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Taylor of CT Valley Trucking in Orford in Outstanding Forest Products Trucker of the Year!!!

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ORFORD - At the 113th Annual Meeting of the N.H. Timberland Owners' Association (NHTOA), Ronnie Taylor was recognized as the "Outstanding Forest Products Trucker of the Year" and received a carved wood plaque before an audience of 100.

The annual event was held at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee and included tours of the nearby Lee town forest and P.R. Russell, a wood mulch manufacturer in Brentwood.

Ronnie Taylor, originally with his late wife Mary, has owned Connecticut Valley Trucking since 1973. After her mother passed,

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daughter took over doing all the bookkeeping. At one time they had 15 trucks on the road hauling roundwood and chips but today he is down to two trucks, driven by his son and nephew.

Currently they run a 2015 and a 2022 Western Star. both with tri-axle log bodies and a pup trailer and loader. They haul strictly roundwood. Most of the work is hauling for 14-15 local loggers to area mills. All his hauls are within 150 air miles. His furthest hauls are to Finch Paper in Glens Falls, N.Y. and ND Paper

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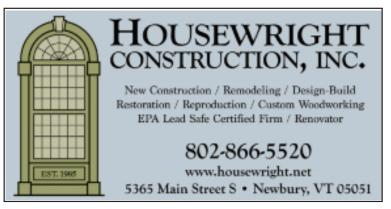
lights, first aid kit, and flares.

Ronnie is in good standing with NHTOA, and his membership is up to date and has been for many decades. When he was younger, he annually attended the Loggers & Truckers Convention.

The NHTOA selection committee came away impressed with his commitment to safety, knowing the laws of the road, communication with his drivers, the loggers he hauls for, and the mills the products are going to. His many years of mechanical knowledge of the trucks allows him to be proactive in fixing potential issues before they become a problem or a safety issue. He has a positive attitude despite the ups and downs of the industry and the many changes over his long career.



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Jan's Fairlee Diner By April Dyke

Well I finally made it greeted by the beauti- was just me. They for their Maine Lob- hustling and bustling ster roll which comes around with hand cut fries right away what I and coleslaw. Which I decided to go with I chose an ice water onion rings instead of with lemon. I sat at

who asked wanted to drink which the counter since it

to Jan's fairlee diner ful Mariah who was have the menus set out to look at so I didn't have to wait even though I knew what I was gonna order Anyways. Jan was at the counter putting her order in for the week. She told me about an amazing deal she will be doing around the Fourth of July so be sure to keep an eye out for that. It will include a pound and a half of lobster and steamers with some sides. To order. More details to come. My order was taken by one of my favorite girls Sara who I have fortunate

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grow up into a beauti- gether. ful young woman. The nice to see familiar staff is all so friendly faces. And how they and very attentive. My meal came out rather did check to make fast. Which is always sure they can take cc nice as I was of and they do. So I got course starving. I had expected it to be a hot which buttered lobster but I was pleasantly surprised by it being cold in just a tad of mayo with a hot buttered brioche roll which was perfect. The onion rings were good. As was the Coleslaw. The beautiful Dara was behind the counter gril-

lt's always work together. I my check from Sara came 40.33.





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WHITEFIELD, NH - June 3. 2024 - Weathervane Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini and Intern Program Director Marisa Kirby are proud to announce its 2024 Intern Company and Patchwork Players—Lily Cameron (University of Alabama), Dan Follett (Fayetteville State University), Elliana Karris (Emerson College), Bebe Moss (Baldwin Wallace University), Ana Lauren Rodriguez (Baldwin Wallace University), and Payton Thomas (AMDA). These six early career professionals, selected from a highly competitive nationwide search, will perform Patchwork's 34th season-Peter Pan, Swiftly Chasing Dreams, The Claw, and North Country Moosical Musical at the Weathervane and throughout the North Country. Sponsored by Crosstown Motors, Little Village Toy & Book Shop, New England Wire Technologies, and Passumpsic Bank, this year's Patchwork season will run July 5th through August 23rd at the Weathervane and begins touring the North Country July 1st.

For the fifth consecutive season, performances at the Weathervane will be held outside as part of the popular Picnic with Patchwork series. Performances are held every Friday at 11 AM. Bring a blanket and a snack at this pet-friendly event and enjoy an excellent show for the whole family (even the family dog!). In case of rain, alternate arrangements will be made (check Weathervane's social media for the latest updates).

About the Shows:

PETER PAN

Based on the classic J.M. Barrie tale, journey to Neverland for this musical adventure filled with charm, wonder, and magic! Plays July 1 - 12.





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NORTH COUNTRY MOOSICAL MUSICAL

A uniquely North Country tale full of adventure, discovery, and creativity, this musical follows Little Moose on his first solo journey into Winter. Plays August 14 - 23.

In addition to headling the Patchwork Players series, these performers will be featured on the Mainstage in Weathervane's 59th season in Beautiful, The Wedding Singer, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, The Full Monty, Clue, Romeo & Juliet, and Caba-

The 2024 Patchwork Players will make their debut on July 3rd outside the

Weathervane as part of Family Fun Day. This free event will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM and feature preview performances, arts and crafts, snacks, face painting, games, and more! There will also be a meet-and-greet with the Patchwork Players. No reservations are required.

All Patchwork performances will utilize COVID-19 "best practices" policies. In addition to performing at the Weathervane, these productions will tour Bethlehem's Colonial Theatre, Colebrook's Great North Woods Center for the Arts, and Lisbon.

