmer months. It is a bit of a walk down the tracks to the Ammonoosuc River, where anglers can then use the Brebner land to access

some great fishing spots.

Anyone interested in exploring conservation land in the North Country or protecting their own property can get more information online at www.aconservationtrust.org, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aconservationtrust, or by calling (603) 823-7777. The Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust is the North Country's regional lands conservancy, protecting land for the vitality and well-being of our region.

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The White Mountains Regional High School JROTC Drill Team traveled to Spaulding High School in Barre, VT on Saturday 29 October and competed against all of the Vermont JROTC units. The Spartan Battalion did exceptionally well placing 1st place in Squad Armed (Robert Randall), Platoon Unarmed (Anthony Dami), and Platoon Armed (Nicholas Accardi). The team placed 2nd in the Inspection event (Jackie LaFlam), Squad Unarmed (Brandon Patterson), and Color Guard (Kristina Briggs). Cadet Robert Randall placed 1st in the Unarmed individual event, Cadet Tracie Sherman placed 2nd in the Armed individual event, and Cadet Jacob Brown placed 3rd in the Armed individual event. The Team travels to the University of Maine at Orono next weekend. Pictured left to right (standing): Clayton Mersing, Andrew Smith, Cheyenne Sweeney, Tracie Sherman, Elizabeth Mills, Gabrielle Caouette, Vitoria Sheptor, Amie Dauphine, Julianna Russo, Jacob Brown, Brittany Roy, William Rytherford. (kneeling): Robert Randall, Jacqueline LaFlam, Kristina Briggs, Brandon Patterson, Nicholas Accardi, Anthony Dami.

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The Evil Koch Brothers

by Joe Benning
State Senator
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If you've managed to read this far into this essay, chances are pretty good you are part of the Vermont voting demographic and the term "Koch brothers" tends to cause a reaction. I hope you continue reading, no matter which political philosophy gets your motor running, because the actual topic really is far more important than the Koch brothers.

Recently a Koch brothers corporation offered a specific group of Vermont voters something called "direct partnership payments" if they got their way on an upcoming local vote. Simply put, each registered voter would be paid money if they voted to pass the Koch brothers' wishes. Some Vermonters rose up in righteous indignation. Our statutes prohibit such interference with our electoral process. Title 17, Section 2017 reads: "A person who attempts by bribery, threats, or any undue influence to dictate, control, or alter the vote of a freeman or freewoman about to be given at a local primary, or general election shall be fined not more than \$200.00." How could the Koch brothers get away with this?

Well, they didn't. Although the payment offer is real, it wasn't made by a Koch corporation. Please forgive the bait-and-switch

ploy, for it was designed to get you thinking about what has actually happened from a different perspective. The real corporation is a Spanish entity called "Iberdrola." The targeted voters are in Grafton and Windham.

When one of those targeted voters read the above statute, she contacted her local legislator, Rep. Carolyn Partridge, for an opinion. Recognizing the conflict, Representative Partridge in turn contacted Secretary of State Jim Condos' office for his opinion. Recognizing the potential for a precedent that could challenge the integrity of Vermont's electoral process, he in turn contacted the Attorney General's office.

And here's where things took a really bad turn. Tasked with rendering a legal opinion, Assistant Attorney General Michael Duane concluded Iberdrola's payment offer "did not appear to violate the undue influence prohibitions" of the statute. He based his decision in large part on a 1982 United States Supreme Court case out of Kentucky, which acknowledged the right of states to prohibit "vote buying" but required further analysis to balance that right against the 1st Amendment freedom of speech rights of prospective defendants.

I'd argue Mr. Duane's decision is dead wrong. The Kentucky case is easily distinguished from the situation here in Vermont. First, the statutes are different. Kentucky's prohibited can-

didates from "offering material benefits to voters in consideration for their votes." Vermont's prohibits anyone from participating in "undue influence." Thus the playing field is different.

More importantly, the facts are different. Kentucky featured a candidate promising voters he'd decrease his own salary if elected. Vermont features a third party offering direct payment to voters. Mr. Duane might have missed this distinction, but the Supreme Court did not. It opined: "There is no constitutional basis upon which [the Kentucky candidate's] pledge to reduce his salary may be equated with a candidate's promise to pay voters privately for their support from his own pocket-book." This actually signals support for Vermont's statute based on the facts here.

So, is Iberdrola's offer "undue influence?" Let's up the ante. Imagine the Koch brothers reacting to Iberdrola's offer by doubling it if voters vote the other way. I don't think anyone would argue that blatantly offering money to a targeted voter isn't attempting to directly "influence" them. The only remaining issue should be whether it is "undue." But that should be a question for a jury. If Mr. Duane's decision stands, no jury will ever get that question. That is an unfortunate precedent that bodes ill for Vermont's future electoral events. It is an invitation for rich people to literally buy results.

