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Woodsville Wells River 4th of July Festivities Ready to Shine.

With a theme of "Let Freedom Bling" the Woodsville Wells River 4th of July parade is bound to offer plenty of glitz and glamor along with all the other aspects of a great parade. As usual the parade will stop off at 11:00 am from the end of Montebello Street in Woodsville. It then travels westerly on Central Street (Route 302) crossing into Vermont and disbands after looping thru downtown Wells River. Some time during parade time there is also the promise of a fly over by the Vermont Air National Guard out of Burlington. For those who would like to still be part of

the parade, registrations can be done on July 4 at Woodsville Elementary School. There is no cost to participate and there are cash prizes in three different categories. The parade also features plenty of local fire departments with their shined up units, plus two bands, VFW and American Legion marching units and



with food vendors, a flea market, Vertical Attractions with inflatables, a climbing wall and bungee jump. Plus

there is a Bingo tent with winners choice of prize, and a Dunk Tank. The list for this year's seat riders includes 1:00 David Binford - from Wounded Warriors, 2:00 April Dyke - Trendy Times owner, 3:00 Nick Thompson - American Legion Commander,

4:00 Corey Thompson, SAL Member, 5:00 Darren Sherburne - Cohase Chamber of Commerce President, and 6:00 a currently open seat. waiting for you to raise money for your favorite non-profit organization.

Also on the field will be DJ Mike playing the tunes you request. At 1:00 the Back Shed String Band plays blue grass music. Donna Thunder and her band will entertain with country/rock music from 4:30 - 6:30. And the final band of the day is the Sled Wrenches with an eclectic mix.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Tuttles Family Diner By April Dyke

Well this issue I decided to take my gorgeous mom aka Marsha, out to breakfast since she came to visit for a while and wanted to visit the old/new diner that was a favorite while she was living here years ago. Originally it was well known as TJ's Diner. That is now Tuttles Family Diner. Always a favorite. As not much has changed. We showed up there and as always they were busy. We sat down at a table and the waitress

what we wanted to drink. I decided on an iced coffee and asked for some flavored creamer which they had and were happy to give me some. Mom decided on some hot chocolate. When she brought our drinks she gave us a menu. I knew what I wanted already. As per usual, my bacon, sausage, onions, mushrooms with cheddar cheese omelette. With Sour-dough toast. Extra butter, of course, and home fries and a side of sausage gravy.. She decided on

French toast with over easy eggs, and bacon.. We got to talking for a bit we found out that it was Jennifer's birthday, and I was asked if I wanted to sign the card which I most certainly did as I have known her for many years. At one point worked with her. Her husband, Aaron was of course, hustling and bustling behind the counter to make our delicious food. We were Reminiscing while our food was getting cooked. It came to our table and looked amazing as I knew it would be. Aaron did not disappoint. Everything was great. We ate and

talked and I could only eat half. As it was such a large portion. Mom also had to get a to go box for her French toast. I got the bill which came to \$36.50 which I paid at the bill counter and left a good tip. We went and ran the errands we needed to. If you like a pleasant diner experience I would highly suggest you check this place out. Also be sure to check out all the signs that are all around the diner. They will give you a chuckle. They certainly did my mom.

Until next time, I hope everyone has an amazing next two weeks check out WYKR the Friday before the paper comes out. Take care where I will be going next. I am on the radio about 7:03 AM. Please have a happy and safe Fourth of July.



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Of course there will be announcements of parade winners as well as the window display winners. Then at 9:00 the first of three raffle drawings. The first winner gets a 48" VT Teddy Bear and a hand made 80" square quilt. Second and third prizes are tickets for the big cash drawing that comes next. That drawing has a top prize of \$1,000 and a total of \$2,4000 in prizes. The third and final drawing will be a 50/50 draw sold just before the fireworks with the winner posted at the field office.

Of course the finale of the day will be a 30 minute fireworks show that brings plenty of ooh's and ahh's from the crowd as NorthStar Fireworks is on the high ground in Wells River while most watchers are on the low ground in

Woodsville. It is a great show.

The entire day's package continues to be produced by a small group of volunteers that do plenty and have lots of fun doing it. But the real heroes are the many, many local businesses and communities that make yearly donations toward this event. Nearly 75% of the needed funds for the day are thru this method and the committee can not thank the business community enough for their willingness to step up.

For a full schedule or to register for the parade visit our FaceBook page or go to www.wvr4th.org. Come celebrate the birth of our nation 248 years ago, and don't forget this year to do it with plenty of Bling!

OBITUARY: Georgia L. Swanson,



Pike, NH – Georgia L. Swanson, 95, formerly of North Apollo, PA, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Parks, Armstrong County, PA, on October 16, 1928.

She was the daughter of the late George and Olive Baustert. She was preceded in death by her husband Maurice "Bob" Swanson, her daughter Sandra Ablog of New London, CT, and her sisters Arlene Anderson and Margorie Walker. She is survived by her children; Nancy (Clif) Martelle of Groton, CT, James (Sandy) Gearhart of Gwinn, MI, Georgia Carol (Mike) Penkert of Pike, NH, and John (Nancy) Gearhart of Lower Burrell, PA;

Georgia resided with her daughter Carol and husband Mike for the past 15 years where she spent many happy years. She truly enjoyed life to its fullest.

She will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, wife and grandmother who always took a loving interest in her family.

A private internment, next to her husband Bob, will be at Greenwood Memorial Park, Lower Burrell, PA.

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

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numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, and two nieces.

Georgia was full of life. She neither looked, nor acted like she was 95. She loved to travel, play bingo and go to the casino. She found most joy in spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always looked forward to the holidays, so she could be with her family.

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11:00 AM Gigantic Parade

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Schedule of Events at the Woodsville Community Field

Located just south of Route 302 on Route 135

12:00 noon Flea Market, Vertical Attractions & Food Vendors

1:00 - 3:00 Back Shed String Band (Blue Grass)

1:00-7:00 Dunk Tank

2:00-6:00 Free Face Painting

2:00-9:00 BINGO Under the Tent

4:30-6:30 Donna Thunder (Country/Rock)

7:30 Parade & Window Winners Announced

8:00-10:00 The Sled Wrenches Band (Eclectic Mix)

9:00 Raffle Winners drawn & announced

9:00-10:00 50/50 Raffle (winner posted at office)

DUNK TANK SCHEDULE

- 1:00 David Binford - Wounded Warriors
 - 2:00 April Dyke - Trendy Times owner
 - 3:00 Nick Thoimpson - American Legion Commander
 - 4:00 Corey Thompson SAL Member
 - 5:00 Darren Shurbrun - Cohase Chamber of Commerce President
 - 6:00 Open
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Are you anticipating an inheritance someday? If so, you may want to discuss it with your parents or other family members who may be leaving you the assets — because early, open communication will benefit everyone involved.

However, many people are reluctant to have these conversations. More than a third of Americans do not plan on discussing a transfer of wealth with their families, according to a recent study by Edward Jones in partnership with NEXT 360 Partners and Morning Consult. And the same study found that only about a quarter of Americans have actually discussed generational wealth transfer with their families.

Perhaps this low level of communication is not surprising — clearly, talking about wealth transfer and estate plans can be emotional. But having these discussions is important, for several reasons:

Strengthening family bonds — Generational wealth transfer shouldn't be seen simply as a transactional event. By discussing your parents' plans and wishes, and your own expectations, you can build a sense of unity and shared purpose. And you can de-

Talk to your family about wealth transfer!!!

velop a common philosophy about how your family's legacy goals will be carried forward through the succeeding generations.

Avoiding unpleasant surprises — If you or other family members are expecting a certain inheritance and things turn out differently, disappointment and bad feelings may occur. But this can be avoided by having a discussion beforehand that clearly outlines your parents' intentions. You still may not agree with them, but at least you'll know what to expect — and you won't make the mistake of acting in advance on any assumptions about what you'll inherit.