Patchwork performances at Weathervane's outdoor stage will be sold at the door for \$8.50. For touring performances, check with the venue about ticket pricing and ordering. Single tickets and subscriptions for Weathervane's Mainstage season are now on sale. For more information, 603.837.9322, email boxoffice@weathervanenh.org, or visit www.weathervannh.org. Crosstown Motors, Little Village Toy & Book Shop, New England Wire Technologies, and Passumpsic Bank sponsor the Patchwork Players. To sponsor the Patchwork Players, please contact Weathervane Development Director Jorge Donoso at jorge@weathervanenh.org.

The 9th Annual Wells River Community Picnic

The 9th Annual Wells River Community Picnic and Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, June 29th at the Berry Memorial Field located on the south end of Wells River Village at 143 Main Street North.

This year will feature a yoga dance party, a small petting zoo, a variety of yard games, and free ice cream.

Kamalika-K will be providing the music and moves for the Yoga Dance Party.

Local Girls Scouts will be presenting a small petting zoo of local farm animals including calves, ducks and chickens.

Baldwin Memorial Library will bring their collection of yard games. This includes classics such as croquet and tennis and new favorites such as corn-hole and disc-golf. They will also be handing out free books,

and signing people up for their Summer of Adventure program.

Hatchbox and Tuttle's Family Dinner will both be on site selling lunches. New this year, the Masons of Pulaski Lodge #58 will be offering cotton candy. As always, you may also bring your own picnic.

Finally, we end the afternoon with Wells River Action Program (WRAP) dishing up free ice cream, generously donated by Big Cones.

WRAP invites you to join us at Berry Field and connect with your neighbors while enjoying a picnic, playing some games and dancing the day away. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, sunblock and bug spray.

For additional information contact Melissa Beaulieu by email - librarian@baldwinlibraryvt.org





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If you've retired, you may have thought you closed the book on one chapter of your life. But what happens if you need to "reverse" your retirement?

Due to higher inflation and rising interest rates, many retirees are taking out more money from their retirement accounts than they had originally anticipated. As a result, some are headed back to the workforce. If you're thinking of joining them, you'll need to consider some factors that may affect your finances.

First, if you've been taking Social Security, be aware that you could lose some of your benefits if you earn over a certain level, at least until you reach your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. Specifically, if you are under your full retirement age for the enyear, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefit payments for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which, in 2024, is \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above a different limit, which, in 2024, is \$59,520.

Social Security will only count your earnings up to the month

What to know before 'reversing' your retirement!!

before you reach your full retirement age, at which point your earnings will

no longer reduce your benefits, regardless of how much you earn. Also, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amounts to credit you for the months your payments were reduced due to your excess earnings. Social Security also allows you to pay back early benefits received if you withdraw your apwithin plication 12 months of starting benefits. This move could help you receive substantially higher benefits at full retirement age.

Your Social Security isn't the only benefit that could be affected by your earnings. Your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums are based on your income, so they could rise if you start earning more money. Also, your extra income could push you into a higher tax bracket.

you Nonetheless, can certainly gain some benefits by returning to the working world. Obviously, you'll be making money that can help you boost your daily cash flow and possibly reduce some debts. But depending on where you work, you might also be able to contribute to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And regardless of where you work, you'll be eligible to contribute to an IRA. By putting more money into these accounts, you may well be able to strengthen your financial position during your retirement years. You might also be able to receive some employee benefits, such as group health insurance which could be particularly valuable if you haven't vet started receiving Medicare.

In addition to the potential financial advantages of going back to work, you might get some social benefits, too. Many people enjoy the interactions with fellow workers and miss these exchanges when they retire, so a return to the workforce, even if it's on a part-time basis, may give you an emotional boost.

In the final analysis, you'll want to weigh the potential costs of going back to work against the possible benefits. There's no one right answer for everyone, but by looking at all the variables, you should be able to reach a decision that works for you.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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OBITUARY: Cleora "Cindy" (Porter) Simonds,

Cleora "Cindy" (Porter) Simonds, 89, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2024, at the home of her daughter in North Haverhill, NH. She was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire on September 18, 1934, to Mary Frances and Frank Porter and lived her childhood years in White River Jct., VT with her two brothers Robert Porter and Perry Porter. She graduated from Hartford High School and completed the Airline Steward program at the Lebanon Airport and married Nelson Simonds on February 3, 1956. Most of her years were lived in her home in Wells River, Vermont where she was the owner/manager of Ashwood Motor Court renting rooms and motel units to traveling tourists and hunters for over 25 years. She was also a part-time Orange County Deputy Sheriff during her years in Wells River. Directing traffic for road details and transporting female prisoners and keeping the peace as backup for her husband, Nelson, Orange County Chief Deputy Sheriff. Cindy liked to travel and spent time in Phoenix, AZ and Mt. Dora, FL in the winter months. Cindy was one of the many people who traveled to Belgium with the Bradford Evangelical Free Church to help build a church



for the local parishioners. She retired and moved to Scotch Hollow Rd., Newbury, VT in 1985, where she enjoyed the birds and her many flower gardens.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Simonds Eastman, North Haverhill, NH, grandson Jamie Eastman, wife Hannah, Holliston, MA and grandson Dylan Eastman, wife Destiny, Dover, DE, grandson Devin Simonds, Burkeville, TX. Brother, Perry Porter, wife Brenda, Plainfield, NH, Sister-in- law Beverly Porter, White River Jct., VT and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Nelson Simonds, son, Daniel Simonds, daughter, Julie Quintin and her brother, Robert Porter.

Memorial contributions may be made to North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, 536 Cottage Street., Littleton, NH 03561.

There will be a private burial service with the immediate family at a later date.

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

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woods-ville is assisting the family with arrangements.





Avoid the itch to touch Browntail Moth caterpillars

Browntail moth caterpillar winter webs have been located and removed at the Isles of Shoals off of the New Hampshire coast, the N.H. Forest Health Bureau announced today. This is the first confirmed incident of the species in the Granite State in 75 years.