Consensus in Grafton County Government

by Stephen Whitney
Bath, NH
Republican Candidate
for Grafton County
Commissioner District 2

During the past few weeks, I have written about some of the issues facing Grafton County. I believe there should be more transparency in County government. One of the functions of county commissioners is to prepare a budget to be voted on by the county delegation made up by state legislators from Grafton County.

Local town governments should be consulted about projected budget figures and the effects they would have on the individual towns. The towns should be consulted on a regular basis on county affairs. The public hearing on the proposed county budget could be filmed and shown on local cable channels for taxpayers to watch and be informed about the

county budget. I also believe if the individual towns in Grafton County had their town and school meetings on a Saturday more people would be able to attend and decide to approve or vote down articles on the town and school warrants.

Grafton County, along with the rest of New Hampshire, is facing issues such as the drug crisis, a growing senior population and rising property taxes. More health care services will have to be provided for seniors in order to allow them to live independently and lessen the burden on family members and taxpayers. There is now a moratorium in New Hampshire on adding nursing home beds, which number close to 9100 in the state. The number of nursing home beds in Grafton County is 334 beds. The moratorium will have to be lifted to meet the rising demand for nursing home care.

More treatment has to be available for those with drug addictions. Treatment is the key to dealing with this problem. The crime rate will be lower, incarcerations will decrease which will give relief to taxpayers and most important, give people back their lives and families get back their loved ones.

I strongly believe in the balance of both fiscal and social responsibilities. Fiscal responsibility would keep revenues up and taxes down and try not to raise the burden on the taxpayers. Social responsibilities include essential services to those people who need assistance.

Finally, it is critical to be a consensus builder, to listen and respect others' opinions in order to reach workable solutions. Without consensus, nothing can be accomplished in a meaningful way.



Orford- - Tom Thomson, son of legendary anti-tax Governor Mel Thomson, and his wife Sheila (owners of the Thomson Family Tree Farm), today threw their support behind conservative Dolly McPhaul in the race for the Senate District 1 seat.

"Dolly McPhaul is a conservative leader who will protect New Hampshire taxpayers and stand up to special interest groups," said Thomson. "Dolly has been clear and vigilant on protecting private property rights and our scenic landscapes against the Northern Pass project—a project led by an out-of-state corporation. She, like me, recognizes the North Country is "God's Country" and should not be destroyed with 135 foot towers. Dolly supports burying the entire route on state Right-of-Ways, a win-win solution for New Hampshire.

As a property owner in West Stewartstown, situated in District 1, I appreciate Dolly's steadfast dedication to standing up for our property rights and recognizing the importance of the forest industry, tourism and recreation industries in the North Country."

"I'm honored to have the support of conservative leader Tom Thomson and his wife Sheila," McPhaul said. "Earning their support is no small feat and comes with a great deal of responsibility.

"Dolly has signed "The Pledge" and will work hard to be the people's voice in the Senate by putting "People Above Politics," said Thomson. "I encourage North Country voters to go to the polls on November 8th and vote for Dolly McPhaul for the Senate District 1 seat," Thomson concluded.

Fall Harvest Meet & Greet

Sugar Hill, NH – State Senate District 1 Republican Candidate Dolly McPhaul is hosting a Fall Harvest Meet and Greet at White Mountains Community College on Thursday, November 3rd from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Executive Councilor Joe Kenney and Coos County Commission Rick Samson will also be attending and other Republican candidates for elective office have been invited.

"This will be an opportunity for folks in the North Country to meet the can-

didates in a friendly, casual environment and enjoy some cider and donuts. I believe our elected officials should be open, transparent and accessible to the voters and that's why I'm hosting this event," said McPhaul.

Voters in District 1 are encouraged to attend to meet candidates and ask questions. There is no fee to attend, but RSVPs are encouraged by email to Jeanie Forrester at jlf@worldpath.net or by calling 603.380.2523.

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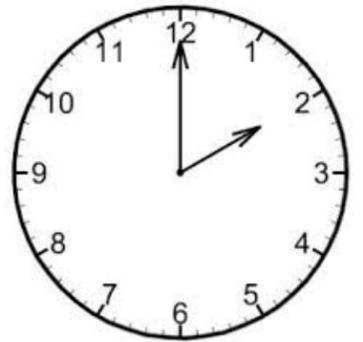
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Letter to the Editor

This letter is a recommendation to the voters of Grafton County to elect Stephen Whitney as the District 2, County Commissioner, based upon his work throughout Grafton County in its various levels of schools.

