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New Hampshire State Parks to host popular annual event at seven locations

Concord, NH (Dec. 6, 2023) – The key to fulfilling the classic New Year's resolution "be more active" is starting off on the right foot– like with a beautiful hike in the great New Hampshire outdoors. New Hampshire State Parks is set to host their annual First Day Hikes event at select State Parks on New Year's Day.

This year, hikers can traverse seven state parks, which includes Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion State Historic Site, Weeks State Park, Bear Brook State Park, White Lake State Park and Monadnock State Park. Northwood Meadows State Park and Rhododendron State Park are new to the lineup this year.

To celebrate the long-held tradition this year, there will be fun giveaways, including a special commemorative poker chip. These will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Visitors can go at their own pace through self-guided tours through historic sites, observe native wildlife, enjoy stunning winter views and find serenity with nature. Pets are welcomed at most locations but must be leashed at all times (see registration page for pet-friendly locations).

## FIRST DAY HIKES: START 2024 WITH A NEW POINT OF VIEW

Registration is required, but same-day registration is not allowed. For more information about each park and registration links, visit https://www.nhstateparks.org/firstday-hikes-2024.

"First Day Hikes is one of our favorite traditions at New Hampshire State Parks," said Brian Wilson, Director of New Hampshire Division of Parks & Recreation. "It's the perfect way to start the new year—encouraging friends and families to explore nature and make unforgettable memories together."

First Day Hikes is part of America's State Parks national initiative, inspiring people to experience and appreciate nature. This is the 13th year that New Hampshire and State Parks are participating in the tradition.

About the Division of Park and Recreation

The Division of Parks and Recreation is comprised of the Bureau of Park Operations, Bureau of Historic Sites, Bureau of Trails, Bureau of Community Recreation and Cannon Mountain. The Division manages 93 properties, including state parks, beaches, campgrounds, historic sites, trails, waysides, and natural areas. The Division of Parks and Recreation is one of five divisions of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. To learn more, visit www.nhstateparks.org, follow NH State Parks on Facebook and Twitter, or call 603-271-3556.

Website: www.TrendyTimes.com

#### First Day Hike at Weeks State Park

on January 1,2024 Weeks State Park in Lancaster, New Hampshire is one of seven State Parks that are hosting a First Day Hike on January 1, 2024 from 12 to 3 pm. The hike is noted as a dog friendly hike. Bring your four-legged friend along for a casual, self-guided hike up the Mt. Prospect auto road. The auto road is a moderate 3.2 mile round-trip hike and should take approximately 2 hours. While atop the summit, take in the panoramic view of the Presidential Mountain Range. Dogs must be leashed at all times and owners are responsible for carrying out all pet waste. After the hike enjoy a warm drink and snack at the base of the auto road. Registration is required at - NH State Parks - First Day Hikes 2024 Address - 200 Weeks State Park Road Parking - Base of Auto Road, overflow parking at the Mt. Prospect Ski tow.

Pets Permitted - Yes Registration check-in from 12 pm to 2 pm, event begins at 12 pm and ends at 3 pm.

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# TRENDY **Dining Guide Tuttles Family** ner looked at the menu and I Well, I don't know

about you guys, but this Christmas has snuck up on me quickly and now I feel like my head is spinning with getting gifts for George's family on top of my own family and friends and then we won't even talk about all the stuff for the Christmas Issue.

With that being said. I have course have been to restaurants not all that are in the Trendy Dining Guide. My plan was to go to one of our restaurants that actually has karaoke on Wednesday nights, but I didn't end up making it, as it is also the night that I need to get the paper to the printers it is now 10:43 article. Eeekkkk.

Anthony and I decided to take Sunday morning (as we have both been busy) and go for a nice breakfast date.

We ended up going to Tuttles Family Diner, where of course we have been before, and I will tell you that the food was absolutely delicious, just what I needed amongst the hectic schedule.

We got there and

decided on having the sausage, bacon, mushroom and onion omelette with cheddar cheese and I chose to have on my homefries onions and cheese and a side of sausage gravy. He decided that he was going to get a sausage and mushroom omelette with home fries, but no cheese or onions for his home fries, boring if you ask me hehe. We all like what we like. He decided to go with the home ade English muffin I went with the homemade Sourdough bread extra butter and oh boy did I get extra butter? Hehe.

There were not a lot of PM and I am writing this people in there at that time so our order came out very quickly. Which as hungry as I was, I appreciated greatly. I unfortunately did not take pictures as I was very hungry and thinking also that I had more time and a different plan but that's OK you go with what you go with, we had a delicious meal. And it was great spending time together.