"We've been monitoring an infestation of browntail moth over the last decade as it expanded to most of southern Maine," said Kyle Lombard, administrator of the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands' Forest Health Bureau.

"While this first appearance in New Hampshire is offshore, now is the time for everyone to keep an eye out for these caterpillars because they can create uncomfortable and sometimes even dangerous health risks for some people."

Browntail moth caterpillars have poisonous fine hairs that can produce skin rashes similar to poison ivy, even when the exposure to them is airborne. Inhaling the hairs can also cause serious respiratory issues in some individuals. People should not handle the caterpillars without wearing proper gloves and, when possible, a mask.

identified by their dark brown coloration, fuzzy appearance and two conspicuous red-orange dots on their tail end.

In New England, the moths' caterpillar stage takes place from August to late June, however, between April and July is when the risk of exposure to their hairs is greatest. After that time, exposure to hairs that remain on surfaces can still take place but is less likely.

While oak and apple trees are primary hosts for browntail moth caterpillars, winter webs can also be found in coastal shrubs like beach plum and cherry, as was the case at the Isles of Shoals.

The winter webs are small, tight clumps on two or three leaves at the tip of a branch and tend to be completely enclosed in silk. They form in the fall and can be removed any time between November and mid-April.

Browntail moth webs differ from those of fall webworm, which are built into big nests in large areas of foliage in autumn. The webs another commonly found species, the eastern tent caterpillar, are also large but only occur in spring.

Native to Europe, the browntail moth was acci-

Caterpillars can be dentally introduced to North America in the late 1800s, eventually spreading to all New England states, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Massive federal work projects in the 1920s and 1930s, in cooperation with biocontrol research, reduced the infestation area to a small region along the Maine coast. In 2022, it was found in more than 150,000 acres, mostly in the southern half of the state.

> For more information about how to identify browntail moth caterpillars and their webs, and to report any sightings, visit nhbugs.org.

> New Hampshire's Division of Forests and Lands is part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. NHDFL's mission is to protect and promote the values provided by trees, forests and natural communities. This mission is accomplished through responsible management of the state's forested resources; providing forest resource information and education to the public; and through the protection of these resources for the continuing benefit of the state's citizens, visitors, and forest industry. Learn more at nhdfl.dncr.nh.gov.

Hospital by Elinor Mawson

am no stranger to a for January 15! hospital. After all, I'm and I've seen my share of operations, joint replacements, etc. etc. .to say nothing about a goodly amount of hospitals.

I also have a couple of near relatives who are first responders in another town who have delivered patients to various health establishments, and know whereof they speak.

The general opinion of most hospitals is: 1) They're not all alike; 2)some are better than others; 3)it's all in the attitude. Whether you come out of there better or not is a factor too.

Recently I have had a health issue that needed attention. At first it was not diagnosed by my primary health person, and I finally beseeched her to refer me to a specialist. This was August. I was

Like many of you, I given an appointment

Not wanting to wait not any spring chicken, more than 4 months, I was referred to another specialist--for vember. I waited for that one and was diagnosed with "a problem". and referred to a surgeon--in March!

> In March, I found out the cause of my "problem" which was a surprise to me. I needed to undergo some tests before the surgery which would probably be in July.

> When my primary person heard these dates, she took the bull by the horns and referred me to another surgeon who took me on and did my surgery in a timely way.

> After a lifetime of procedures in a dozen or more health facilities, I found the right person in the right place., Where?

> Right in my backyard--Cottage Hospital--and I am WELL.





Kerrville New Folk and singing beside a pro- a good story. winner John John Brown jected graphic story. Unis bringing giant comics folding is an imaginative W e b s i t e and iconic photographs to the stage. He is known for mixing storytelling songs with the visual arts creating "an imaginative musical performance woven into a unique visual experience". Titled Songs, Stories, & Art- Lessons from Strangers, this original project weaves together storytelling songs and the visual arts in a live performance. Throughout the concert, Brown takes the listener inside the lives of 14 unique characters, while strumming his guitar

and colorful world revealing the idea that all people, strangers alike, have a story we can learn from.

The protagonists come from all walks of life; from an aging Vietnam Vet, to a trumpet playing orphan, a married couple debating evolution, to a young man with mental illness wandering the aisles of Walmart. With his guitar in hand, John John may have found a new way to sing a song. Above all, he stays rooted in the soil of

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Calendar of Events

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY

BETHANY CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES 9:00 AM "the church set apart on the hill" Mt. Moosilauke Highway, Pike, NH Phone: jo anne at 603-787-6658

2nd Wednesday monthly

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NEKCA Mobile Food Shelf, Baldwin Memorial Library, Wells River

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ANTIQUE STROLLERS WALKING PROGRAM

Monday – Friday from 11:00-12:30 Clifford Building, North Haverhill

FOLK MUSIC JAM - 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10am, Pope Library (Community Center) in Danville, VT. "Back porch style", sit in a circle and take turns choosing a tune/song. Listeners welcome. For more info or to confirm date contact (library) 802-684-2256 or (Vicki) 802-535-6069.

Upcoming Events

Old North Church Committee
Old North Church Lamplight Services
June 30
7:00pm
2724 Old North Church Road, North Danville VT
leearbgm77@gmail.com

Old North Church Committee
Old North Church Lamplight Service and Old
Home Day
July 28

5:00pm

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Don't miss the 55th anniversary celebration taking place June 29, 10 to 5, at the Burklyn Arts Council Summer Fair. Note new location: The Wildflower Inn on Darling Hill Road, Lyndonville. The fair will feature at least 60 juried artisans, free children's activities, food trucks, strawberry shortcake, a beverage tent, free entertainment all day and a special performance (free) by DinoMan. BurklynArts40@gmail.com.