Developing appropriate strategies — Passing on wealth to a new generation as part of an overall estate plan can be more complex than you might think. Are your parents using tax-smart strategies? Would they benefit from establishing a living trust? Are the beneficiary designations on their retirement accounts and life insurance policies accurate and up to date? If you suspect your parents may not have properly addressed these issues, you may want to bring up the benefits of working with an estate-planning attorney and a tax advisor.

Protecting against incapacitation — Many people go through their senior years with few, if

any, physical or mental impairments. But there are no guarantees. If one or both of your parents were to become incapacitated and unable to handle their financial affairs, it could cause serious problems with their wealth transfer and estate-planning goals. But if you can discuss your parents' plans with them while they are healthy and alert, you can encourage them to take the proper steps, such as reviewing outdated estate-planning documents and designating you or another family member as power of attorney to make health care and financial decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated.

While the benefits of having wealth-transfer and estate-planning discussions are clear, starting the conversations can be tricky. You need to show that you want to initiate these talks because you're concerned that proper plans need to be in place and understood by everyone involved. If you have a good relationship with your parents, you should be able to start these conversations, but you'll still need to be sensitive when bringing up the subject.

One final word: Estate plans can take some time to develop — so, the sooner you have these discussions, the better.

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

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To the caregivers who took wonderful care of her while she was at her home.

To the entire staff at The Atkinson Home, thank you so very much for the excellent care she was given during her time there.

A special thank you to Kathy Butler for the love and care and for giving her the memories of caring for you in your younger years. We know how much she appreciated you all at The Atkinson.

To DR. Faye Homan, thank you for your excellent care for over the 25 years of being her trusted doctor.

To the Hospice team, Thank you for your special care.

To Ricker Funeral Home, Adam, Ari and staff. Thank you for your guidance and caring ways thru this process, it was so very much appreciated.

To Melissa Gould, Thank you for the beautiful graveside service. Think it would have definitely been mom approved and thank you for letting us sit with you on your day off.

To Karen at Antique Rose, the flowers were absolutely beautiful, you did an excellent job as always.

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OBITUARY: Ronald Dean Sulham (aka Grimace, Ronnie),



Woodsville, NH – Beloved son, brother, and a friend to many, Ronald Dean Sulham (aka Grimace, Ronnie), passed away suddenly at home in Woodsville, NH, the week of June 9th at the age of 71. Ronnie (best known most of his life as Grimace) was born September 17th, 1952, at the Old Cottage Hospital to Betty J. (Lafrance) and Milford Sulham.

Growing up Ronnie enjoyed playing baseball and annoying his brothers; otherwise, he was a friendly and kind person to all he met, always willing to take the time to chat. When he was around 8 years old, he believed he was Superman and would often imitate that character. One evening he was determined he could fly, attempting his skill by leaping off a kitchen chair and falling face-first onto an open oven door knocking out one of his top front teeth. The gap that resulted became part of his trademark smile throughout the remainder of his life.

Ronnie attended Wells River School from first grade through his freshman year when the High School closed. He attended Woodsville High School for one year. After leaving school for a year, he returned to complete his HS

degree in 1972 at Blue Mountain Union High School. Post HS he worked various jobs in Vermont, Illinois, and New Hampshire. He retired from New England Wire in 2018. Ronnie was an avid sports fan cheering on and complaining about his favorite teams, which obviously were the Boston Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots, and Bruins. He also enjoyed following sports played by his nephews and nieces.

Ronnie was predeceased in 2005 by both his parents Betty J. (Lafrance) and Milford Sulham. Family and friends were most important to Ronnie. Ronnie, you will be missed by many, loved by more, and cherished forever.

If anyone wishes to honor Ronnie's life with a donation, please give to your favorite charity or to your local sports programs.

For all interested, a graveside service will held at the Pine Grove Cemetery on July 8th, at 1 PM.

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

OBITUARY: Beverly Rollins,



BRADFORD-Beverly Rollins 93, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 23rd, at Valley View on Cottage Street in Bradford VT. She was born and grew up in the Coventry, Vermont area, graduating from Orleans High School in 1947 at 16. She lived in Massachusetts for a while and then came back to Vermont, settling in Newbury for much of her life. Later, she lived in Bradford, VT, Las Vegas, NV, Lebanon, NH, back in Newbury, VT, and finally Bradford again.

She held many different jobs over the years working for the police, a nursing home, electric and gas companies, Dartmouth College, Newbury Town Treasurer, and senior meals, as well as owning and running her own restaurant with her husband and family, Kenhensha Lodge. She was a 4-H leader for many years and a member of the VFW Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary and West Newbury Church.

She was predeceased by her Mom, Pearl (Powers) Herrick, Dad, Alonzo Herrick, brother,

James (Lillian) Herrick, sister, Laura (Alton) Cutting, a niece, Barbara Herrick, 3 nephews, Buddy Cutting, Jimmy Herrick, and Bill Herrick, son-in-law, Ken Demars, and her husband of 50 years, Charles Rollins, and 3 Rollins nephews, Billy Rollins, Tommy Towle, Bobby Rollins, and a niece, Linda Farquharson.

She is survived by her 6 children, Eva (Paul) Ciampaglia of Northfield, VT, Sarah Demars of Corinth, VT, David (Linda) Rollins of Allenstown and Stewartstown, NH, Robin (Bill) Rowell of Newbury, VT, Matthew Rollins of Lebanon, NH, and Stephen Rollins of St. George, VT. 9 grandchildren, Wendall

(Terri Weston) Rollins, David Erwin, Bill (Victoria) Rowell, Gidget Rollins, Melody (Joe) Lange, Jerome Rollins, Adria Ciampaglia, Brandy (Tom) Pelletier, and Carissa (Chris Moreno) Ciampaglia. 21 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The service and burial will be held July 13, 2024, at 11:00 am at Newbury Center Town House.

In lieu of flowers for the service, flowers may be sent to the residents of Valley View at Cottage Street, 92 Cottage ST, Bradford VT in Bev's Honor or contributions can be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH, 88 Prospect ST, WRJ VT 05001

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July 6: David's House Benefit Modified Madness *
July 13: Mid-Season Championship (DP)- Kids Rides ~ plus GSMS
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July 27: Dirt Stock Madness & 4/6 Cylinder Enduro
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Aug 10: Topless Night - Bradford Bull Dogs Benefit
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Aug 24: Week Seventeen
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Skid Row's Gentrification

By:

Maggie Anderson

BUDDY CAN YOU SPARE A GRAND?

In an effort to address the homeless problem, Los Angeles is now gentrifying Skid Row.

The folks holding the purse strings - those attached to the \$1.2 BILLION bundle dropped in their laps as a result of Prop HHH - have just held a Grand Opening for the first of three high rise apartment buildings in Skid Row. The first of the three erected to the tune of 165 million bucks.

But California's taxpayers, who are footing the bill, need not worry too much about how those monies are being spent, by the time the third tower is completed, this particular project will house 700 of the state's approx 181,000 homeless inhabitants.

At the grand, Grand Opening it was said that people who've been living on the streets deserve a place they're proud to call home. It was said all the amenities, the cafe, gym, music and art rooms, community gardens and common balcony areas - with spectacular views of the LA skyline, and sweeping vistas of the San Gabriel Mountains - and all the community

services, like drug and alcohol abuse treatments, optional, of course - are to help residents heal, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

I don't know about California's taxpayers, but my guess is plenty of them, people who have worked their entire lives, and still could not afford to rent an apartment in a complex like this first of the Skid Row Trio, would be happy to see if their, physical, mental, and emotional wounds could be soothed in one of those brand new state of the art dwellings themselves.

The units in the first tower were built for a mere 600 thousand dollars each. With prices going up so rapidly, and continuously, plans for another project have already come in at over a million dollars per unit. Per unit.