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I want to sincerely of our thank all readers, advertisers and especially all of our staff and that help put this paper together. I couldn't do it without you. A big huge thanks goes out to my dad for believing in me and also putting up with me. I hope evervone has a Merry Christmas and а Happy New Year. See you all next year!!!











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## **Jazz Vocalist Ashley** Warwick to Perform at The **Loading Dock**

Littleton, NH – Vintage performance techniques. jazz vocalist and torch singer, Ashley Warwick, will perform at The

Loading Dock on Thursday, December 28th at 8pm. Doors open at 7:30pm. 21+ audience. \$20

advance tickets, \$25 at the door. The Loading Dock is located at 35 Mill Street, Ste. D.

Local songstress, Ashley Warwick is a sultry and expressive jazz vocalist and entertainer with a

lush, velvet tone that will transport you to the golden era of torch singers and moody jazz clubs.

She delivers seductive songs of romance and heartache with passion and bawdy humor. Ashley is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and a proud faculty member in the Music Business and Industry department at Vermont State University-Lyndon, where she teaches voice and stage Ashley will be accompanied by members of the Krimson Krewe, a New Orleans Mardi-Gras style

collective from Concord, NH with Paul Bourgelais on the guitar, Craig Jaster on the piano, and CJ Poole on upright bass. Local legend, Rick Erwin, will be playing the drums. For more information and visit ticket link, www.theloadingdocknh.co m or

www.ashleywarwickmusic .com.

The Loading Dock is a non-profit creative

space dedicated to presenting original art. The venue is located on Mill Street in Littleton, the

entrance is next to a loading dock directly behind Topic of the Town

and just up the street from Bad Art. The best parking is on Main Street or in the free parking lots

on Pleasant Street behind the movie theater.

# **NH State Forest Nursery opens** second year of online sales

NH State Forest Nursery opens second year of online sales; last year's weather affected some species quantities

A late spring frost coupled with last summer's seemingly never-ending rains negatively impacted agricultural production statewide and the N.H. State Forest Nursery Boscawen was no exception.

The nursery, which is accepting online now seedling orders for spring 2024, announced that quantities of conifer species will be extremely limited this year, including several popular Christmas tree species.

Despite the unfavorable weather, there are several additional shrub and hardwood tree species that have not been offered in recent years, including red-berried elder, winterberry holly and yellow birch. There will also be increased availability of the pollinator pack, which has five seedlings each of beach plum, crabapple, gray dogwood, nannyberry and Virginia rose. Debuting in 2021, this popular pack sells out quickly each year.

"This past season's unusual weather had an adverse impact on the quantity of seedlings we are able to offer this year," said Nursery Manager Billy Kunelius. "However, this is an opportunity for people to plant other tree and shrub species they might not have previously considered, creating more diverse landscapes that benefit birds, pollinators and wildlife."

Customers can order seedlings from the nursery's online store, buynhseedlings.com. The site offers real-time inventory of available species and order confirmation, removing any uncertainty about whether an order will be able to be filled.

"We do set limits for orders sizes for many popular species to allow as many people as possible to purchase seedings. These numbers are based on sales history and accommodate the majority of our customers' needs in an ordinary vear." said Kunelius. "Folks are encouraged to check back near the end of selling season even after an item sells out, as there is always a chance that inventory will be added after the seedlings are lifted from the ground and counted."

Approximately 50 species of bare-root seedlings are offered for sale each year; all are grown from seed on site at the nursery. While commonly known conifer and hardwood tree species are available, the nursery also grows and sells fruit-bearand nut-bearing ing shrubs as well as species

that flourish near streams, rivers and wetlands. Five specialty packages, designed for specific uses, are also available this vear.

Located on an 880acre state forest managed for multiple purposes, the N.H. State Forest Nursery has 16 acres of irrigated, outdoor seedbeds, 14 acres of seed orchards and progeny test areas, and several on-site demonstration plantings. It is currently in the process of expanding its growing area and updating its decades-old irrigation system.

For more information about New Hampshire's State Forest Nursery and to find a direct link to the online store. visit nh.gov/nhnursery.

Established in 1910, the N.H. State Forest Nursery's mission is to grow and distribute quality, bare-root seedlings for forestry, conservation and education purposes. The Nursery facility and program are administered by the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, which is part of the N.H. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. For more information about the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, visit nh.gov/nhdfl.

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Maybe not - and here's why:

Less money in retirement – The more money you invest in your retirement accounts, and the longer you keep it invested, the more you'll probably have when you need it most when you're retired. Consequently, taking out sizable amounts from these accounts before you retire could be costly, as it would disrupt the benefits of compounding that can be achieved by holding investments for the long term.