Kamalika-K Yoga & Sound Therapy Full Moon Sound Bath 06/16/24 5:30pm Wells River Wellness Hall

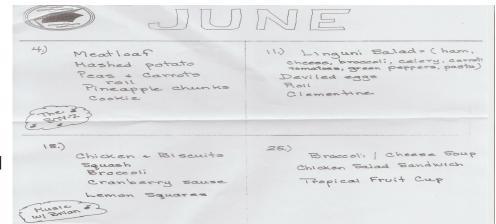
Haverhill Historical Society
Annual Meeting & Haverhill Railroads program
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Alumni Hall, Haverhill, NH.
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June



Franconia New Hampshire is home to rich forests filled with important plant and animal species, incredible recreational trails, and abundant biodiversity. Recent intense wind events have altered some of these vital landscapes uprooting trees, creating hazards, and blocking recreational trails. Last winter the mature pine forests lining Wells Road, located near Cannon Mountain and Route 116, were heavily impacted by a series of windy winter storms. This stretch of road is home to two of ACT's properties, mountain bike trails managed by FA-NEMBA, and many residential homes. This summer the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) is conducting a timber harvest to help clear some of the blocked trails and the scenic road frontage and to encourage a more resilient, diverse, and healthy future forest.

Our hope is to work within the forest's natural processes to encourage a future forest with a greater variety of tree species and a more diverse structure. Before the trails and houses, Wells Road was once lined by open farm fields, primarily pastures. When the grazing and farming ceased these fields seeded into mostly white pine, eventually growing into the mature pine forests we see—or saw—lining Wells Road. One important feature of these forests is that most of the trees are similar in age. While incredibly scenic, these mature but mostly even-aged pine forests are prone to wind damage. Outside of the post-agricultural

ACT's Commitment to Community and Forest Health

soils, natural disturbances, and climate favor forests of mixed species and ages. Along Wells Road this is evident in the forest midstory. Growing under the mature canopy of pine is a mixed midstory of maple, birch, beech, fir, spruce, and the occasional pine. As ACT removes some of the fallen and damaged mature pine the goal is to work within the forest's natural processes, retain and release the existing mixed midstory, and encourage a future forest with a more resilient, and diverse composition and structure. Even prior to the windstorms this was one of ACT's management goals for these properties.

ACT anticipates the logging and cleanup process will begin in early June. Long View Forest, a logging and forestland contractor, will be working with ACT to help remove the fallen, hazardous, and damaged trees; prep a small driveway and staging area; and advance our longterm goals for a resilient and healthy forest. Their work will focus mostly on the Wells Road Trail Access and Grote Wildlife Sanctuary Property. Perhaps the silver lining in all this damage is that once the clean-up operation is complete, the driveway and staging area will be turned into a small parking area and trailhead for the mountain bikers, hikers, and other recreationalists who enjoy these trails, ACT's primary vision for the property. The contractor anticipates being onsite cutting and running equipment for three to five weeks yet cautions that it has the potential to take longer as the harvesting operation is weather dependent.

We are cognizant and want to be respectful of our other natural resources; one of the reasons we selected Long View Forest as a contractor. Their cut-to-length and forwarder operation is comparatively quiet and low impact. While logging this location is a one-time occurrence for ACT the impact and benefit will be seen for years. Certainly, downed trees and limbs will be visible on the site. ACT is not trying to clean up all the down trees and some down trees and limbs will be intentionally left on the forest floor for the benefit of wildlife and soil.

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While most of this work will occur on the ACT properties, ACT has been communicating with abutting FA-NEMBA. landowners, and the town of Franconia, all of whom are working and adapting with us. The trails which run through this section of land will be detoured during the week while the logging operation is happening. Recreation along Wells Road is extremely important; we understand this and thank you for your understanding while we work to make the area safe to recreate in again. Additionally, the town of Franconia will be working along this area of road, late summer, to increase the safety of the lineof-site and create better snow removal areas.

On June 29th ACT will host a walk-through of the property, conducted by our Conservation Ecologist and Land Manager, who will thoroughly explain the timber harvest process, discuss its benefits, and answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, please visit our website act-nh.org to register for the event and learn about trail updates and closures or call our office at (603) 823-7777 if you have questions. We are excited to begin this process to help the natural landscape along Wells Road become healthy once again.

Fourth Of July

As summer arrives it is also time to look ahead to the month of July and the biggest birthday party that is held every year. July 4 is the date of the Independence of the United States, now 248 years old. That day is remembered well and celebrated across the country. One of the best local celebrations is on the streets of Woodsville, NH and Wells River, VT as this twin state parade winds its way along Route 302, over the Veterans Bridge and wraps up more than a mile from its beginning site. The theme for this year's parade is "Let Freedom BLiNG! which will allow parade participants to take out all the stops to put on a performance to remember. If you want to be part of that parade there is no registration fee. You are simply asked to sign up in advance thru the website wwr4th.org or on the Facebook page. Then show up by 10 am on Thursday, July 4 at the Woodsville Elementary School to sign in and form up. This year the local VFW Post #5245 will lead the parade off at 11:00 am sharp. They will be followed by a wide array of participants include the Summertime Marching Band and the St. Johnsbury Alumni Band. Cash prizes for the best commercial, non-profit or family entries, as well as individual walking or riding entries will be awarded later that night on the Community Field.