I knew Steve for the five years I worked as the head of the counseling program at Grafton County Department of Correction. Steve was the community correction officer who visited all the schools in Grafton County to help educate students on the problems and risks associated with drug use. He ran a drug prevention education program at the schools and at the jail. Selected inmates undergoing drug treatment in the jail would accompany Steve on visits to elementary, middle, and high schools in the county. He would bring high risk students from the high schools to the jail to visit the facility and to talk with inmate groups on the risks of continued drug use.

Steve was firm and

compassionate with these students. He was complimented by many schools on his efforts and presentations to their students. As a member of the drug treatment team, Steve represented the schools' interventions while my groups of counselors treated inmates who had been incarcerated for many kinds of crimes. Eighty percent of the incarcerated inmates were using drugs. At least 50% of them were diagnosed with an addiction. All but a few of them had received treatment or went to recovery meetings. The Drug Court was the final program in the treatment package created by the Commissioners in the county and the Grafton County Court.

Steve found out that every dollar spent by students for drugs would cost the county ten dollars for adjudication and treatment. He also confirmed by working with counselors in the jail and drug court that recovery should include abstinence, counseling, and

recovery meetings. Probation, required for many release students, compelled a change in friends as part of their probation. Many of their friends were still using drugs. Addiction affects at least 10 other friends or family members of the abuser/addict. Recovery also affects in positive ways ten people associated with the abuser/addict.

Steve's efforts with the schools and their students directly contribute to a change in many students' lives and saved the county countless dollars they would have spent if the drug abuse had not stopped. He is strongly recommended to be District Two's Commissioner as he understands one of the major problems affecting young people in Grafton County. Help to bring these solutions to this county by voting for Stephen Whitney.

William O'Malley MA,
MED, HMC/USN/RET
North Haverhill

Letter to the Editor

Why I Won't be voting for Hillary – Reason 2

Obamacare!!!

We were told: "If you want to keep your doctor, you can keep your doctor."

"If you like your plan, you can keep your plan."

"Insurance rates will go down \$2500 for a family of 4."

"It is not a government takeover"

Well..... I could not keep my doctor or my health plan without a huge increase. Yes... increase. My insurance rates went up not down.

State officials have approved increases in Obamacare for 2017. Rates will rise from 16.7% in Michigan to 43% in Iowa with Oklahoma having an average of 76% in 2017. Yes you read it correctly, 76%!!

What about NH rates? The following increases have been proposed for 2017.

- Ambetter by Celtic 1.35%
 - Anthem BCBS of NH 13.9%
 - Harvard Pilgrim of New England 11.1%
 - Minuteman Health 45.2%
- These are average increases. As of mid-October, these increases have not been approved.

Last year the state approved increases from

2.75% to 9.63% for Minuteman alone.

You would think that we the public would be notified of these increases before the election.

NH is lucky. We have 5 carriers. Aetna exchanges are leaving 11 states. One third of the US will not have a choice of a health exchange.

Let's talk penalties. Next year when you do your taxes, the penalties will be different if you did not sign up for health care this year.

The penalty is 2.5% of your total adjusted gross income, or \$695 per adult and \$347.50 per child, whichever is greater. So if you make \$50,000 and did not have health care and you have a wife and 2 kids your tax is: Formula 1: 50000 x .025 = \$1250

Formula 2: (695x2) + (347.50x2)=\$2085

\$2085 is greater so that is what you will pay.

You would think someone would tell you about this before the election. How is Obamacare treating you? Hillary will keep Obamacare.

I want my old doctor. I want my old health insurance plan. Obamacare is not better for me.

Reason 2 why I will not vote for Hillary.

Linda Riley, Meredith, NH

Letter to the Editor

Giuda vs Chandler on Same-sex Marriage

We have a clear distinction between the two candidates running for state senate in District 2. Charlie Chandler, who has my vote, supports same sex marriage—he understands that people should have the right to marry the person they love. The LGBT community in our area is surprisingly robust, full of talented, intelligent, and productive people who just want to live their lives in peace with the ones they love. Chandler knows this—knows us—and supports our rights to equality and privacy.

Bob Giuda, on the other hand, after a 2010 appearance at Rivier College in Nashua, characterized his opposition to same-sex marriage by saying "What's next? Men and sheep? Women and dogs?" He stated that same-sex marriage is the "downfall of the nation", equating the current condition of the US to the collapse of previous civilizations, such as Sparta in Greece.