Possible bump into higher tax bracket - The money you take out from your traditional IRA and 401(k) is taxable in the year of withdrawal. So, if you withdraw a significant amount of money at once from your traditional IRA or 401(k), you could be pushed into a higher tax bracket, at least for one year.

# Avoid **Tapping Into** Retirement **Savings** Early

Given these issues, how can you avoid dipping into your retirement accounts when you're faced with a financial need?

One possibility is to take out a loan from your 401(k). Unlike a 401(k) withdrawal, a loan is neither taxable nor subject to tax penalties. Also, the interest you pay on a 401(k) loan goes back into your account. Still, a 401(k) loan has its drawbacks. If you leave your job, you'll likely have to repay the loan in a short period of time and if you don't have all the money to repay it, the loan will be considered in default, so you'll owe taxes and the 10% penalty if you're younger than 591/2. But even if you don't leave your job and you do repay the loan, you'll still have taken away money that could have potentially kept growing within your tax-deferred account. As mentioned above, as your money compounds, you'll want to minimize disruptions.

Building an emergency fund is another way to gain access to cash. Such a fund should contain at least six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, lowrisk account. It can take time to build a fund of this size, so it's never too soon to start putting away money for Tax penalties – If you take money out it. To avoid the temptation of dipping into your emergency fund, you'd ideally keep this fund separate from your daily spending accounts. Explore all your options before tapping into your IRA or 401(k) early. Keeping these accounts intact as long as possible is one of the best moves you can make to help build your future retirement income. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC







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of a 401(k) or traditional IRA before you turn 591/2, you could face a 10% tax penalty, although some exceptions exist. Penalty-free withdrawals can be made for several reasons, including for education and medical expenses, first-time purchase of a home (up to \$10,000), after the birth or adoption of a child (up to \$5,000) and more (see irs.gov/taxtopics/tc557). With a Roth IRA, which is funded with after-tax dollars, you can withdraw contributions — but not earnings — at any time, for any purpose, without incurring penalties.

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EVENTS FROM LOCAL NON-PROFITS, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS. PRESENTED FREE BY TRENDY TIMES.

#### **EVERY THURSDAY**

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**EVERY FRIDAY** SHARE THE HARVEST TABLE NOON - 7:00 PM Baldwin Memorial Library, Wells River.

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### Friday, December 22

Polar Express, 6:30pm -Baldwin Memorial library and Pulaski Lodge #58 present the Polar Express, a read aloud and celebration at Pulaski Lodge #58 (above Copies and More) in Wells River, VT - Each child will receive a small gift. Light snacks and refreshments will be served

#### Sunday, December 24 Festival of Carols,

followed by Christmas cookie swap at the Parish House. Bring a play of coolies to swap. 10:30 AM Haverhill First Congregational Church UCC, Haverhill Corner

## **Horse Meadow Senior Center Menu: December**

12/22 Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread 12/25 & 12/26 CLOSED 12/27 Chef's Choice 12/28 Corn Chowder, Egg Salad Roll, Cuke & Tomato 12/29 Chicken Cordon Bleu, Broccoli, Scalloped Potato

What: Jazz Vocalist Ashley Warwick to Perform at The Loading Dock Thursday, When: Dec. 28, 2023, 8pm-10pm Where: The Loading Dock, 35 Mill Street, Suite D, Littleton NH 03561 Cost: \$20 advanced tickets online, \$25 at the door

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Vincent (Vinnie) Joseph Aliberti 89, of Wells River, Vermont, died at his home on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, after a 20-year struggle with dementia.

The son of Italian immigrants, Vinnie was born on August 21, 1934 in Willimantic, CT to Antonio Aliberti and Foresta (Caroti) Aliberti. He was a 1954 graduate of Boardman Trade School in New Haven, CT. Vinnie was a truck mechanic by trade and for many years owned and operated Circle A Automotive in Hamden, CT. He later owned and operated Vin's Vehicle Service Inc, a fire apparatus repair service. He was the first ASE-certified fire apparatus mechanic in Connecticut. Because of his reputation for service and quality, he ended his work life servicing many, if not most of, the small towns in Connect icut.

Vinnie was gregarious, authentic, and a generous, available, friend. He was a man of his word; his strong handshake was his promise. He was Italian through and through. He had a taste for good wine and good food and was a talented cook. His specialty, of course, Italian! He enjoyed vegetable gardening and grew prizewinning tomatoes. He en-

## **OBITUARY:** Vincent (Vinnie) Joseph Aliberti

joyed dancing, parties and entertaining. He organized annual "Italian Nights", potato barrel contests, Easter Egg

Hunts. neighborhood block parties, and autumn hayrides. Vin was a reader - two newspapers a day and a book or two a week. Finally and most importantly, Vin was a giver. He looked out for others whether they needed it or not. And to those who needed help, he gave more. He attended to his mother's, father's, and stepfather's every need until their deaths. He will be sadly missed by family, friends, and the many caregivers who helped look after him during his long fight of dementia. Though ultimately severely diminished by dementia and essentially non-verbal, his giving soul shined through to the end. He gave to and loved others through a look, a fleeting smile of gratitude, or most amazingly an occasional, albeit faltering "I love you" or "thank you".