The presentation of winners will happen during one of the breaks from the three live bands, the Back Shed String Band, Donna Thunder, and the Sled Wrenches. The Woodsville Community Field will also see food vendors, inflatables for the kids (and those that want to be) and flea marketers (spaces still available for \$25 each, set up by noon). A dunk tank will be on the grounds with seat spots still available (sit for an hour and half the proceeds go to the charity of your choice). Or try your hand at BINGO. Suggested donation is 50¢ per card or 3/\$1 with choice of prizes to each winner.

Of course the evening is topped off with a Gigantic Fireworks Display presented by NorthStar Fireworks of East Montpellier, VT. The best viewing spot is the Community Field where you can also buy tickets for the big cash raffle (\$1,000 top prize) The Teddy Bear Raffle (48" VT Teddy Bear and 80" square locally hand made quilt) or even the 50/50 draw that starts at 9 PM and can be claimed after the fireworks.

The entire day is funded through donations of local businesses, towns, and events on the field, and is put on by a dedicated group of volunteers. Come enjoy this fun, family day and help celebrate the nation's birthday. And don't forget to bring your Bling!







Darrell A. Louis, of Littleton, has announced he will run for one of the three seats in the New Hampshire House of Representatives -Grafton County, District for over 25 years in the 1. These seats represent the towns of Bath, insurance industry. Littleton, Lisbon, Lyman, Monroe and Sugar Hill. Town Chairs for his campaign include Ryan Bijolle - Lit- nesses." tleton; Rob Ayotte -

is a great place to live, Plymouth State Univerwork and raise children. sity. He began his fi- shire Farm Bureau.

Monroe.

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Darrell Louis Announces Candidacy for NH State Representative

I want to see that continue, by helping to and an infrastructure and regulatory environment that promotes small businesses, the backbone of our economy. I have been a small business owner financial services and firsthand what people struggle with

Hill; Mike Colby - lived and worked in Lit-Lyman and Denis Ward tleton his entire life. He "The North Country ton High School and

nancial service career with People's Bank of tleton with his wife, shooting and coaching keep taxes low, jobs for Littleton before venturall that want to work ing out on his own to open his financial service business in 2000 and built it from the ground up. Today, his office has clients from all over New Hampshire as well as 5 other states.

In his professional career, Darrell has served on the Littleton Budget Committee, Littleton every day to protect Chamber of Commerce, their homes and busi- Littleton Babe Ruth baseball/softball Darrell is a North League and the Little-Lisbon, Bath and Sugar Country native and has ton High School Alumni Association. He is a long-standing member is a graduate of Little- of Burns Lodge #66, F&AM, Littleton Elks Lodge and New Hamp-

Darrell resides in Lit-doors, clude enjoying the out- tion.

daughter and three baseball for the Littleboys. His hobbies in- ton Babe Ruth Associa-



Below is a photo of a male Rose-Breasted Grosbeak, we have also seen a female lately and hope they are nesting close by.

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Hope you're doing well. Tom Thomson

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1:00 - 3:00 Back Shed String Band

1:00-7:00 Dunk Tank (seat time available)

2:00-6:00 Free Face Painting

BINGO Under the tent 2:00-9:00 *4:30-6:30*

Donna Thunder Parade & Window Winners Announced

8:00-10:00 The Sled Wrenches Band

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brother-in-law.

In the New England

he hated skiing.

Haverhill, NH-Dennis William Smith. 74, passed away at the **Grafton County Nursing** Home on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Dennis was born on February 9, 1950, to William J. Smith Jr and Rita (Greenwood) Bixby in Haverhill, NH.

In his younger years he owned and operated his own business, Dennis's Mowing and Landscaping out of Warren, NH.

He was a member of the Warren Fire Department from 1985 to 1999 then he moved to the Haverhill area and joined the Bath Fire Department in the year 2000.

While living with his graveside service held brother Danny Bixby, Dennis had fallen down the stairs and sustained injuries to his neck and spine. Prior to his injuries he was very active and enjoyed snowmobiling, snowshoeing and watching his brother-inlaw race at White Mountain and going to Bear Ridge.

Despite living in New

Rocky Bunnell Receives Kendall Norcutt Award **OBITUARY:** from Timberland Owners Association **Dennis**

Association

Rocky and his family have been in the forest products business for three generations. Before that, his grandfather logged on the family farm. Rocky is very active in the N.H. Timber Harvesting Council, promoting Professional Logger Program (PLP) training and membership in the council and the NHTOA. He was recently certified as a Master Logger. Rocky has and continues to be an ambassador for New Hampshire timber harvesting companies regionally and nationally as he sits on several boards. Rocky's work in the advocacy front is exceptional. He takes time from work to testify on proposals harmful to the industry and timberland owners. "I show up if I'm asked," he "and sometimes said. when I'm not asked." He also takes time to advocate for the industry and

timberland landowners at the national level as a regular participant in American Loggers Council's annual Washington, D.C. fly-in. During these visits with the members of the N.H. Congressional delegation Rocky is always quick to point out the positive economic impact timber harvesting and forest industry have for the state's economy.

Rocky is also noted for his promotion of getting youth engaged in outdoor pursuits through his work with the National Wild Turkey Federation chapter North Country Longspurs and their day-long youth outdoor education program, the J.A.K.E.S. Day.

MONROE – At the 113th Annual Meeting of the N.H. Timberland Owners' (NHTOA), Rocky Bunnell was recognized as the winner of the Kendall Norcutt Award. which recognizes lifetime achievement, before an audience of 100. Bunnell was not present receive the award, as he was away in Canada bear hunting. The annual event was held at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee and included tours of the nearby Lee town forest and P.R. Russell, a wood mulch manufacturer in Brentwood.

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Weeks State Park Summer Program: The Magnificent Moose June 27,2024 7 PM Presented by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science



Explore the amazing life of the moose. Through beautiful slides, touchable artifacts and a wealth of information we will explore the life history and importance of these mammals in our natural world. Discover the population changes that have occurred over time and the role that humans play in their conservation.