LA's mayor, Karen Bass, says she hopes the Skid Row project will serve as a model that can be replicated city-wide.

Once California's residents are taxed out of the homes they worked a life time to pay for, where will the billions come from to house them once they're sleeping on the street?



Paul Warren Anderson, 70, of Lincoln, NH, and formerly from East Hampton, CT, passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 22, 2024.

Paul was born on September 5, 1953, to Corinne (Ramsdell) Anderson and John Anderson in Middletown, CT. He was the second oldest in a family of five boys. Sunday dinners were important throughout Paul's childhood. Every Sunday, his mother would make a large noontime dinner, followed by ice cream for supper, "Sundaes on Sunday". Paul also enjoyed playing baseball in the front yard with his brothers and children from the neighborhood. Paul was skilled in trick basketball shots; In high school, Paul was given the nickname "Earl" after Earl "the pearl" Monroe, due to his fondness for basketball as a hobby.

Paul attended East Hampton Highschool and Vinyl Tech for trade school before joining the US Army. He joined the Army in 1971, completing basic training out of Fort Benning, GA. After basic training, Paul was a

lineman, and studied to be a mechanic, working on Hewey and Bell Ranger helicopters. He was discharged from service in 1974.

Paul enjoyed many hobbies throughout his life. He enjoyed playing pool and shooting darts. He was in a league playing darts competitively with his older brother, Jack. Other hobbies he enjoyed were cooking, baking, gardening, hiking, woodworking/drafting, riding his 1982 Honda Gold Wing motorcycle, and watching movies. Out of all of his lifetime hobbies, photography was by far his favorite. Paul was always known as "the man behind the camera" at weddings and numerous family events. To sum it all up, in Paul's own words, "I'm a Jack of all trades, but a master of none."

Paul met Mary E. Elliott in 1976, and married in 1980. They were married for 36 years.

Paul and Mary have two boys, Aaron Thomas Anderson, and Ryan Cody Anderson.

Predeceased are his parents Corrine and John, and

brothers Leonard and Kevin. He is survived by his brothers Jack Anderson, and Darryl Anderson. He is also survived by his sons Aaron and Ryan and their wives, 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and many nieces, nephews, and family friends.

A Celebration of Life is planned on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at Monroe Town Hall in Monroe, NH at 2 pm. Burial will be held privately. The family of Paul asks that anyone attending the celebration of life that owns a motorcycle, to meet at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville at 1PM, kick stands up at 1:30, for Paul's final ride.

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OBITUARY:
**Ellen
Gertrude
Dugdale,**

Oakdale, Louisiana: Ellen Gertrude Dugdale passed away May 10, 2024 in Allen Oaks Nursing Home, where she had been for several years.

She was born March 29, 1941 in Hanover, NH. Raised in Bradford, VT.

Predeceased by her parents Charles and Mildred Dugdale and son Leon Moulton, Jr. She is survived by a son Rockwood Moulton, of MA. A daughter Dawn Marie Jacobs of VT. Brother Leonard and sister-in-law Betty

Dugdale of VT, Sister Sharon and brother-in-law Calvin Cooley, of KY.

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Her remains were laid to rest in Oakhill Cemetary in Bellows Falls, VT.

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**COLONIAL RECEIVES \$100,000 IN
CDFA TAX CREDITS FOR ENERGY
AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECT**



The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH was recently named a member of the 2024 Tax Credit Award cohort announced by the Community Development Finance Authority. Recipients of the award are granted funding through state tax credits for projects that further community development in New Hampshire. The Colonial Theatre received \$100,000 in tax credits to support its ongoing Energy and Technology Project, including solar panels, roofing, insulation, heat-sealing projects, and technical upgrades to stage lighting, sound, projection, and front-of-house systems.

"This is an incredible investment in the future of The Colonial," Executive Director Brenna Nicely explained. "Supporting necessary upgrades to our energy efficiency and technology will not only benefit our building, but will also help us contribute to the sustainability of our community, continue to improve the experience of our audience, and take steps towards offering high-quality arts experiences to our

community through an extended season."

The Colonial's tax credits award recognizes the importance of The Colonial to the economic health of our community. According to Americans for The Arts, in a typical year, the Theatre returns over \$500,000 in economic stimulation to the North Country.

"This award marks an important milestone for these important projects at our beloved, historic theatre. Over the next two years, as we roll out these improvements, The Colonial will become more energy efficient, so that we can invest our resources more thoughtfully in our mission to invite and inspire cultural conversation. It is an incredible show of support from our community that these projects are already 88% funded, and I invite those interested in contributing to support the cultural enrichment, inspiration, and expanded horizons that The Colonial has always and will continue to offer our community," Nicely added.

\$6.6 million worth of tax credit awards announced by CDFA on June 18 will have a significant impact on initiatives that advance local community economic development goals and

build capacity within New Hampshire's nonprofit sector. To learn more about this program, visit www.nhcdfa.org.

In further recognition of these important projects, The Colonial has been awarded funding amounting to 88% of the project cost, including a \$267,671 Northern Borders Regional Commission Catalyst Award, a \$51,000 Congressionally Directed Spending Request, a \$16,530 Cultural Facilities Grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and more from private foundations and individual contributions.

A revitalized Colonial has for over two decades, provided the North Country with outstanding music, films, community and family events. The opportunity to switch to renewable, efficient energy and to state-of-the-art technology demonstrates the support of The Colonial's mission and presence in our community.

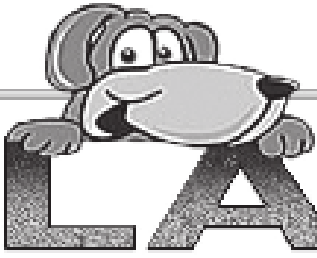
Those who are interested in The Colonial's tax credits or in contributing to the future of The Colonial can visit the Theatre's website at www.Bethlehem-Colonial.org. While you are there sign up for The Colonial's regular e-blasts so you won't miss a beat!

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New & Old at 80th Annual North Haverhill Fair

2024 will see the presentation of the 80th annual North Haverhill Fair. All that tradition continues to shine thru with so many of the long time favorite attractions and competitions. But there are also plenty of new twists and events this year.

For the last 25 years or so one of the big attractions at the North Haverhill Fair has been the Friday and Saturday night concerts. Celebrating 80 years it was easy to look at 80's music to fill the stage with great sounds. To that end, "Resurrection, A Journey Tribute" returns for another night of nostalgia and some "right on" music on Friday, July 26 at 8:30 PM. They will be followed by "AXIS - 80's Party" on Saturday night at 8:00 PM. This collaborative band hits all the notes that the 80's are remembered for.

Also on Saturday attendees to the fair are asked to dress in their best 80's garb to add to the excitement. There may even be some special perks for those who make the effort.

Of course the fair is much more than music. On Thursday night there will be plenty of action in the air as the Outer Limits Freestyle Tour takes to the pulling track to show off their high flying acrobatics. This motorcycle show will certainly please

young and old alike with the promise of 60 minutes of thrills.

If you like your thrills more on a personal note than you will have four chances to get a great ride special from the new carnival ride provider, Fanelli Amusements. A \$35.00 wrist band will be available Wednesday and Thursday from 5-10 pm, and on Friday and Sunday from noon - 5 pm. All other fair times will offer single and multiple ticket pricing. Plus you can get a \$5.00 discount if you purchase in advance thru Fanelli's website.

For those looking for a quieter and perhaps more profitable adventure, come to the Thayer Stage on Sunday at 1:00 to be sent out on a Scavenger Hunt. Cash prizes for the top three winners.

The North Haverhill Fair would not be complete without the many standard events. Ox pulling on Wednesday and Thursday. Ponies pull on Wednesday & Friday, and horses have classes Friday, Saturday & Sunday. There is also a draft horse show on Sunday and an open ox show on Saturday.