He leaves his beloved wife of 43 years, Linda Conley Aliberti; three daughters, Carol Kerekes of New Haven, CT; Linda (Kenneth) Willard of Rapid City, SD; Leisha Aliberti of Meriden, CT; a stepdaughter, Nicole (Jogivers who all greatly enriched his life lived with dementia including: Daphne Graham, Leslie Ramsay, Norma Peak-Placey, Connie Bishop, Kim Campbell, Wendy Patoine, Francine Bowman, Earl Brock, Lois Merwin, Heather Hof-Jackie mann, Hatch, Angela Zambon, Lucy Domina, Betty Cloutier, and Michelle Allard.

He was predeceased by a son, Steven Vincent Aliberti, a sister, Rose Hopkins, and caregivers, David Plachetzki and Gina Pave.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday December 19th, 2023, from 5:30-7 PM at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville NH

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday December 20th at 10AM at St.Joseph's Catholic Church in Woodsville, NH. Interment will be on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the St. Jospeh's Catholic Cemetery in Bath, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 21 Pine Street, Woodsville,

To offer the family an online condolence please visit www.rickerfh.com

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Barnet, VT- Christian Henry Curschmann III, age 68, passed away unexpectedly on December 2, 2023, at his home. Born April 4, 1955, in Peekskill, NY to Christian Henry Curschmann, Jr. and Marie Sholan (Ackermann).

He graduated from Lakeland High School and went on to attend a vocational school. In 1974 he joined the Air Force where he was an aircraft maintenance specialist until 1978. When he returned home, Chris went to work on his uncle's farm in Cabot, VT. He was later employed by Eastern Artificial Insemination, Caspian Arms, NSA, VT Aerospace Industries, Vermont Microtechnology, and briefly at by; his father Christian Vermont Mold and Tool.

Chris enjoyed being surrounded by his family and friends. He was well known for his humor, joy of singing, and playing his harmonica. Christmas was his favorite holiday, making a huge meal and watching everyone open their presents. On October 14, 2011, he married his sweetheart, Kim.

Chris is survived by: his loving wife Kimberly

## **OBITUARY:** Christian Henry Curschmann Ш,

Curschmann (Heisholt) of Barnet, VT; his children; Christian Curschmann IV and fiancé Stacey Dwyer of Lyndonville, VT, Nathan Curschmann and wife Jennifer of Walden, VT, Nicole Curschmann of Hardwick VT, Melissa Waterhouse and husband Corey of Underhill, VT, Ben Heisholt and wife Claudia of Barnet, VT, Tor Heisholt of Middletown, CT, Sonia Williamson and husband Jimmy of Fairfax, VT; 18 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter; his mother. Marie Sholan (Ackermann) of Hardwick, VT; a sister Lesa Curschmann of Hardwick, VT; a brother Alan Curschmann of Fort Walton Beach, FL.

He was predeceased Curschmann, Jr.; stepfather Larry Sholan; and brother Craig Curschmann.

In lieu of a funeral, there will be a celebration of life in the spring.

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nathan)Satcher of Seattle and five Washington grandchildren.

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## **POLLY-ANNIE'S SONG** By: Maggie Anderson

our mountain and destroyed all we'd left behind, the local Grange Hall was converted into a fire relief center where smudge-shocked residents could, not only meet, mingle, and commiserate, but also gather bedding, clothes, food, and virtually anything necessary to function as a household unit again.

The surrounding communities did more than meet our needs, often they anticipated them.

One couple found out a family needed the bed they were offering, but the family had no way to transport it, so the owner hauled it right to the door of the newly-delivered home. Just before the driver left he went back to his truck where he grabbed a huge sack of blankets. When he placed them on the bed he said, "My wife wanted me to tell you, she just laundered all this bedding."

When flames chased everyone down Now to folks with a washer and a dryer, or a laundromat 'round the corner, that does not seem remarkable. To those of us on the mountain, without water or power for months, it was truly a blessing.

> The Grange Hall has recently undergone another transformation, it is still serving residents who lost so much, but its focus has shifted.