The mission of the Vermont Institution of Natural History is to motivate individuals and communities to care for the environment through education, research, and avian wildlife rehabilita-

Their programs and services engage and instill in people of all backgrounds a desire to care for the wildlife and diverse natural habitats they encounter in their daily lives. The Institute offers relevant environmental programs for adults, families, and school children; also, they partner with leading conservation organizations to promote environmental science field research, At the Nature Center they operate New England's premier avian rehabilitation wildlife

Vermont Institute of Natural Science has been a leader in environmental education and wildlife conservation and care since 1972. They are known nationally for innovative natural science curricula and education programs for learners of all ages.

Vermont Institute of Natural Science is dedicated to reaching a divaried verse and audience as they move forward to accomplish their mission by acknowledging those who came before and their ties to the land.

This evening's program is sponsored by the Beliveau family.

This free program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park and will begin at 7pm. Weeks State Park is located on the east side of Route 3, approximately 2 miles south of Lancaster, NH. Carpooling is strongly suggested if possible for the events.

The summer programs are sponsored by the Weeks State Park Association, NH Division of Parks, and UNH Cooperative Extension. "Thank You" to our local business supporters who help make the summer program series possible.

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Author visit to Bath Public Library

The Bath Public Library has been awarded a Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Summer Readers Program Grant.

On June 26, 2024, at 10:00 am, as part of this grant, the award-winning Vermont author, Natalie Kinsey-Warnock will visit the Bath Public Library for a program designed to reach young readers and home-schooled students. Afterwards every child can choose two books to keep from a large selection provided by CLiF.

Natalie Kinsey-Warnock is a local children's author, famous for books such as The Bear That Heard Crying and The Canada Geese Quilt. She will tell stories of her childhood growing up on her family's farm in Vermont. Her focus will be on showing how true family stories can be inspirational, and on encouraging students to explore stories from their own families.





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North Haverhill, NH - Paula A. (Riley) Volk, 82, passed away at Grafton County Nursing Home in North Haverhill NH on May 30, 2024, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. She resided at Grafton County Nursing Home for almost five years, receiving excellent and compassionate care. She was formerly a resident of Groton, VT although spent many years living in Derry, NH; Warwick, RI; and Gainesville,

She was born June 27, 1941, in Providence, RI to Lester A. Riley and Nora C. (Shannon) Riley. She graduated from Saint Patrick's High School in Providence, RI in 1959 and spent her childhood in the greater Providence area. She married Paul F. Volk on September 5, 1960, with whom she had four children, Paul Jr., Peter, Maryellen, and Erik. They were divorced shortly after the birth of their last child, and she raised all four children on her own. She spent most of her career as a bookkeeper including many years with American Universal Life Insurance in Providence, RI, and Maddox Foundry in Archer, Florida, but also worked additional part-time

OBITUARY: Paula A. (Riley) Volk,

positions to support her family.

She was a strongwilled, feisty, generous woman who loved to make people laugh but also would not tolerate people who tried to take advantage of her. She enjoyed cooking, good food, puzzles, traveling, birdwatching, good conversation, and was an avid dog-lover.

She is survived by her daughter Maryellen Volk of Derry, NH, her son Erik Volk and husband Philip Coutu of Monroe, NH, and a cousin Ellen O'Connell and husband David of West Chester, PA. She was predeceased by her parents, as well as by her sons Peter Volk and Paul F. Volk, Jr., and her beloved granddog Biscotti.

A private family service will be held and there will be no calling hours.

Memorial donations can be made to Grafton County Nursing Home, Residents Fund, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH 03774.

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.

Letters To The Editor:

"MULTI TIME CON-**VICTED FELON TAN-**TRUMS ON"

To the Editor,

My letters to the editor over time have made clear my cleareyed appraisal of expresident Trump - a one-term, disgraced, impeached, twice lying, cheating, selfserving dangerous clown fool who has just been jury-pronounced a convicted felon - thirty four times.

He is bizarre, vindictive incoherence. Watch one of his rambling speeches sometime, in full see how long you can put up with his ill-informed idiocy.

Robert.

former President Trump is well known to readers. I am equally sure that readers have heard or read about the convictions in a State of New York court.

The guestions that will soon be answered are; what will the sentence for those convictions be, and how will the Republican party handle their convention and therefore who is placed on Gary Scruton, Editor the ballot for November.

So I don't think too much of him. I don't want to see him anywhere near the White House again, either holding office there, or planning another insurrectionist there.

To him, being president again means complete autocratic control without the time-tested controls balances on and which a democratic republic depends. No independent Department of Justice, no impartial Supreme Court, no free press.

The independent free-press to him is nothing but "fake news", "the enemy of the people". Getting rid of the free-press

is one of the most dependable ways to describe tyranny, concept Trump believes in, admires and trumpets.

What do I really think? To Trump, getting his own way is worth whatever price anyone else may have to pay - sounds pretty much like a spoiled squalling baby to me, a baby who never was held accountable or held responsible.

That just changed did it not?

Robert Roudebush Haverhill. NH

Following those will be the biggest Yes, I would say your opinion of question, what will the American people do at the polls in November?

> I have heard it more than once that "this will be the most important election in American history". Unfortunately I now equate that statement to the little boy that called "Wolf". That's because EVERY election is important, just like EVERY vote is important.



HAVERHILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Two Thousand & Twenty-Four **Annual Meeting**

Inaugural Speaker Series Presentation June 25th, 2024

Please join the Haverhill Historical Society on June 25th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Alumni Hall in Haverhill Corner, N.H. for our Annual Meeting and the first presentation of our annual Speaker Series. We will update those in attendance on the recent activities of the Society, as well as on plans for future work, and we will elect Board Officers for the coming year.