For motorized pulling you can see tractors pull Friday with a stone boat or Saturday with a transfer sled. Mini tractors also pull on Saturday. A youth tractor

pull takes place Sunday morning. Or take part in the mini-excavator Rodeo on Friday or the Log Loader competition on Saturday evening. Bookending all these events are the Demolition Derby on Wednesday evening and the 4x4 truck pull on Sunday afternoon.

Every day of the North Haverhill Fair there will be multiple shows of Wee, Wee, Wee Racing Pigs and the Aim High Canines. Plus you can always walk thru the President's Commercial Building to see a wide variety of vendors, or the Stoddard Arts & Crafts building to see the work of 4-Hers, Grange members and the general public. Or walk thru the newly constructed Antique Farm Museum or the Blaisdell Maple Museum. Next door to those buildings will be the Antique Tractor line up who will do a parade around the grounds Friday, Saturday & Sunday. All that exploring will be sure to work up an appetite and there will be a vast array of food vendors sure to treat your taste buds.

There is all this action and more at the 80th Annual North Haverhill Fair. General admission for all this is \$15. Children 5-12 get in for \$3, and those under 5 are free. Parking is also free. For full details and a complete schedule visit www.nohaverhillfair.com or follow us on Facebook.

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Letters To The Editor:



OBITUARY: Michael Raymond Penkert (Bullit),

Pike, NH – Michael Raymond Penkert (Bullit), 76, loving husband, son, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on April 30, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

Michael was born on May 3, 1947, in San Diego, CA, to Ray and Jeanette Penkert.

Michael had a passion for cycling all through his life, he did a lot of competing during his teenage years and ended up qualifying for the Olympic trials in New York in 1964. Mike did not make it to the Olympics, but it was a dream come true to have made it to the Olympic trials. He continued riding his bike until a year before he passed away.

Michael graduated from Grossmont High School in 1965, after which he traveled through Europe for a year. He went into the Army for a short period of time and was honorably discharged when the Vietnam war ended. He spent most of his life in the field of education, earning degrees from numerous colleges. He continued his education throughout his life and settled in the field of counseling psychology. In 2006 he became a Clinical Mental Health Counselor.

Michael enjoyed being outdoors, he found joy in the simple things like biking, hiking and above all he enjoyed

going on long walks. He took great joy in going for ice cream (he loved ice cream) and listening to music, especially his favorite singer/song writer, Bob Dylan. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and attending events that his grandchildren were in. He was known to his grandchildren as Papa, and he loved them very much.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Jeanette and his brother Mark Penkert. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Carol Penkert, daughters, Heather Boutin and husband Adam of Pike, NH, Jennifer Kingsbury and husband Willy of Topsham, VT and Patricia DeGoosh and husband Bradley of Bradford, VT. Seven grandchildren, Lauren and Chase Gandin, Brody and Ava Kingsbury and Emma, Lillian and Keyes DeGoosh. Two nieces Jaylie Casey of CA and Eva Shaw of OR.

A celebration of life will be held sometime this summer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

To offer the family online condolences for Michael, please visit www.rickerfh.com

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

To the Editor:

Mr. Roudebush's hate filled, vindictive letter to the editor (June 18, 2024), written in bold type to add emphasis I assume, went beyond the pale. Initially, I thought I shouldn't waste my time responding to such dribble, filled with so much hate and misinformation. The more I thought about it, I decided it did require a response. I will try to be brief in my comments, as to fully address Mr. Roudebush's comments would greatly exceed the recommended Trendy Times word limit. It would behoove the readers, as well as Mr. Roudebush, to go back and read my letter to the editor of June 4, 2024 (Trendytimes.com, past issues) where I succinctly highlighted and outlined in great detail the accomplishments of the Trump Administration.

Apparently, he has forgotten those accomplishments, including the robust economy as well as the safe country we had during the four years of the Trump Administration. We had a world with no major wars, relative peace in the Mideast, and we were on the verge of expanding the Abraham Accords, negotiated by the Trump Administration.

Alex,

When I first started Trendy Times and made the decision to answer all the Letters to the Editor I knew there would be times when I would be at a loss for words. Those that know me well may not believe that, but sometimes it is hard to answer.

I fully respect your opinion as well as the opinion of each and every citizen of this country. That does not mean I agree, or disagree, with any of them. The right to your own opinion is a cornerstone of this great country.

In addition, the U.S. Embassy in Israel was moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, finalizing a 1995 law that required the move which previous presidents failed to do. I guess Mr. Roudebush is happy with the high prices of energy, grocery items, restaurant prices, as well as most other consumer goods, housing/rental costs, placing first time home ownership out of the question for most young people, all fueled by record high inflation. I guess he has no problem with the fact that Biden lifted the Trump imposed sanctions on Iran, releasing close to 100 billion dollars of funds (Daily Signal) consequently allowing them to reconstitute the terrorist groups of Hamas and Hezbollah. Apparently, he is okay with our open borders, allowing illegal aliens to enter the country by the tens of millions, gotaways exceeding two million, and unaccompanied migrant children by over 130,000 (Customs and Border Patrol, CBP). Maybe the sex trafficking, rape and murder of young children and women, the deaths of over 100,000 Americans annually by fentanyl overdoses doesn't trouble Mr. Roudebush. I could go and on, but the disastrous

policies of the Biden Administration are responsible for the chaos and trouble we are facing in this country today.

According to Mehلمان Consulting, 73% of the American public think the country is headed in the wrong direction, while only 38% (Economist/YouGov) approved of how Biden is handling the economy. This November 5th will arguably be the most important election in our life time. We cannot tolerate another four years of inept leadership by a cognitively challenged President and the fumbling reprobates who are advising him, which has only subjected us to chaos and turmoil, uncontrolled borders, rising crime, world in turmoil, and an overall decline of our country. Now, you may not like Trump, but you can't argue with the facts. There is only one clear choice and that is to reelect Donald J. Trump to restore sanity and stability to our beloved country.

Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

With that said, there are certainly going to be differences. Sometimes small and sometimes very, very large. But above all we need to stay civil to each other as well as to those we criticize. I strongly believe that it is by disagreeing, and then working out a solution together, that we arrive at the best way to move forward. It should not be who is right and who is wrong, but what is the best for the whole country.

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Letters To The Editor:

Biden's Latest Farce And A Note to a Coward
To the Editor,

Biden recently issued an executive order banning asylum most illegal immigrants. He stated that he is "moving past Republican obstruction and using executive authorities available to me as president to do what I can on my own to address the border." He really thinks that the American public would actually believe that he wants the border secured? The past three and a half years truly prove otherwise.

The immigrants have had an open highway into our country. Everyone realizes that he purposefully flew in illegals on commercial planes and allowed them to pour into our country over the southern border by the millions. These illegals are not vetted and have been showered with benefits paid for by the US citizens tax dollars.

For example, Sonya Labasco, a former US Air Marshal supervisor along with other Air Marshals, are speaking out on how the Biden administration US Air Marshals are being taken off the flights and are being placed on the border. They are ordered to help illegals by handing out sandwiches, water, clothing and driving

them to the hospital and to airports. I have a friend out of state who has to pay big money for his wife to be transported to the hospital for dialysis treatments. Insurance won't cover it. But these un-vetted illegals get free rides to the hospitals for free health care? And by our US Marshals? The people who support Biden should realize that he could care less about their well being. Well soon after his executive order, Biden's true colors showed through. He sent an internal memo to the Border Patrol instructing agents in the San Diego sector to release single adults from most countries in the Eastern Hemisphere and classify them as "hard" or "very hard" to remove. Recently, a pastor thanked Trump for visiting "the hood" at the fundraiser in Los Angeles and stated that Obama and Biden never attended this event. It's obvious that Biden only cares about votes, power, money and the destruction of our country.