I hope you'll make an effort to meet Charlie Chandler and listen to his views. He's a retired lawyer from Warren and was a selectman in Northfield. He served on the Ballot

Law Commission and presided over the investigation of the FRM securities matter. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board at Franklin Savings Bank. He is also a selectman in Warren, as well as a moderator of the Warren School District, and a sitting member of the Board of Directors for Pemi-Baker Land Trust. And he is Governor Hassan's appointee to the Cannon Mountain Advisory Commission.

Chandler is a stable and intelligent character and has the temperament necessary to serve in the state senate. He has my vote. Joyce Weston, Plymouth

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I would like to tell you just a little bit about our experience with Steve Whitney, who is presently running for Grafton County Commissioner, New Hampshire. He has been working with Horse Meadow Senior Center, North Haverhill, NH as a Substitute Van Driver and delivering meals to homes, as a Volunteer. He has been very willing and

cooperative in every way.

I feel he is very knowledgeable about County affairs, with a background of over 25 years of employment at the Grafton County House of Corrections. He has lived his entire life in this area. I feel he would be very fair and willing to listen on every issue.

Sincerely,
Wanda Peters,
Groton, VT

Letter to the Editor

I'm supporting Joseph Parsons for Orange-Caledonia 1 for the towns Groton, Newbury and Topsham. There is no doubt in my mind that Joe will work across the aisle. He would be a candidate that will take time to listen to both sides, which is just what we need in Montpelier. I personally know that Joe's work ethic and good family values exceeds that of many. I urge you to go vote for Joe this November.
Luke Knapp
Undercover Tents,
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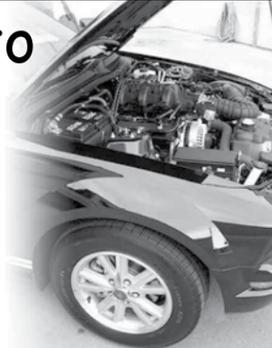
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Investors Should Avoid “Great Expectations”

Apart from death and taxes, few events in our world are consistently predictable – and investment returns are definitely not one of them. What can you, as an individual investor, do to cope with the ups and downs of the financial markets and make progress toward your long-term goals?

To begin with, you should be aware that the financial markets have fluctuated greatly – daily, monthly and yearly – over the past three decades. Overall, though, the financial markets trended upward, as measured by major indexes such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S & P 500. Of course, as you’ve no doubt heard, past performance can’t guarantee future results.

What was responsible for this long upturn? Most experts cite several factors: sharp declines in inflation and interest rates, vastly improved worker productivity

(largely brought on, for at least a few years, by more advanced and efficient information technology), growth in emerging markets and a long run of strong corporate profits.

Can a generally positive investment environment continue in the years ahead? As mentioned above, it’s pretty hard to forecast the performance of the financial markets. And you can be fairly certain that the market volatility we’ve seen – those large price swings – will not disappear any time soon. So to help position yourself to better withstand these sharp movements, consider the following:

- **Modify your expectations.** Don’t count on high or even positive returns throughout all your years of investing. Try to “bake in” reasonable return expectations to your long-term investment strategy. A financial professional may be able to help you with this.
- **Don’t make rash moves to “beat the market.”** If the market doesn’t consistently yield double-digit returns, you might think that you need to take drastic actions, such as investing much more aggressively than your risk tolerance would normally allow. For example, you might be tempted to pursue some “hot” stocks that you heard about through a friend, co-worker, or one of the so-called experts on the cable television shows devoted to investing. But by the time you hear about these stocks, they may not be so “hot” anymore – and they may never have been so hot for you, given your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance. So, instead of

ratcheting up the aggressiveness with which you invest, look for other investment techniques to help yourself advance toward your financial objectives.

- **Boost your investments in your retirement plans.** Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. The earlier you start, the more years you’ll be giving your investments to potentially grow.

- **Be open to working longer.** If you like your job, and you’re prepared to be flexible, you could gain some key benefits by working just a few more years than you had planned. Specifically, you can keep contributing to your 401(k) and IRA, and you also might be able to delay taking Social Security, thereby earning bigger monthly payments when you do start collecting your benefits.

Investing would be simple if you could always count on earning big returns. However, that’s not the case. And if the markets are indeed going to be somewhat unpredictable, then you’ll want to take a page out of the Boy Scouts’ handbook and “be prepared.”

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Killing Frost and Old Phones

by Maggie Anderson

A friend just told me she has shifted into overdrive now in order to finish all the outside chores after last night’s killing frost. I’m in something of a hurry myself; so much to do, so little time in which to get it done.

These days the bulk of our winterizing falls to me. My husband, still recovering from last winter’s two surgeries, is limited to jobs he can do tethered to his oxygen supply and his level of strength and stamina on a given day.