Immediately following the conclusion of business, we will commence our Speaker Series with a presentation on the Railroads of Haverhill by Board President Peter Tice. Much ink has already been spilled on the history of Haverhill railroads, and so we hope to offer a new perspective on the local route of the railroad, its relationship to the several villages of Haverhill and their commercial activities, and the changing scene through history.

Both the Annual Meeting and the Speaker Series are open to the public and are free of charge.

Light refreshments will be available.





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Adam W. Smith



OBITUARY: Nancy Helen Hood,

Newbury, VT - Nancy Helen Hood, 89, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 8, 2024. She was born on August 13, 1934, to Helen and Harry Chapman in Haverhill, NH.

Nancy attended school ried William (Bill) Hood on March 15, 1951. They bought a house on Moore Hill Road where they resided until moving into the village in 1966. They resided on Evergreen Drive for 58 years. Nancy recently moved to the Atkinson Residence in Newbury where she resided until her passing.

Nancy was a dedicated wife and stay at home mom, she and Bill raised three daughters, Joyce, Linda and Penny. Nancy babysat many children through the years and worked at the Grafton County Home for a short time. She was Bills caregiver until his passing in 2020.

She was a kind, considerate lady who liked to feed the birds, do puzzles, and crosswords. She loved visits from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and enjoyed just sitting and looking out the window to watch the birds, traffic and people.

She was predeceased

by her parents, Helen and Harry Chapman, her husband Bill, her brother Frank Cross, and her sisters, Evelyn Bigelow and Greta Morris, and a daughter, Joyce

Nancy is survived by in Haverhill, NH. She mar- her two daughters, Linda Rafeal and her husband Mickey, and Penny Parker; her grandchildren, Sara Tetro, Jamie Rafeal, Amanda Deming and fiancé, Elvis Stuart, and Staci Hood and fiancé Joe Towne; her great grandchildren, Damien, Seth, Vivian, Hayden, Preston, Grayson and Clara; as well as several nieces and nephews.

> Calling hours will be Monday June 17, 2024 from 5-7 PM at Ricker Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville, NH. There will be a graveside service on Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 11 AM, at the New Oxbow Cemetery, Oxbow Rd, Newbury, VT.

To offer the family an condolence online for Nancy, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family

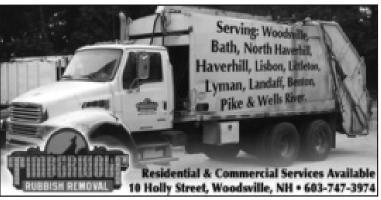
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June 18, 2024

Rainbow Falls Plymouth NH A relaxing place to visit.

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OBITUARY: George A. Beaulieu,

Hartford, VT - George A. Beaulieu, 73, passed away at Genesis in Lebanon, NH, on Monday, June 3, 2024. He was born in Danbury, CT, on February 13, 1951; he was one of 13 children of George and Maria (Duval) Beaulieu.

After graduating from Danville High School, George joined the US Army, where he spent 6 years, mostly in Germany.

George leaves one brother and six sisters.

George is predeceased by two sisters and three brothers, and his Linda (Lamarre) Beaulieu. He also leaves behind his son Christopher from a former marriage.

There are no services planned.

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









Woodsville High School National Honor Society Hosts Successful Fundraisers to Support Local Community and Students

Woodsville, NH – The G. Hampton McGaw Chapter of The National Honor Society (NHS) at Woodsville High School proudly conducted two major fundraising events in May to support community projects and student scholarships.

On May 11, 2024, the NHS hosted its inaugural floor hockey tournament Woodsville High School. This lively event mitment to community aimed to raise funds for new picnic tables at Bedell Bridge State Park, enhancing outdoor recreational facilities for community. Local businesses, including Cottage Hospital, Fireside Hearth and Leisure, Fire King Hose Company, and Boudreault Septic, participated enthusiastically alongside teams

Woodsville High School alumni and current students. The tournament concluded with the victorious team walking away with a \$150 cash prize, and the NHS successfully raised over \$800 for the picnic table fund. Encouraged by the community's response, NHS members hope to make this an annual event.

Furthering their comand educational excellence, the NHS held a car wash and bake sale on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. This event was dedicated to raising funds for the NHS Community Scholarships, intended to support the educational aspirations of Woodsville High seniors. Thanks to the generous participation of students,

community staff, and members, the event raised just over \$1200. These funds will be awarded to two deserving seniors during the Class Night ceremonies, aiding their future academic endeavors.

"The incredible support from our students, faculty, and local businesses for both events has been overwhelming," said Mrs. Jaline Mulliken, NHS Chapter Advisor. "These initiatives bring our community together and foster a spirit of service and leadership among our students."

Woodsville High School and the NHS chapter express their sincere gratitude to all participants and sponsors who contributed to the success of these events. They look forward to continued community engagement and support in their future endeavors.

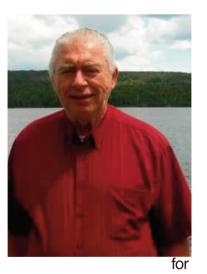
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OBITUARY: Louis Brugliera, Jr.,

Ryegate, VT - Louis Brugliera, Jr., died at the Jack Byrne Center on Friday, June 7, 2024, at 85. He was born in Brockton, MA on September 16, 1938; his parents were Josephine (Tribulauskas) and Louis Brugliera, Sr.