Lastly, here is a "shout out" to "Mr Coward". He is a person who anonymously writes to me and a friend of mine who writes conservative letters to the editor. He sends letters to our home addresses without ever put-

ting his name or return address. He calls us ignorant among many other nasty things. I publicly invited him in a LTE a while back to write in and rebut what we are saying and give his own opinion, and that he would be respected for it. This is what the first amendment is all about. But he is too cowardly for that. He just wants to harass us. So I just rip up his envelope when he sends it. Why read trash sent from trash? Well, he tried to trick me this last time. He sent an envelope with an Arizona republican candidate heading on it and with my name and address written on it with a pen. I knew it was a phony right then and opened it just enough to see his "third grade mentality garbage" enclosed and discarded it. This person must be EXTREMELY low functioning. Why does he do this? Maybe it gives him a sense of control. Maybe he doesn't have much of that in his own life. Who knows? Maybe he even needs someone to read him the newspaper. In a way I cannot be angry at him. He seems to be sad and pathetic. His punishment is having to live with himself.

Alex Foryan
Landaff, NH

To the Editor,

Hat's off to Robert Briggaman for his excellent letter to the editor in the June 4 issue of Trendy Times. He thoroughly eviscerated the author of a letter in a previous issue that reeked of sloppy, uninformed, left-wing vitriol. Mr. Briggaman shredded the other writer's arguments (if you can call them "arguments") with solid research and clear writing, and he backed up every assertion with source references. His point, of course, was a defense of Donald Trump and contempt for the current occupant of the White House and his disastrous policies.

Joe Biden is the worst president in American history and has done irreparable damage to this country in just a few short years. It is tragic and almost laughable that

JP,

Every person is entitled to their own opinion, and I will always stand up for that right as I have stated on many occasions in these responses.

But pardon me, please, if I take a bit of an exception to something in your letter. I will begin by saying this; shortly after Mr. Trump left office a writer called me out for not showing enough respect for a former president. At this time I would ask that you do the same for a sitting president. Respect should be shown for the office, whether or not you respect the person currently holding that position. That should be the norm for any office at any level, whether it be government, military, or civilian life. A little respect can gain much in return.

I will not step down from my soapbox.
Gary Scruton, Editor

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Gary Scruton, Editor








WHITEFIELD, NH - June 24, 2024 - The WeatherVane Theatre proudly presents What the Constitution Means to Me. Sponsored by the Martland Family Fund, this "endearingly funny and deeply affecting" (Washington Post) play performs in alternating repertory June 26 - July 6, 2024.

ABOUT

Fifteen-year-old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions across the U.S. In this hilarious, hopeful, and achingly human new play, she resurrects her teenage self to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives. Pulitzer Prize finalist and a Tony Award nominee, Schreck's timely and boundary-breaking show breathes new life into our Constitution and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans.

What the Constitution Means to Me stars Kelly Strandemo as Heidi.

"As someone with a tradition of rereading the



Constitution every Presidential Inauguration Day, I was really excited to see this show on Broadway in 2019," said Strandemo. "I thought it was smart, funny, heartbreaking, and intensely human. The brilliance of the play is that it is incredibly specific to Heidi Schreck's life, and yet in that specificity, we somehow find the universality of our common story."

Now in her fourth season at the WeatherVane, Strandemo's on-stage appearances include Beautiful, North Country Shakes, and The Congresswomen. Also a playwright, Strandemo authored The Congresswomen and WeatherVane's first commissioned play—the award-winning Primary. Strandemo shares additional parallels with Constitution's author, Heidi Schreck.

"Like Heidi, I used scholarship money from the American Legion to help pay for college," said Strandemo. "My dad was a proud Legionnaire and would occasionally judge the type of contests you'll see on stage. And as a playwright who often writes about the theatrics

of politics, there's a shared sensibility for sure that makes playing this role incredibly personal. But also, simply living as a woman in this country means I would have had a lot of parallels to this story even without that background."

Joining Strandemo in the cast for What the Constitution Means to Me is Nathaniel P. Claridad and local youth performers Ophelia Beebe (Lisbon Regional School) and Claudia Canuto (St. Johnsbury Academy).

Performed to in-person audiences only, masks are not required, but always welcomed. The theatre has a new HVAC/Air Purification System that filters the air and provides heat and air conditioning.

What the Constitution Means to Me opens Wednesday, June 26th, and performs in alternating repertory through Saturday, July 6th. It runs 90 minutes with no intermission and is recommended for ages 12+ due its thoughtful discussions regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and abortion. Contains adult language and themes.



Season 59 tickets start at \$24. A limited number of rush tickets for people ages 35 and under for What the Constitution Means to Me are available one hour before showtime for \$10. Rush tickets must be purchased in person at the box office. Cash only. Valid ID required.

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NH Legislative Update

Since 2008, New Hampshire's K-12 public school population has dropped from 210,000 to 160,000 students; a 24% decrease. In addition, the Community College System New Hampshire and the University System New Hampshire enrollments between FY20 and FY23 dropped 14% and 18% accordingly. NH's shrinking student demographic is impacting funding formulas and has forced education administration and school boards to further seek efficient use of limited resources. Earlier this year, the Department of Education released the state-wide average cost per pupil for the 22-23 school year. The average operating cost per K-12 pupil of \$20,323 was a 4.8% in-

crease from the previous year.

Recognizing these costing issues, I was asked by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House to chair a working group comprising representatives from Finance, Ways and Means, and the Education Policy committee to evaluate the successes and shortcomings of the K-12 education funding formula. This group did recommend significant changes for: the per pupil cost of an adequate education, a differentiated adequacy weighted formula supporting special education services, and shortly thereafter, the House passed legislation to redirect access Statewide Property Tax (SWEPT) revenue back to the Edu-

cation Trust Fund to assist property poor towns. Although passed by the House, the bills were later derailed in the Senate.

I am particularly excited to convey that HB1450 passed. As a guest, on WMUR's "New Hampshire Business" several weeks ago, the host stated to me, "Your legislation creates mechanisms for what's the most significant changes in public education colleges and universities in my lifetime." As the prime sponsor of HB1450, the intent of the bill is to make higher education more affordable, accessible to students, eliminate duplication of programming where possible, create potential for economies of scale, enhance regional growth and development,

and streamline administrative costs and obligations. Secondly, I am pleased to inform our community that we secured a grant in the amount of \$175,000 for a new office building and to upgrade electrical work at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds.

During the 2023 and 2024 calendar years, 235 legislative bills were referred to the NH House Education committee. To accomplish this number of hearings, executive sessions, and required subsequent committee work sessions, committee members had to meet in Concord 3-4 days per week from mid-January through May. To all those helping in this endeavor, a hearty thanks!

To better consider and

successfully work on the annual onslaught of this many education bills in the future, it is being proposed that the current education committee be divided into two separate standing committees: the Committee on Education Administration and the Committee on Education Funding. This will better enable the legislature to work pro-actively on issues associated with higher education, career technical education, education funding, catastrophic aid, capital improvement funding formulas, and more.

Respectfully Submitted,
Representative Rick Ladd, Grafton 5
Chair, House Education

Celebrate July Fourth – Freedom of Speech and Association and Higher Education

Recently, it was reported by Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts that the decrease in enrollment numbers for this coming fall is partly the result of disruptions by "pro-Palestinian protestors." This past April, more than 100 people at Emerson set up an encampment protesting events following the Hamas October 7 attack on Israel. Protestors were arrested, but during the protest, individuals participating on college tours were disrupted and targeted. Events such as this do not portray a welcoming picture to potential students who may be

thinking of enrolling at the college or university.

Most recently, protestors in support of the pro Palestine movement, disrupted the University System New Hampshire trustee meeting held in Durham this past week in which I attended. The protesting group, although small in numbers, created a noise level in which the trustees could not function. Protestors were advised several times to tone it down and to move further away down the hallway, and if they did not move away and lower their voices, legal consequences would follow. Within a short time, the

protestors did leave.