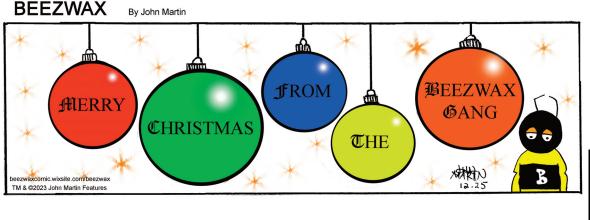
> Last evening families came from every street in town simply to play. Craft stations were set up from one end of the hall to the other. Cookies, cocoa, and cupcakes invited snacking, and the Jolly Elf himself showed up to discover what all those little ones are hoping for.

> The festivities last night, and tomorrow being the shortest day of the year, reminds us that the sun will indeed come out tomorrow, and from now on everyday here on the mountain will be brighter than the one before.



American Legion Riders Director Mickey Leafe with member PDC Maurice Anderson present Arlene Gonthier of the Good Shepard Food Pantry a check for \$750 along with food donations and personal check from the members of Chapter 20 Riders Woodsville, NH. We ride to support our Veterans, the Children, and our community. We recently donated \$1,000 to the National Legacy Fund supporting higher education for the children of service members killed on active duty.









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## **OBITUARY:** Louine M. (Tene) Knighton/Lackie



Bath NH- Louine M. (Tene) Knighton/Lackie, 94, passed away on Friday, Dec 8, 2023, at the Grafton County Nursing Home.

She was born December 21st, 1928, to Perley A. Knighton Sr and Bertha B. (Hutchins) Knighton.

She married James C. Lackie Sr December 31st, 1947, and they enjoyed snowmobiling, traveling, eating out, and visiting friends, until his passing on October 17th, 2003.

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She was predeceased

by her brothers; Madison Boemig and Perley A. Knighton Jr, and sisters Gertrude Mitchell, and twin sister Lorraine Seluke. Also, by son-in-laws Roy A. Willy and Earl Sherman.

She is survived by a daughter, Karen L. Sherman and grandchildren Sandra Adams, Roy A Willy Jr, Beth Sherman, Lisa Sherman, and Laurie Sherman Gomez. Also, her son James C. Lackie Jr, wife Betty, and son Michael J. Lackie. She was loved by many greatgrandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

There will be a private graveside service in the spring.

To offer the family an online condolence please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home &

Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Susie May McGuire, 74, Barnet, VT, died at her home on Sunday December 10, 2023. She was born in St. Johnsbury, VT, on October 21, 1949, to A. Francis and Doris (Moore) Roy.

Susie graduated from McIndoe Academy in 1968 and went to work at the Grafton County Nursing Home where she earned her nursing degree while working. She eventually moved on to the Glencliff Home and retired in 2018. While working at the nursing homes she also found private nursing jobs, helping people in their homes, work she continued until 2021. She married Michael McGuire in Barnet, VT, on March 26, 1977.

Susie enjoyed her flower gardens and was known for creating huge gardens all the way around the house. She was an animal lover, always had pet cats and dogs, and for

# **OBITUARY:** Louine M. (Tene) Knighton/Lackie

many years owned several horses, teaching horse riding at her home and on the farm.

She is predeceased by her parents, her husband Michael McGuire Sr. in May of 1978, her son Michael McGuire Jr., July 1978, four infant siblings, and a brother-in-law, Gary Calkins Sr. She is survived by two brothers, Arthur Roy Jr. and his wife Debra of Barnet, and Lawrence Roy and his wife Gloria of Barnet; two sisters, Joan O. Black and her husband Richard of Barnet, and Emily Calkins of Lyndonville; as well as many loving nieces. nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Calling hours will be Thursday December 21, 2023, from 5-7PM at Ricker Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville, NH. There will be a celebration of life on Sunday June 23, 2024, from 2-5 at Roy's Campground on the meadow, Blaine Dr. West Barnet, VT. Those who wish may make donations in memory of Susie McGuire to Mountain View Farm Animal Sanctuary, Box 38, Darling Hill Road, East Burke, VT 05832 To offer the family an on-

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Elizabeth "Betty" Rov. 78, North Haverhill, NH, died on Tuesday December 19, 2023, at the Grafton County Nursing Home. She was born in Newbury, VT to Harry J Cushing Sr. and Doris Meader on January 29, 1945. She attended Newburv VT schools.

Betty enjoyed playing BINGO, and scratch tickets, spending time outdoors fishing and had a knack for finding wild as-

I write to congratulate

Nick De Mayo on his re-

cent letter to the editor in

the Trendy Times.(De-

edition) for the way he ar-

ticulated his position to

the Sugar Hill Select

Board regarding why the

Pledge of Allegiance to

our nation's flag should be

recited before the start of

the public meetings. A res-

olution was submitted to

the select board members

to make the reciting of

The Pledge part of the

opening of the meeting -

the Select Board rejected

it. Let me say up front, I

reside in the town of Bath,

but have friends in Sugar

Hill who approached me

and asked me to com-

12th,

2023

To The Editor:

cember

# **OBITUARY:** Elizabeth "Betty" Roy

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and staff at Grafton

County Nursing Home for

their loving care of Betty.