Louis and his two brothers, Raymond and Joseph, were raised in Mansfield, MA. He graduated from Boston Trade School in 1959, he worked for himself and his family. He volunteered for the Norton Rescue Squad and enjoyed the civil service so much that in 1966 he joined the Norton Police Department. He retired in 1986 as a Detective Sergeant.

He married Catherine (Morison) and they had two sons. They moved up to Ryegate, VT and built a home there. Louis and his wife loved to hunt for bargains and would frequent flea markets to find a great deal, then turn around and resell those items at other flea markets until they discovered eBay. He and his wife also loved to travel. After retirement, Louis took on a different civil service job, as a school bus driver



BMU. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norton, MA, and at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Woodsville, NH.

Louis was predeceased by his wife Catherine Brugliera on October 6, 2022; his parents; and his brother Raymond Brugliera.

He will be remembered by his son John Brugliera of West Lebanon; his son Robert Brugliera and wife Jennifer of Williamsburg, VA; and two grandchildren, Jacqueline and Timothy.

Calling hours for Louis will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 11 AM 12 PM at Ricker Funeral Home in Woodsville. A graveside service will follow at 12:30 PM in the Blue Mountain Cemetery of Ryegate, with Father Arockia presiding over the internment.

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Groton Planning Commission to host Open House at the Future Gateway Park



Groton, VT (June 11, 2024): The Groton Plan-Commission is ning seeking public comment in developing a community vision for the Groton Gateway Park Master Plan. The Town of Groton will soon be acquiring the former Lower Groton Hydroelectric Dam property which is adjacent to existing town property (the former stump dump & town gravel pit) on Little Italy Road. This acquisition will allow for expanded public use and recreational access along the Wells River adjacent to the railbed trail and across the River from the Village Center.

Developed concurrently with recreation project improvements to the Groton railbed and conjunction with Cross Vermont Trail and VAST Trail system, the proposed Groton Gateway Park Master Plan seeks to enhance community use and recreational access on Town land while ensuring appropriate conservation and land management practices for the area within the Wells River floodplain.

ΑII community members and recreational users of the railbed are invited to attend the public meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm justoff Little Italy Road in Groton, Vermont, with a brief project presentation overview at 6:15pm. The location of the meeting is the townowned property on Little Italy Road. To get to the open house, turn onto Little Italy Road from Powder Spring Road and follow the signs for the Open House (Approximately 1/4-mile down on the left).

For those who cannot attend, there will be an opportunity to provide feedback via a survey posted to the town's website during the public comment period from June 26 to July 14, 2024. The public's input will play an important role in shaping the future community use and recreational access in Groton Gateway Park.

Visit the Town's webwww.grotonvt.com learn more about the event and to participate in the public comment process.

JUNE IS COMING UP ROSES By: Maggie Anderson

simply the start of into their vast un-Summer for Hank knowns and to wish eration destined to and me.

Flag Day, and paying tribute to fathers evthe month in which I was born, and in which Hank and I were married - 57 years ago. I am still trying to figure out how 57 years disappeared faster than people a peregrine diving for dessert.

June is as busy for us as Grand Central Station was the first time I stood in main terminal with my dad and listened to the echo of thousands of travelers and commuters hustling toward whatever destination was paramount to each of them.

One of the things I got to do this June was to utter the words I aced my midterms, and blew my finals out of the water as well. One thing about living to be as old as I am means I got to go to college - for free. Pays to get old, don't forget that.

l'm attending graduation ceremonies tomorrow, my own course, I was only auditing my classes, but I am going to see some of my young

June is more than classmates head off change the world. Besides it marking cide which train to

To graduates ev- and erywhere, it is also erywhere, you have my best wishes for the life you always you'll be the bridge hoped for, and my to some peace in this hope that you appre- restless world. ciate the chance you've had to be a part of a group of who

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And if we're lucky

Good luck and congratulations!





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Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm feeling much better and isn't the sunshine so beautiful.

Today's recipe is a copycat of Olive Gardens

very popular soup. It's pepper flakes very "Delicioso"! My friend Lorraine from North Carolina were chatting about food and she shared one of her favorites with me and I'd like to share it with all of you. I used tered bouillon cubes instead of chicken broth but chicken broth use what you have. Also I used 2% milk and it was fine. If you kale want it a little spicy use hot Italian sausage, I chose sweet Italian sausage. I found that putting the spices in a small cup to add altogether worked out well. Remove the ribs from the kale and tear or chop leaves. I bought kale in a bag that was clean and ready to use and guesstimate 4 cups, I used 4 handfuls. It looks like a lot but when cooked it's not.

Copycat Tuscan Zuppa

with today's recipe and how to make it it's easy peasy.

Ingredients

1-2 Tbsp olive oil

1 lb Italian sausage casing removed

1 Tbsp minced garlic. 3-4 cloves

1 medium onion chopped small

1/2 tsp crushed red

1/2 tsp salt

1 tsp basil

1 tsp oregano

1 tsp thyme

4 medium russet potatoes peel and sliced thin then quar-

4 cups or 32 oz and

2 cups 1% milk

olive oil and add sausage meat breaking up as cooking. Add garlic and onion and toss to mix, add potatoes and spices toss to

So let's get started mix then add broth and milk mix. Cook for about 15-20 minutes add kale pushing it down into the soup and cook for another 15-20 minutes or until kale is cooked. Serve hot and add Parmesan cheese on top.

That's it you are done. Your family will love it, serve it with garlic bread or crusty bread. We enjoyed a bottle of Chardonnay with it also. Remember to drink responsibly. It reheats well in microwave or on top of the stove. I thought it was different will definitely make it again.

Well folks that's it 4 cups of chopped for today's recipe. I know you will love it In a soup pan heat and your family will think you are a star so enjoy. Please give this recipe a try you will be surprised how good it is. Stay safe and healthy my friends.

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