Higher education institutions such as UNH, are struggling and carefully addressing these unwanted protests in recognition that there is a needed balance between free speech and civil disobedience with concerns for student safety, security and respecting the rights and opportunity for others. Due to antisemitic campus disturbances and other recent disruptive events, HB1305 was submitted this past year. This bill allows higher education institutions to prohibit, limit or restrict behavior, conduct or expression that: (1) violates any law

and that could be subject to criminal action, (2) is unprotected by the free speech provisions of the US and NH constitutions, including but not limited to true threats and expression directed to provoke imminent lawless actions, and (3) constitutes harassment, as defined in RSA 188-J,VI or other applicable state or federal law. Freedom of speech and association is a right, as long as the person's conduct is lawful and does not disrupt expressive activity or functioning of the higher education institution. HB1305 passed the House 206-169 and later the Senate.

July 4 is a day to celebrate our freedom and rights. However, students, student organizations or other non-campus members should not engage in behavior that threatens the safety, security or functioning of the higher education institution, the safety and security of its members, or the safety and security of others. Enjoy the 4th!

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep Rick Ladd
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Before and After

The Haverhill Library Association (HLA) is pleased to announce completion of the Phase 2 project to rehabilitate our historic 1840 building. The work was financed in part by a \$75,000 grant from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) which requires grantees to finance at least half the cost of projects from other sources. Phase 1 was completed in 2022, also under a grant from LCHIP. HLA was delighted to receive generous supplemental grants from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation (\$10,000), the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation (\$10,000), the 1772 Foundation in cooperation with the NH Preservation Alliance (\$7,500), the Cogswell Benevolent Trust (\$5,000), the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (\$12,000). Further, a grant of \$2,600 from the Town of Haverhill Charles and

Mildred Page Fund helped finance the project. The Library itself spent \$24,583 from its reserves on the project. In addition, several of the contractors and HLA added donated services valued at \$7,897.

The Haverhill Library Association, Haverhill's oldest library, has finished Phase 2 of the rehabilitation of our historic building in Haverhill Corner. This phase focused on repairing external masonry and woodwork and replacing our slate roof. We are so pleased with the new appearance of our building with cleaned repointed masonry, new slate roof, and reconditioned shutters (which had been missing for eight years due to disrepair.)

HLA thanks the local contractors for their excellent work:

- Rodd Roofing of St. Johnsbury, Vt;
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- Pro-Point Restoration

(Masonry), of New Durham, NH.

Next up: Much needed new shelving for our main circulation room. Donations welcome!

About Haverhill Library Association

Founded in 1880, the Haverhill Library Association is a private, non-profit corporation providing library and information services to residents of the Town of Haverhill, as well as those in neighboring communities. Located in the Haverhill Corner Historic District, the library has occupied its current premises since 1916 and has been an integral part of the local community. The association is governed by a volunteer board of trustees, including a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and up to five other members. We employ a part-time librarian. Our commitment is to the ideals of learning and literacy embodied by libraries and to serve our

community, including children, adults, and seniors. We are supported primarily by town and charitable contributions.

For more information about the Haverhill Library Association visit <https://haverhilllibrarynh.org/> or call (603) 989-5578

About New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority created by the legislature in 2000. LCHIP's legislative mandate is to ensure the perpetual contribution of natural, cultural and historic resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire. LCHIP does this by providing matching grants to New Hampshire municipalities and non-profits to conserve and preserve the state's most important natural, cul-

tural and historic resources. The program has provided 530 grants which have helped to conserve close to 300,000 acres of land for food production, water quality, ecological values, timber management and recreation and has supported projects to study and rehabilitate 324 historic structures and sites. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 179 of New Hampshire's 234 communities. Fifty-four million dollars of state money have led to a total project value of more than \$312 million.

The money for LCHIP grants comes from fees on four kinds of documents recorded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state.

For more information about LCHIP, visit LCHIP.org or call (603) 224-4113



OBITUARY: Jay Leo Vigent,

Jay Leo Vigent, 71, passed away at his home in Ryegate, Vermont on June 18, 2024. He was born in Woodsville, NH on June 7, 1953, the son of Leo Fremont Vigent and Gladys Esther (Smith) Vigent. Jay was the last of five sons born to his parents. He spent almost his entire life in Wells River, Vermont. Jay graduated in the first graduating class of Blue Mountain Union in 1971. He graduated from Norwich University in 1976 with a degree in civil engineering. He worked on various subway tunnel projects in Washinton, DC, and St. Louis, MO before returning home and owning and operating Jay's Place Mini Mart at the junction of US Route 302 & I-91. He will be remembered for his love of cribbage and crossword puzzles and his sharp wit.

Jay was predeceased by his parents,

one brother, Jeffrey Allen Vigent in 2008, and a great nephew, Cody Joseph Ricker in 2024.

He is survived by brothers, Joseph Purdy Vigent (Mary Lee) of North Haverhill, NH, James Gilman Vigent (Zehra) of Sacramento, California, and John Fremont Vigent (Angela) of Wallingford, Connecticut. Also his nephews, Adam Fremont Vigent, Ryan Noah Vigent, and Peter Paul Thayer; a niece, Angela Marie Ricker; great-nephews, Nicholas Fremont Vigent & Trevor Elliott Smas.

At Jay's request there will not be any formal services and burial will be at the family's convenience in Mills Memorial Cemetery in Wells River, VT.

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As summer has arrived, Vermont's public libraries are launching their annual Summer Reading Programs, centered around the theme "Adventure Begins at Your Library!" These programs are essential in helping students maintain their reading skills over the summer break, preventing the "summer slide." Research consistently shows that children who participate in summer reading

programs return to school with stronger reading skills compared to those who do not.

Summer Reading Programs offer a fun and engaging way for children to develop a lifelong love of reading. Families are encouraged to visit their local libraries regularly, to check out a fresh stack of books and to participate in library-hosted events and programs, featuring science, music, storytelling, arts, crafts, StoryWalks®, and outdoor exploration. Public libraries also host programs for our youngest Vermonters, including rhyming and singing sessions for babies. These early literacy programs are designed to instill a love of reading and learning from an early age, setting children up for future success in school.

The Vermont Department of Libraries supports these Summer Reading Programs through non-competitive grants of \$300 to each library through the estate of the Elva S. Smith Trust in support of youth library activities.

This year's summer reading theme aligns perfectly with another popular service provided by the Department of Libraries: the State Parks and Historic Sites Pass Program. Each of Vermont's 187 public libraries receives passes that allow for free day admission to state parks and historic sites for a carload of up to eight people. This program, a collaboration between the Vermont Department of Libraries, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, offers Ver-

monsters the chance to explore and appreciate their state's natural beauty and rich history.

Many public libraries also serve as summer meal sites, providing free meals for their communities through state and federal programs and by partnering with community organizations.

Visit your local library to learn about the exciting summer reading programs and activities planned for this year. While you're there, don't forget to check out a park or historic site pass and pick up a great book!

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Cranmore Launches New Summer Dining Series

North Conway, NH (June 27, 2024) — Cranmore is proud to announce a new mountainside food series in August and September. There will be three delectable events, each with its own theme, menu and itinerary. Tickets are now available to purchase.

This tasty new tradition starts Aug. 3 with Summer Salute. The Italian-themed evening will include a 6-course menu offering small portions of popular dishes, such as pappardelle alla carbonara, Tuscan-style flank steak, bistro tiramisu and more. In the spirit of Italian-style dining, the meal will be served "alfresco" on Koessler's Patio at the Fairbank Lodge. Tickets are available for purchase at \$70 for adults and \$35 for children 10 and under.