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ory of Betty Roy to

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The family wishes to

etery in Newbury.

paragus.

She is predeceased by her parents; siblings, Harry J Cushing Jr., Priscilla Cushing, Ruth Fifield, Harold Murdock, Mary Coutermarsh, Ben Murdock, and George Cushing; two nephews, Jared A. Cushing, and Joseph C. Cushing.

Betty is survived by her children, Arthur Mace, Alice Mace, and Sandy Manell, siblings Kathryn Cushing, Doreen Delano, Linda Whitehill, Patricia Carl, and James Cushing and his wife Becky; and many loving grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The burial will be in the Letter to the Editor:

> As Nick pointed out, reciting the Pledge is

a way that many Americans choose to honor our flag. To most Americans, it's a very important way to start any public/official gathering; especially for our country's veterans and their families. Had this been approved, those who might be opposed to it certainly have the right to sit through the 10-20 seconds it takes, or even stand in silence if they choose. What they should not have the right to do is deny that right to those in favor, the opportunity to do so. While rumors abound as to why the actual reason for the rejection was made, the possibility that a few who were in opposition would Bath. NH

be offended by the pledge of Allegiance being recited was brought up. But the way others feel about that possibility is that if the resolution was rejected because of a few complaints or any number of complaints, I submit to those who may have complained, that if having the Pledge recited at a public meeting, any place in America in any way offends you, the problem might lie with you, not with American citizens who believe in honoring our flag.

I thank the Trendy Times for the opportunity to express my views on this page.

Respectfully, John Ciccone "Freedom of Choice"







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ment.

As editor at Trendy Times I remain happy to provide space for any number of letters, as well as my responses. Please keep those letters coming!

In specific regards to the Pledge of Allegiance being recited before public meetings, it is certainly the perogative of the group running that meeting as to whether or not to do so. I, myself, would be one of the first to stand, place my hand over my heart, and recite a pledge I have recited hundreds if not thousands of times. At the same time I would defend those who, for whatever reason, choose not to do so. It is known as

Certainly this whole issue could be seen as a slipperly slope which could lean too far one way or the other. Meanwhile there are most certainly many other issues that need to be addressed at the select board, school board, state and national level that rise well above this one.

I do hope the citizens and elected officials of Sugar Hill can come to an agreement on whether or not to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. In the meantime my hat is off, my hand is ready, and my memory is still good enough.

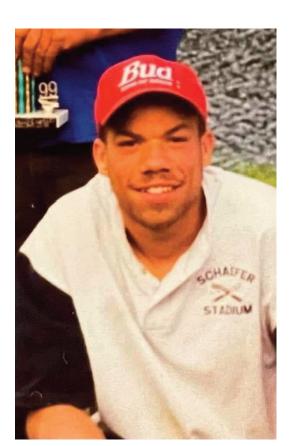
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Manchester, NH- Te Jay Thomas, 46, Manchester, NH, formally of Woodsville, NH, was tragically taken from his family on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

He was born in New Haven, Connecticut to George and Catherine (Warden) Thomas on March 22, 1977.

In 1985 his family moved to Woodsville, NH where he attended Woodsville High School.

In his free time, he enjoyed playing corn hole, gambling, card games, and bowling. He was a huge sports fan starting in his younger years, although he

# **OBITUARY:** Te Jay Thomas

was surrounded by New England Patriot fans, he was a big 49ers and Braves fan. He loved having a good time with his family and friends. Te Jay was a very talented sketch artist and poet.

He is predeceased by his parents, George, and Catherine Thomas; and his grandmother, Mae Warden (Baby Nana) He is survived by his son, Koby Thomas of North Haverhill, NH; Mother of his son, Christine Shepardson of North Haverhill, NH; his sister, Sheila Thomas and partner Steven Ludovici of Manchester, NH; his niece and nephew, Zoe Boyce and Anfernee King of Manchester, NH; and lots of friends and extended family.

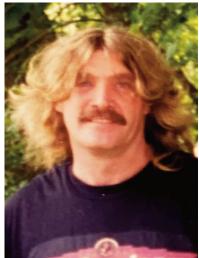
A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 6th at 10 AM at Ricker

Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH 03785 with Melissa Gould as the funeral celebrant.

There will be no burial at this time.