Luckily for me the weather is smiling on us today and is promising more days just like this one to come, chilly perhaps but perfect for stacking firewood, encasing ancient windows in their plastic cocoons and dispatching the leaves that have either chosen free fall or have been ripped from their moorings by aggressive gusts of wind.

Each year when the first hard frost reminds me that winter is gaining on me I am also reminded of the whims of our telephone. I have been applauded for, teased about and often pitied over

the fact that I have no cell phone.

Some of the reactions remind me of a line from the movie “The Frisco Kid.” When Gene Wilder’s character says he has no knife the words HE HAS NO KNIFE roll over the crowd like a wave at a Red Sox game.

The funny thing is when phones with answering machines and caller ID appeared they were revolutionary. They freed us from the necessity of worrying over missing important calls and also made it possible to get through dinner without having to jump up to answer the phone or picking up when you’re in the middle of a project and your caller ID tells you it’s a buddy who has no idea what you mean when you say “I only have a minute.”

We have a phone with caller ID and an answering machine attached to the wall in our kitchen. It is generally reliable, barring dead batteries and power outages. Reliable that is unless it’s raining or snowing then it ducks for cover and won’t cooperate again until the rain dries up or the snow stops falling.

Now I know some of you are thinking if we only had a cell phone all our communication problems would be over but since we have no cell phone reception in this part of the White Mountains, the only thing a cell phone is good for is to be used as really expensive paperweight.

One thing we do have is an old dial phone, remember the phones that had a big clunky receiver you could hold between you cheek and your shoulder while you talked with a buddy who didn’t have an egg timer?

Once old reliable is plugged into the phone jack I can let her talk until her jaw aches while I stand at the kitchen window and get the dishes washed while I watch the snow storm roll down the mountain and into the valley across the road.

If you live where I do and rely solely on a cell phone for communication don’t feel sorry for me, believe me I’m even luckier than you and I can actually pick up old reliable’s receiver, let my fingers do the dialing and ring you up to say so, that is if you are in range of a cell tower somewhere.

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Letter to the Editor

As we are confronted with so many political candidates with dubious qualifications or questionable character, it is refreshing to have running for our State Senate a candidate who stands out for his long history of exemplary public service, proven wisdom, and a committed concern for the State of New Hampshire and its citizens. Charlie Chandler, running for the District 2 seat, is a retired small-town lawyer, currently volunteering on several boards, who has served in numerous capacities in state and local government, both in elected and appointed positions. We would be very fortunate to have his energy, sharp mind, and balanced approach in our State Senate.

As a resident of Warren, I have witnessed first-hand how our town has benefited from Charlie's leadership, both as a Selectman and the Moderator of the

Warren School District. Charlie excels at running productive meetings, even when things get heated. He is a good and open listener who offers a fair hearing to all voices. His knowledge of the law and government, business, and the environment are invaluable to efficient and effective outcomes. I see him as a compassionate progressive whose wit and temperament will be welcomed by his Senate colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Charlie's efforts on behalf of our school district have demonstrated his strong support of public education. He is also deeply committed to a healthy environment and seeking alternate energy for the state. He is the board Director of the Pemi-Baker Land Trust and was appointed by the Governor to the Cannon Mountain Advisory Commission. Charlie was instrumental in the creation of the

Warren Woods hiking trails complex on Mount Moosilauke. He has a commendable ability to get things done.

In the Senate, Charlie will advocate for an economy that works for everyone. Already he supports members of the community through his oversight as board chairman of a local bank. Because of his legal and business acumen, he was appointed by the Secretary of the State to lead an investigation into a Ponzi scheme that had profoundly affected many New Hampshire residents.

Charlie is generous in sharing his time and knowledge, and we in Warren are grateful for his leadership. He no doubt would be an asset to his 2nd District constituents, and I strongly encourage you to give Charlie Chandler your vote.

Jennifer Alford
Warren, NH

Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

New Schools

Am hoping that the school board has figured the cost of just fixing things at the elementary school that need to be done to pass inspection vs. letting it go and move to the middle school. That building works and has worked for years. I have heard that some of the teachers there like their little school.

Diane,

I would like to add to the discussion that this committee has been working for a couple of years to come up with the best recommendation for our school buildings.

Of course the term "best" can be looked at in many ways. Does it mean the lowest tax impact? Or does it mean the best for the administration? Or is it the best for the teachers? Or perhaps, what is best for the students?

The final determination of what to present to the taxpayers of Haverhill is in the hands of our school board. It will be a process that we all need to participate in. It will make a difference in our taxes as well as the education of our students.

Gary Scruton, Editor

I attended a meeting at the high school and was pleased that the school board is going over the strategic committee's plans for the high school to try and cut back on things that weren't absolutely necessary.