"This series is a great opportunity for our team to showcase their culinary talents, excellent service and creativity," said Cranmore's food and beverage director, Michael Rennie. "It's also a perfect demonstration of the variety of quality dining experiences we offer at Cranmore."

Following Summer Salute will be the return of last year's sold-out event, Smoke on the Mountain (Aug. 17). Guests will take a ride on the scenic chairlift to the Meister Hut and soak up sweeping views of Mt. Washington Valley. The buffet-style barbecue will showcase fresh, local flavors and a cash bar. There will also be live music and an assortment of classic lawn games for the whole family to enjoy.

Finally, embrace the fall season with the resort's Harvest Dinner (Sept. 21). The dinner will include a fusion of seasonal, autumnal ingredients and Oktoberfest favorites.

"Ultimately, we want to provide our guests with a memorable experience that will allow them to escape the hustle of daily life," Rennie said.

Learn more about Cranmore's summer dining series at cranmore.com/summer-dining-series.

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About Cranmore Mountain Resort
Cranmore Mountain Resort is located in the heart of one of America's best-

rated ski towns, North Conway, NH. Located 2.5 hours from Boston, Cranmore is a four-season, family-friendly ski resort known for its ski school, sunny south-facing slopes and a festive atmosphere geared for skiers and non-skiers alike. Cranmore boasts 56 trails and glades with a variety of terrain for all ability levels from a beginner-only ski area, to classic New England trails and steepes. Cranmore also features activities such as NH's #1 Snow Tubing Park, a year-round Mountain Adventure Park, lift-serviced downhill Mountain Bike Park, and many seasonal events. Cranmore is part of the Fairbank Group portfolio.

Cranmore is currently engaged in a \$60 million base area redevelopment plan that will morph the resort into a progressive, four-season destination while introducing a second home community. For more information on Cranmore Mountain Resort and Real Estate opportunities, visit www.cranmore.com.

The Business of Growing Christmas Trees - Christmas Tree Information Session

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 pm

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Join long-time Christmas tree grower Nigel Manley for a session on shearing and basal pruning, mowing, and monitoring for insect and disease issues. An expert on Christmas tree pests and diseases will also be on hand to answer questions, along with Jim Frohn, UNH Cooperative Extension Forester for Grafton County.

This is the first in a series of learning sessions on The Business of Growing Christmas Trees – From Site Selection to Sales. Other sessions being planned (final dates will be announced soon) include the following:

November 2024:
Harvesting, Marketing & Sales, Replanting

January or February 2025:
Business Management for Christmas Tree Growers

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Site Selection and Soil Testing, Site Preparation, Planting, Weed Control, and Fertilizing

Attendees are welcome to participate in any or all of the four workshops offered in this series. While each workshop stands alone, they are designed

to be most effective when attended in their entirety.

Registration for this workshop is due July 25. There is a \$30 per person registration fee for this event.* To register, go to <https://bit.ly/TREES-INFO-24>

For questions about the event, contact Jim Frohn at jim.frohn@unh.edu. For registration questions, contact Teresa Locke at Teresa.locke@unh.edu or (603) 787-6944.

*A fee is charged for this Extension program to cover costs. A limited number of scholarships are available to individuals unable to pay.

If you need an accommodation to participate in our programming, please contact Jim Frohn, jim.frohn@unh.edu, 603-787-6944 prior to the event. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to meet your needs, including language access services if requested, which will be provided free of charge. The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. UNH, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, and New Hampshire counties cooperating. Direct inquiries to unh.civil-rights@unh.edu.



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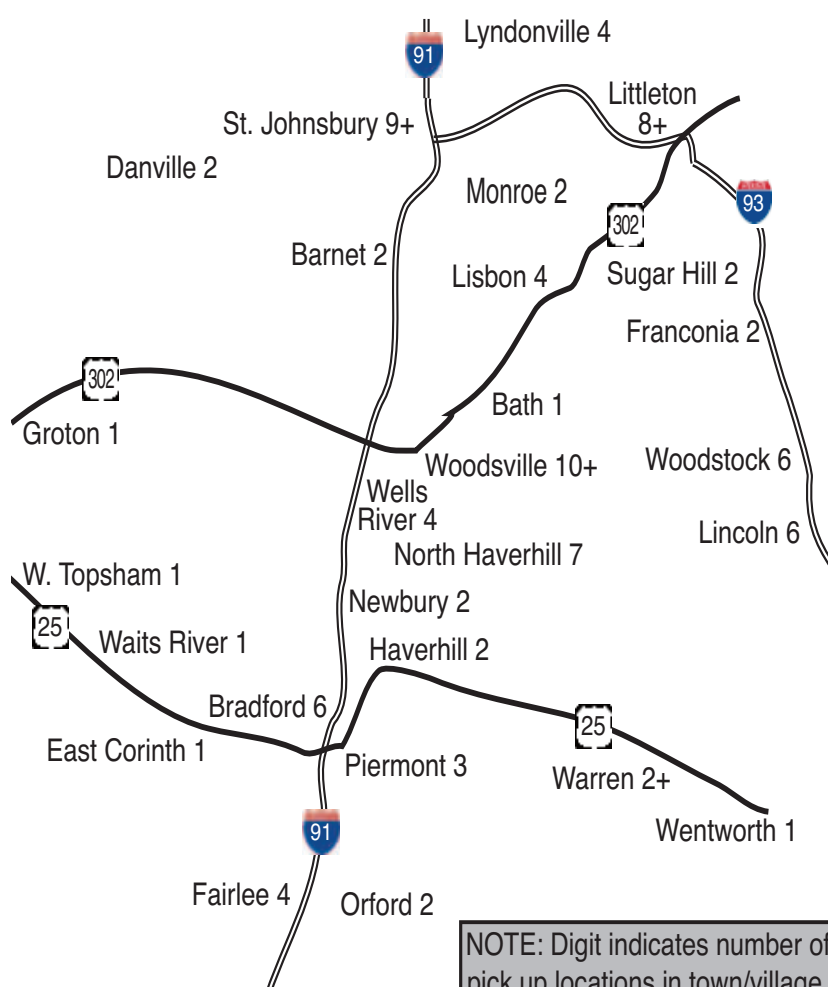
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Mark Your Calendars! First Friday Returns to Littleton with Art, Music, Food, and Fun!



Littleton, NH – Get ready for a night of fun and community! The popular First Friday event returns to Littleton on Friday, July 5th, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Main Street, Mill Street, and Porter Street will be alive with activity, offering something for everyone. Participating stores will stay open late, featuring special offers and pop-up shops. Live music will fill the air, creating a festive atmosphere throughout Main Street and the Riverfront District. Tantalize your taste buds with a variety of delicious offerings from food trucks lining Porter Street. Encounter talented local artists and makers showcasing their work all throughout downtown Littleton. Join the NoCo Mural Project for the second phase of the community mural painting at the "Welcome to Littleton" mural! And don't miss Cat Wolfe

taking to the Catamount Arts stage at 6:00 PM, followed by The Macrotones at 7:00 PM.

This is an event you won't want to miss! Come experience the best of Littleton – vibrant art, delicious food, and a chance to connect with your community. A special thanks to Woodsville Guaranty Bank and NH State Council of the Arts for their unwavering support of the arts in our community.

Event Details:
Date: July 5th 2024
Time: 5:00pm-9:00pm
Location: Downtown Littleton, Main St./Riverwalk District, Porter St.
Admission: Free and open to the public
For more information about the Littleton Cultural Arts Commission and its First Friday events, please visit www.littletonculturalarts.org or find us on social media @littletonculturalarts

About Littleton Cultural Arts Commission:
The Littleton Cultural



Arts Commission is dedicated to promoting and enhancing the cultural life of the Littleton community through arts programming, public art initiatives, and cultural events. Composed of volunteers passionate about the arts, the commission works collaboratively with local artists, organizations, and businesses to create meaningful experiences that enrich the lives of residents and visitors.