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





Todd Kent Adams, 61. of Franconia, NH, passed away on Saturday, December 16, 2023, with family by his side after a long courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on July 27, 1962, in Hanover, NH to Raymond R. Adams and Beverly V. (Ladeau) Dyke.

He graduated from Hartford High School in 1980 and moved to Connecticut where he ran his own carpentry business for many years. He returned to New Hampshire and worked for Rod Benjamin, Newman Lumber, Davidson Lumber, and Construction Lawton Company.

Todd enjoyed working with his hands, you could always find him building, repairing, and tinkering on projects. In his free time, he enjoyed listening to classic rock, fishing, traveling, cooking for friends and family, exploring new destinations, playing the guitar, sitting by a warm fire, being an avid numismatist, and target shooting. If you knew Todd, you knew he had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed laughing with his friends and family.

He is predeceased by his wife, Bonnie (Bennett)

# **OBITUARY:** Todd Kent

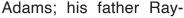
# Adams

mond R. Adams; and his mother, Beverly V. Dyke

He is survived by a daughter, Kyra Johnson of North Carolina; five brothers, Lloyd Adams of VA, Gary Adams and wife Evelyn of White River Junction, VT, Gregory Adams and partner Kathleen Shannon of Bradford, VT, Brian Dyke and wife Chie of Wilder, VT, Gordon Bowen and partner Bob Bender of Peacham, VT; four sisters, Sandra Adams of Bradford, VT, Debra Adams of Claremont, NH, Ann Adams of North Haverhill, NH, Brenda Darling of Ryegate, VT; four grandchildren, Danica, Lily, Lucas, Bennett; four loving step children, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Calling hours will be on Friday, December 22 from 5 to 7 PM at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville NH.

A Graveside Service will be in the spring. To offer the family an online condolence please visit www.rickerfh.com **Ricker Funeral Home &** Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family.





## Letter to the Editor: Biden is Not on the Side of the American People

pact with China to start shutting down fossil fuel production. The US and China will accelerate green energy deployment. There was a huge backlash regarding the impact it will have on US citizens. Meanwhile China and India produce the most carbon emissions on the planet. China has a history of human rights violations as well as not holding up to their end of agreements. Is anyone naive enough to think that China would even consider adhering to this one?

Biden extended a sanctions waiver that is allowing Iran to access 10 billion dollars in frozen funds as long as they use it for humanitarian aid. Iran has forever been chanting "death to America, death to Israel". This will only end up funding Iran's proxies attack on our own military forces in the Middle East.

Biden also sent 100 million in aid to Gaza and the West Bank and warned Hamas against utilizing it for themselves instead.

#### Alex.

I have always tried to stand squarely in the middle of the road when it comes to politics and the views our letter writers offer. I strongly support the Freedom of Speech (and writing). So I strongly support your right to make the statements you offered in your letter.

*I will also say that others have very* 

meant it.)

Biden also gave 235 million to Palestine in 2021, overturning Trump's policy of cutting off all funding. (Why would he do this, one must ask). Well look at what Palestine used it for!

Biden will release \$3.5 billion of Afghanistan's central bank reserves that were frozen in the U.S. after the Taliban took over last year. We have set up the Afghan Fund at the Bank for International Settlements "to kick-start the before economy the winter exacerbates alarming levels of hunger and poverty". The U.S. Treasury said the money will help pay Afghanistan's debts and bills, keeping the economy afloat. What? The 88 million in military equipment we left behind there after the disastrous pull out wasn't enough? And we're worried about their economy and their bills before winter exacerbates levels of hunger and poverty?? How about our own economy, hunger and poverty? We have people starving

Biden has made a (Wow, I'm really sure he and struggling here yet Biden is more worried about our enemies.

> We have given Ukraine over a 100 billion in aid. Remember, Biden was actually worried about their ability to heat their homes and fund their pensions! Even when our government was on the verge of shutting down, there would STILL BE MONEY for Ukraine!! But what exactly is this money being used for? Money laundering and kickbacks most likely. Remember, Hunter Biden sat on the Burisma board and made millions. Also the Ukrainian government is infamous for its corruption. Some of the weapons we sent there ended up in the Middle East and Mexico. The pentagon at one point couldn't even account for some of the millions sent there. Yet let's keep sending them money. Nothing suspicious about that, right?

> Now, how about the poor people in Hawaii who had everything destroyed? They got a whopping \$700.00 each. Just think about that for a

different ideas. In my mind that is why our country has come to its current major crossroads. The two major political parties have become so different in their views of so many situations, and neither side seems willing, or able, to compromise, find some common ground, or even acknowledge when the other side has a good idea. This has led far too many

second and put it into perspective. Biden is hellbent about ENSURING OUR ENEMIES have billions of dollars yet our own citizens who were virtually wiped out got just 700.00 measly dollars. Meanwhile, we have inflation, high crime, rampant homelessness, a wide open border, stifled energy production, indoctrination in our schools, demonized underfunded police, concerned parents who are labeled terrorists by our own government and a depleted military. That tells you everything about this filthy administration and their priorities.