My taxes have almost doubled in 7 years. I don't want them to go up again.

Diane Kirkwood,
North Haverhill

Letter to the Editor

In a recent letter to area newspapers regarding free skiing at Canon Mountain the writers stated that North Country Senator Woodburn only wanted seniors to pay \$5 a day to ski at Cannon, and this is no longer an issue as Woodburn's bill was defeated. That's not entirely correct.

The final compromise worked out by Senator Woodburn, and rejected in a bi-partisan vote in the House, would have charged \$5 a day, then in the following years increase to \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25 a day. After that, there was no cap. This would not only impact elderly skiers with little income who have lived in the North Country their entire lives, but it would also have hit the elderly at the

Littleton Senior Center who have a yearly excursion each summer on the tram to the top of Cannon Mountain. Seniors are entitled to a free trip to the top. The compromise would have taken this away.

Finally, I have heard that some legislators will once again bring forward another bill to charge our elderly to ski at Canon. Unfortunately, this issue has not gone away. I'm still very disappointed in Senator Woodburn for doing this to our seniors. If our only North Country Senator doesn't want to defend us seniors, then I hope you'll join me and vote for Dolly McPhaul for Senate!

Sincerely,
Lynn Sorensen, Littleton

Our candidates for State Senate

We have two distinctly different candidates running for the 2nd district seat being relinquished by Sen. Jeanie Forrester. One is Charlie Chandler, a Democrat from Warren and retired attorney with 45 years of experience in local and state government. Chandler believes in fundamental justice and equal protection under the law for all citizens.

The other candidate is Bob Giuda, a retired airline pilot who left his home

Letter to the Editor

(also in Warren) to join Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy's armed confrontation with federal officials over defaulted grazing fees and to support his anti-government movement.

In 2010, Secretary of State William Gardner picked Chandler to preside over an independent inquiry into Financial Resources Mortgage Inc. and CL&M Inc. of Meredith, which bilked more than 100 clients of tens of millions of dollars in what Chandler called "a heartless, vicious Ponzi scheme."

Meanwhile, Giuda

has ranted that President Obama a "racist, Marxist, muslim" and that same sex marriage is the root of ill in society, referring to it as the downfall of the nation. Even Jennifer Horn, now Republican state party chair claims that Giuda's comments are "hateful and ignorant."

The choice is clear. Charlie Chandler has the experience, temperament, and judgment to be an excellent state senator. Bob Giuda does not. Please join me in supporting Chandler.

Joyce Weston,
Plymouth, NH

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
This has been a very different year for politics. What used to work no longer does. People are angry about how the government treats them and they have good reason to vent their wrath on politicians. Many of them lie right to your face and seem to be mainly concerned with holding on to their seat come hell or high water. This appears to be a year in which we the voters want new blood representing us at all levels of government. For this reason I wish to point out a man that I know personally and is running for County Commissioner of Grafton County. I have had the pleasure of working with Steve Whitney for a number of years at the Grafton County Jail/House

of Correction. Steve ran a program called Operation Impact that had inmates interacting with school kids in a productive way. He ran this program with integrity and although he would listen to other opinions he held to his beliefs that the program should be beneficial to all involved. I believe that Steve would bring this integrity to the office of Commissioner. He would listen to others, but at the same time he would ask for solid reasoning as to why things should change or remain the same. I believe that the voters of Grafton County would benefit from Steve Whitney's representation of them.

A. Bedard
Pike, NH

LETTERS

(and even some real words)

From The Editor

Our regular readers will, no doubt, notice that most of this edition's letters to the editor, do not have replies. I have taken pride in the past to answer each and every letter. But this time I have chosen not to for one, I believe, very good reason.

You will note that all of those that are unanswered are in reference to the upcoming, November 8 election. During this election we, the voters of this great

country, will have the opportunity to voice our opinion. As a whole we will elect a new president. As individual states, both Vermont and New Hampshire, we will elect two senators and three US Representatives. We also both will elect a new governor. New Hampshire also elects new Executive Councilors, state senators and local representatives. Plus various county offices. Vermont also elects a

new Lt. Governor along with those other state office holders.

One note of interest is that there will be no state wide election issues on either the Vermont or New Hampshire ballots this year.

So please read these letters, look over some of the other multitude of information that is available either in print or via other media, including the internet, or just discuss with your friends and neighbors. Then, most importantly, get to the polls and vote on Tuesday, November 8. If you don't then should you have any say afterwards?