About NoCo Mural Project:
The NoCo Mural Project is a New Hampshire-based initiative that brings public art to the White Mountains' town centers. They collaborate with artists, youth groups, and community organizations to create murals in public spaces. They believe art should be accessible to everyone.



Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild, Backroom Gallery will feature the mixed media encaustic paintings (painting with molten wax) of artist Stephanie Gordon from July 13 through August 20. She was struck by the beauty and luminosity of an exhibit of Fayum mummy portraits created with encaustics at the Metropolitan Museum

of Art and resolved to master this ancient and versatile medium. Having used the medium for ten years, she now teaches classes in painting with encaustics. Stephanie Gordon has made art her whole life. She is a practicing artist and art teacher who has worked in many media and taught people of all ages.

NEK Artisans Guild

There will be a reception with the artist on Final Friday, July 26 from 5:00-7:00. There will be a 15% sale of Stephanie Gordon's art in the Backroom Gallery throughout the day. The NEK Artisans Guild is located at 430 #2 Railroad Street and is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30-5:30.



Linda Scherf for the Weeks State Park Association (Photo by Linda Scherf).

New Pollinator Garden at Weeks State Park

A Pollinator Garden has been planted around an old ASH tree on the summit lawn in front of the John Wingate Weeks Historic Site at Weeks State Park. It will help attract and benefit a variety of pollinators while aesthetically improving the summit area and enhancing park visitor experiences.

With excellent guidance and approvals from the State of NH's Division of Natural and Cultural Resources' Division of Forest and Lands, the Natural Heritage Bureau, the Division of Parks and Recreation, and the Bureau of Historic Sites, the park and site received some greatly appreciated support and enhancements. The UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialists were also on-board helping to design

the garden's layout and discuss planting and maintenance needs.

The Weeks State Park Association had received a kind bequest from the estate of Debra Arsenault. A former park volunteer and Weeks State Park member, Debra Arsenault used to help care for the historic site's summit gardens. Finding a way to honor Debra's love for gardens, the Association volunteered to work with the park to significantly improve an existing summit garden.

Collaborative work by the White Mountain Garden Club volunteers, Weeks State Park volunteers and park staff led to completion of the pollinator garden. Native pollinator plants are ready to grow and help benefit various pollinators.

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New & Old at 80th Annual North Haverhill Fair

2024 will see the presentation of the 80th annual North Haverhill Fair. All that tradition continues to shine thru with so many of the long time favorite attractions and competitions. But there are also plenty of new twists and events this year.

For the last 25 years or so one of the big attractions at the North Haverhill Fair has been the Friday and Saturday night concerts. Celebrating 80 years it was easy to look at 80's music to fill the stage with great sounds. To that end, "Resurrection, A Journey Tribute" re-tunes for another night of nostalgia and some "right on" music on Friday, July 26 at 8:30 PM. They will be followed by "AXIS - 80's Party" on Saturday night at 8:00 PM. This collaborative band hits all the notes that the 80's are remembered for.

Also on Saturday attendees to the fair are asked to dress in their best 80's garb to add to the excitement. There may even be some special perks for those who make the effort.

Of course the fair is much more than music. On Thursday night there will be plenty of action in the air as the Outer Limits Freestyle Tour takes to the pulling track to show off their high flying acrobatics. This motorcycle show will certainly please

young and old alike with the promise of 60 minutes of thrills.

If you like your thrills more on a personal note than you will have four chances to get a great ride special from the new carnival ride provider, Fannelli Amusements. A \$35.00 wrist band will be available Wednesday and Thursday from 5-10 pm, and on Friday and Sunday from noon - 5 pm. All other fair times will offer single and multiple ticket pricing. Plus you can get a \$5.00 discount if you purchase in advance thru Fannelli's website.

For those looking for a quieter and perhaps more profitable adventure, come to the Thayer Stage on Sunday at 1:00 to be sent out on a Scavenger Hunt. Cash prizes for the top three winners.

The North Haverhill Fair would not be complete without the many standard events. Ox pulling on Wednesday and Thursday. Ponies pull on Wednesday & Friday, and horses have classes Friday, Saturday & Sunday. There is also a draft horse show on Sunday and an open ox show on Saturday.

For motorized pulling you can see tractors pull Friday with a stone boat or Saturday with a transfer sled. Mini tractors also pull on Saturday. A youth tractor pull takes place Sunday morning. Or take

part in the mini-excavator Rodeo on Friday or the Log Loader competition on Saturday evening. Bookending all these events are the Demolition Derby on Wednesday evening and the 4x4 truck pull on Sunday afternoon.

Every day of the North Haverhill Fair there will be multiple shows of Wee, Wee, Wee Racing Pigs and the Aim High Canines. Plus you can always walk thru the President's Commercial Building to see a wide variety of vendors, or the Stoddard Arts & Crafts building to see the work of 4-Hers, Grange members and the general public. Or walk thru the newly constructed Antique Farm Museum or the Blaisdell Maple Museum. Next door to those buildings will be the Antique Tractor line up who will do a parade around the grounds Friday, Saturday & Sunday. All that exploring will be sure to work up an appetite and there will be a vast array of food vendors sure to treat your taste buds.

There is all this action and more at the 80th Annual North Haverhill Fair. General admission for all this is \$15. Children 5-12 get in for \$3, and those under 5 are free. Parking is also free. For full details and a complete schedule visit www.nohaverhillfair.com or follow us on Facebook.

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Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, 10:30 am
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Turtles of NH and Owls of NH are sponsored by a grant received from Saul S. Sidore Memorial Foundation in memory of Rebecca Lee Spitz

Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, 10:30 am
Story Walk & Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024, 10:30 am
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Tuesday, July 30th, 2024, 10:30 am
Celebrate Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday with Surprise Activities & Cake!!!

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American Flag Jello Cake

Hello hello my fellow chefs. How are you all doing today?

I'm doing okay and enjoying the beautiful weather we've been blessed with. The 4th of July is quickly approaching and this cake is so refreshing and delicious I'm re-running this easy peasy dessert from last year because it is so perfect for the holiday. You can show off your creative skills by decorating our great flag. Everyone will love it and you will be a star showing up with your masterpiece. If you don't have a white cake mix you can substitute a yellow cake and you can also use your choice of Jello. The white cake with the strawberry Jello looks really good but they are all good, so if you have to use what you have. Let's get started with today's

recipe and how to make it.

Ingredients

- 1 box of classic white cake mix
 - 1 small box of strawberry Jello
 - 1 cup of very hot water for jello
 - 1 cup cold water for jello
 - 1 16 oz container of fresh strawberries
 - 1 pint of fresh blueberries
 - 8 oz container of Cool Whip topping
- Make your cake as directed for a 9x13" cake. Remove cake and cool on wire rack. When cooled return to the pan you baked it in lined with parchment paper. This is so you can lift it out and put it on a tray. Make jello according to the package then make fork holes in cake and pour liquid jello over top. It will seep in and go into the holes. I used a 2 prong fork so

the holes go to the bottom. Refrigerate cake for 4 hours so jello will firm. Now it's time to decorate. Spread the cool whip over the cake. Slice the strawberries in half or quarters. I think it's better to cut the strawberries smaller than I did in the picture, it will be easier to decorate and to cut for serving. Use the blueberries for the stars and the strawberries for the stripes. Carefully lift the cake out of the pan with the parchment paper and place on your tray. Voila you are done. You have designed the flag. Now if you want I think you can lift the cake out put it on your tray then decorate. Actually I wish I had done that it's a lot easier to lift out and to decorate. Refrigerate until ready to serve. When you cut the cake you will see the jello designs. It's moist and so "Delizioso".

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give it a try and be creative. Good luck and enjoy. I hope you have a wonderful 4th of July. Stay safe and healthy my friends.

Until next time I am signing off.

Sincerely,
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