Needless to say that Biden's administration has a whole other agenda. It has nothing to do with the welfare of American citizens. This is all about crippling our country and making our enemies stronger. Biden may talk a good game about standing up to our enemies, but his actions truly prove otherwise.

Alex Foryan Landaff, NH

programs to be stalled, not because they are not good ideas, but because someone wants to get something in return for agreeing with them. Why can't each individual program be worked on, discussed, and voted on, on it's own merits? Just a suggestion from a guy standing in the middle of the road.

Gary Scruton, Editor

## Want to **Connect to** Other **Readers?** Join the Bath

# **Book Club!**

The Bath Library Book Club will be discussing "Crying in H Mart," by Michelle Zauner on Monday, Jan. 8 at 4:30 pm at the Bath Public Library. As the winner of the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Memoir and Autobiography (2021) Zauner's book about growing up Korean American is well described by the Goodreads summary below:

Michelle Zauner tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Eugene, Oregon; of struggling with her mother's particular, high expectations of her; of a painful adolescence; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond, late at night, over heaping plates of food.

As she grew up, moving to the East Coast for college, finding work in the restaurant industry, and performing gigs with her fledgling band-and meeting the man who would become her husband-her Koreanness began to feel ever more distant, even as she found the life she wanted to live. It was her mother's diagnosis of terminal cancer, when Michelle was twenty-five, that forced a reckoning with her identity and brought her to reclaim the gifts of taste, language, and history her mother had given her. Books may be picked up at the Bath Library; hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm; and Saturday 9:00 am to noon. Anyone with an interest in reading and conversing about books is welcome to attend. For information, please contact the library at 603-747-3372 or email bathlibraryljh@gmail.com

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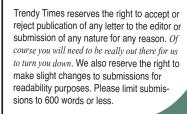
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by Cindy Pinheiro to contact Cindy (aka Cin Pin) write to the editor at April@trendytimes.com

Open

House

Soup



### Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm doing good and have my house all decorated for Christmas. I usually put my cute ceramic tree with lights on but for some reason I can't find it. It's not with all my Christmas decorations and believe me I'm baffled. I looked everywhere. Did it just get up and walk out of the house?? I'll never know.

Today's recipe comes from a very loyal reader of Trendy Times and especially Trendy Kitchen, Debra Kingsbury thank you for sharing this recipe with me. Debra brings it to Town Meeting Day lunchLet's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. Ingredients

1 lb Kielbasa sliced in half moon pieces

2 Tbsp butter

1 large vidalia onion chopped small

6 carrots peeled and sliced into bite size pieces 1 carton 32 oz chicken broth

1 28 oz can crushed tomatoes

3 cups water (rinse tomato can)

1 tsp Italian seasoning 1 Tbsp brown sugar

1 cup Orzo pasta (don't use small pasta because it absorbs too much of the liquid)

Fry Kielbasa in frying pan till a little brown stirring often about 5 minutes over medium heat. Using a 5 qt soup pan melt butter and sauté chopped onion, add sliced carrots for about 5 minutes stirring often. Add in the broth, tomato, water, sea-

### soning and brown sugar. Bring to a slow boil then add Orzo. Simmer on slow boil for 20 minutes until tender stirring often. The Orzo when cooked looks like firm rice on steroids! Add the browned Kielbasa and slow simmer for 5 minutes. That's it you are done. Serve with real grated Parmesan cheese and bread. I picked up Pepperidge Farm Texas toast and it's pretty good. Have a New Years Day luncheon and serve this tasty Open House soup.

You are sure to be a star! Well folks that's it for today's recipe and again thank you Debra for sharing. If any of you have a special recipe that you love send me an email to April and I will give it a try and share it with all of you. I'm always looking for new recipes. Hope your Christmas was merry and have a wonderful New Year. Until next time my friends I am signing off, Sincerely, Cin Pin Lawrence Clark's Barbershop Tue.-Fri. 9am - 4:30 pm Sat. 8 am - Noon 42 Main St., Wells River

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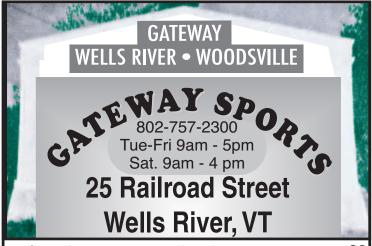
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