Gary Scruton, Editor

Wells River Community Drug Forum

Wells River Action Program, the Wells River Village Trustees and Little Rivers Health Care are sponsoring a community wide forum on the ongoing drug and opioid problem affecting Wells River village residents and businesses. The forum will be held at the Village Garage/Office on Creamery Street on November 10th at

6:30pm Residents have seen open drug dealing in the downtown area, found needles on the streets and dealt with the overdosed death in July of Marcus Smith, son of a Wells River resident. There have been break-ins and vandalism at Green Mountain Monogram, Wells River Chevrolet and Burn-

ham's Shoe Store over the past few months. There have been arrests in Ryegate as recently as October due to suspected methamphetamine manufacturing. Drugs and drug use and abuse are having a negative effect on residents in the village and surrounding area.

Representatives from the Vermont State Police, Village Trustees, Little Rivers Health Care, business owners and community leaders will be there to listen, learn, speak and help guide village residents regarding next steps to help resolve the problem.

The forum is an opportunity for residents and business owners to express their concerns, to ask questions, and to learn what the Little Rivers Health Clinic is doing through the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program to treat drug addiction.

For more information contact Richard M Roderick at 802 757 2708 or by email - wrapwr@gmail.com

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"MY FLAG"

"I pledge allegiance to the flag..."

These words I learned so young -

"She's a Grand Old Flag and a High-Flying Flag..."

Many a time I have sung -

I've watched Old Glory lead parades

My eyes abrim with tears -

I've seen her flying strong and brave

Grown tattered with the years -

I've watched a Boy Scout facing her

with hand in trim salute -

I've heard a thousand voices raise

a song in full tribute -

And I have lived on foreign shores

Where flags of every hue

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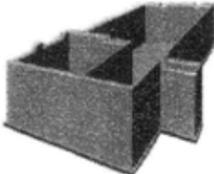
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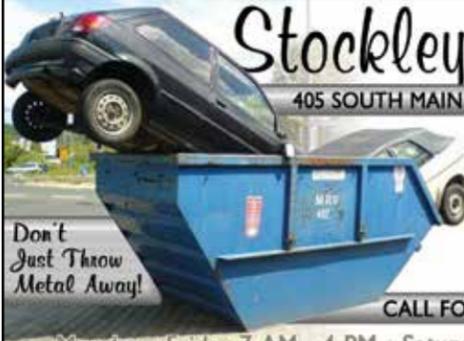
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Betty Johnson 1981
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The Party

by Elinor Mawson

My father never went to a funeral unless it was for a close relative. When he came home, he'd announce to anyone who was in earshot that he didn't want a funeral.

I'M NOT HAVING A FUNERAL! DON'T DRESS ME UP AND LET EVERYONE SEE ME LYING THERE! I WANT TO BE CREMATED AND THAT'S THAT!

On July 6, 1982, at the age of 71, he died of an aneurism. Even though it was sudden, there was no doubt in our minds what would happen next. He was sent off to be cremated and we started planning his non-funeral.

My father was a collector of antique cars. They were all in tip-top shape and he loved going to old-car meets

and shows. So we planned his non-funeral around these cars.

It would be an informal gathering in his back yard. We would park some of his cars here and there and fill them with fresh flowers. And in the driver's seat would be one of the hats he wore when he was driving.

We'd have a few refreshments. We'd place chairs around for older folks. And a couple of younger kids would help park cars. We figured there would be about 50 people and our time frame was about 2 hours.

WELL! We were so wrong. They came in droves. He had been a teacher and many of his colleagues and former students showed up. People he had worked with in the public sector came from far and near. Relatives whom we hadn't seen

in decades were there. We ran out of refreshments. We needed more chairs. Parking spaces ran out and cars were lined up along the road for half a mile. And it lasted much longer than 2 hours.

I don't know what he would have thought. It certainly wasn't a funeral so we didn't feel guilty. And when his cremains came back, we had a family-only committal service. I remember that when it was all over and I went to the supermarket I was amazed that the world had gone on despite the fact that my father wasn't in it.

One of his colleagues made a remark that I have always remembered. She said "He may not have wanted a funeral, but this was one heck of a Going Away Party."

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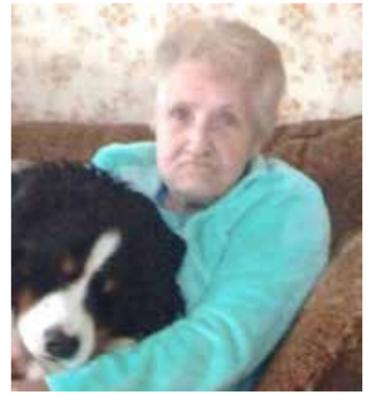
West Topsham, VT – Mary Lee Rose, 72, died on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

Mary was born in Westerly, RI, February 26, 1944, a daughter of Fred and Bernice (Pelland) Richmond. Mary graduated from Lockwood Jr. High School in Warwick, RI. She drove a cab for many years in the Orlando, FL area. Mary married Kenneth L. Rose on January 17, 1976.

She loved crocheting, gardening, drying herbs, and playing Bingo. She was an animal lover. Mary was a very social person who loved visiting with her family and being around her friends. One of Mary's favorite sayings was, "What goes around, comes around."

She was predeceased by her husband Kenneth I. Rose on January 1, 2006; a daughter, Melissa Pierce; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth Wood on September 9, 1994.

Surviving family members include five children, Chester Spruill and wife Kandi of Lisbon, NH, David Simpkins and wife Pam of Woodsville, NH, Sandra LeCour of West Newbury, VT, Dawn Kidder and William Riley of North Haverhill, NH, and Paulette Rose



and Matthew Smith of West Topsham, VT; 21 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; several sisters and brothers; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be no calling hours.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 29, at 1 PM at the Townhouse Cemetery, Scotch Hollow Road, Newbury, VT with Pastor Candace Ricker, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research, DHMC Development Office, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

For more information or to sign an online condolence please visit www.rickerfh.com

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.



On Wednesday, October 12, members of the G. Hampton McGaw Chapter of the National Honor Society at Woodsville High School planted a crab apple tree at the Bedell Bridge State Park in Haverhill, NH. The tree planting project is part of ongoing beautification and maintenance of the park by the organization. The group extends special thanks to the Green Thumb of North Haverhill for generously donating the tree.

Pictured from left to right are: Denny Ruprecht and Vajl Adamkowski.

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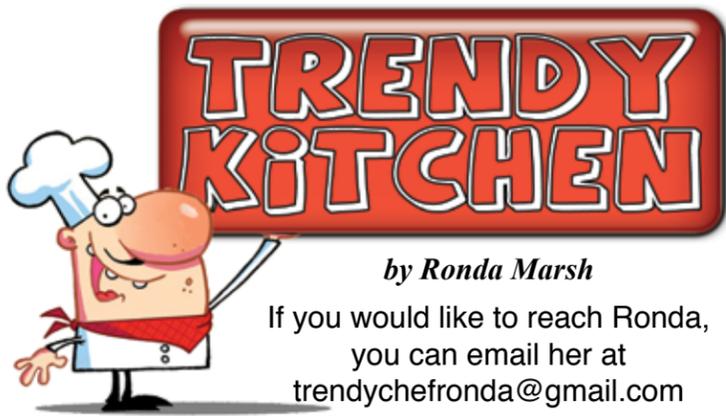
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My Marvelous Meatloaf

Editor's Note: Once again I must report that Ronda has been put on the sidelines for a short time due to a health issue. Therefore I needed to dig back in our files for a repeat recipe. When I found meatloaf, I looked no further. Please enjoy.

Meatloaf: it's as American as apple pie, and I think there are probably scores of us who grew up with it being a staple on the family dinner table. There are as many different variations of this basic diner fare as there are diners themselves; some with sauces, some with gravies and still others wrapped in bacon and with no sauce

at all. With all that said, I must confess that I never really liked meatloaf. It was usually dry, and tasted different each time I made it. So, one day I decided to try to change all that, and found that adding dry soup mix and a topping sauce did something wonderful to humble ground beef. I really hope you'll try this; it's so good, it's the only meatloaf I make now.

- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon poultry sea-

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- 2 Tablespoons finely chopped (or grated) onion
- 2 Tablespoons ketchup
- ½ to ¾ envelope dehydrated vegetable soup mix (like Lipton or Knorr)
- ¼ to 1/3 cup water
- ½ cup dry breadcrumbs
- 1-1/4 lb. ground beef (I use either 85%-15% mix or the 90% with a tablespoon of olive oil added to ensure a moist outcome)

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except beef, mixing well. Add the ground beef and mix thoroughly but gently, taking care not to over mix. Mixture should be slightly wet, but cohesive and easily massed.

Spray a loaf pan with cooking spray. Pack in meatloaf mixture, and top with your favorite barbecue sauce, or my sauce recipe below.

Bake uncovered for 60 minutes, or until browned and cooked to your liking.

Remove from oven and let rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

MEATLOAF SAUCE: In a small bowl, combine ¼ cup ketchup, 2 Tablespoons mustard, & 1 Tablespoon packed light brown sugar. Spread over top of meatloaf before baking. Sauce will brown and caramelize slightly as meatloaf bakes.

NOTE: I do not add salt to this meatloaf recipe, as there is sufficient sodium in the dry soup mix to compensate.



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