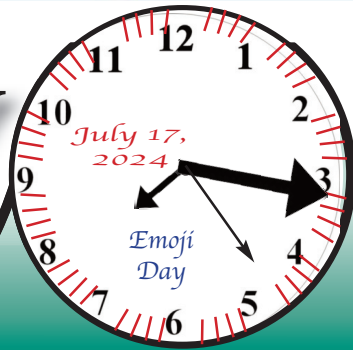




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Tony Winner Richard Maltby, Jr. to Participate in Benefit for Weathervane Theatre

WHITEFIELD, NH - July 9, 2024—Weathervane Theatre and Weathervane Theatre's Board of Directors are pleased to announce a special benefit for Weathervane Theatre—RICHARD AT THE ROCKS. Hosted by Tony winner Richard Maltby, Jr., this intimate evening includes live performances from Maltby and the cast of The Story Goes On, an open bar, catered hors d'oeuvres, a Q&A session, and an auction. This event will be held on Sun-

day, July 21st, from 4-6 PM at The Rocks in Bethlehem. All proceeds will benefit Weathervane Theatre.

A living theatrical legend, Maltby conceived and directed two Tony Award-winning musicals: AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' (1978, also Tony Award: Best Director); FOSSE (1999). With David Shire, they penned the notable Tony-nominated productions of BABY and BIG and the Grammy-nominated STARTING HERE, STARTING NOW and Outer Critics Circle

Award-winning CLOSER THAN EVER. Maltby was also co-lyricist for MISS SAIGON and Andrew Lloyd Webber's SONG & DANCE.

In addition to conceiving Tony-winning musicals on Broadway, Maltby's newest project is at the Weathervane—The Story Goes On: The Songs of Maltby and Shire. A brand-new musical revue featuring 21 members of Weathervane's Resident Acting Company, this limited engagement features

Maltby & Shire's biggest hits and new music yet to be heard elsewhere! Be a part of theatre history in this intimate and heartfelt revue celebrating the human spirit. THE STORY GOES ON: THE SONGS OF MALTBY AND SHIRE will premiere at New Hampshire's Weathervane Theatre on Saturday, July 20, and run through July 27

"The opportunity to collaborate with a literal legend to bring new work to the North Country is thrilling. I am excited and humbled that someone of

Richard's caliber wants to help support our theatre," said Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini.

Tickets for RICHARD AT THE ROCKS are on sale now at weathervanenh.org or 603-837-9322. One ticket is \$59, and a pair is \$100. All proceeds benefit the Weathervane Theatre. Tickets may also be purchased through the box office at 389 Lancaster Rd. in Whitefield. Tickets for THE STORY GOES ON are now on sale, starting at \$34.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

Hungry Bear Pub and Grill By April Dyke



What a fun week at the hungry bear sports bar and Grill. Wednesday night they had the finals for their 4 week Karaoke contest. Which I had the honor of participating in. Needless to say I did not win. But it was fun regardless. It was held outside on the pavilion which was Amazing, such a great vibe. The winner of the contest was Jessie who won two tickets to ZZ Top and Lynyrd Skynyrd. 2nd place

was won by Chrissy Valliant who received a cooler, 2 lawn chairs and an umbrella. With a tie for 3rd being Tommy Quigley and Greg Hines. Whom both got \$50. Gift Certificates. Congratulations to them for winning and for everyone that participated great job!!! They will be doing another contest in the near future. Now I know you are all chomping at the bit To why I was talking about the karaoke contest when it

should be food that I'm discussing. Well on Thursday I grabbed my mom who is up from North Carolina for a late lunch and took her to the Hungry Bear for the Twin Lobster meal, which comes with a piece of corn on the cob and coleslaw. Now I don't know about anyone else but trying to crack into Lobster I make a huge mess so we decided that we would eat outside on their beautiful pavilion. It was great because a band Rock Ratts that was supposed to be playing at 6 PM. Ended up setting up early and just played some music while we were there. I also had to do some work before I could dig in. It wasn't to busy as it was around 2:30pm. So I went in and told the bartender that we were going to be eating outside. She quickly brought us out menus and I told her

we had already decided what we were going to have. For a drink, she decided on a sweet tea. I decided to have a white claw. It didn't take them long to bring it out, but before she brought the food out, we got the bowl of goodies Which consisted of a bunch of napkins, wet wipes, and also a nutcracker to dig into the lobster. Mom started digging right in. It took me a little bit longer as I had to finish what I was doing, but as soon as I shut my computer off, I dove right in and certainly made a mess. It was a great and fulfilling meal. After cleaning up the mess I had made oooooooh. And also myself.

I got the check which came to \$109.25. And of course, a gracious tip. If you love lobster, I would highly recommend you go there if you like entertainment I would also highly recommend it. It's got great waitresses. Amazing bartenders.

I hope everybody enjoyed the Fourth of July and stayed safe. Till next time. Enjoy your next two weeks.

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North Haverhill Fair

July 24-28

Opening day and night of the 80th annual North Haverhill Fair are fast approaching. Wednesday, July 24 will see plenty of action with a revised Demolition Derby, a huge Classic Car Show, youth ox then Mini-pony pulling events and the first of many shows of Wee, Wee, Wee Racing Pigs and the Flying High Canines. Plus the first of five live bands.

The first band will be Sly Richard, a quintessential NH party band - a melting pot of rock, soul, blues, funk, and good times. Formed in 2014, these five hard working musicians are known for their no holes barred, uplifting performances. Lead vocals that pull at your heartstrings (Chris White), screaming Hammond organ (Tyler Wayne Drabick), soaring guitar solos (Dane Anderson), badass big bottom bass (Thomas Lada), and masterful drumming (Jared Steer) all combine to create a rock and roll experience that fills your soul while at the same time leaving you hungry for more.

Thursday the 25th features music from Limited Commotion. A multi-genre band playing some rock, some country, as well as some country rock, and some contemporary blues. From Sugarland to Skynyrd to SRV. The members include Bob King, a Berkeley grad guitar player who played in a Doors tribute band, Crystal Ship. Bass player, Gil Rand, competed in the International Blues Challenge and that band won for the Granite State Blues Society.

Drummer, Rob Hiltz, has played in several well known NH bands for more than 40 years and warmed up such bands as Molly Hatchet and NH's own 'The Blend'. Plus Kim Hiltz. competed internationally for vocals and won the NACMAI Female Vocalist of the Year in Tennessee in 2007.

Thursday will also see The Rave-X Outer Limits Freestyle Tour with high flying motorcycles followed by an autograph and meet & greet session. Or you can enjoy ox pulling or hand mowing competitions. Plus it will be the second of four Fanelli Amusements Ride Specials.

The music gets turned up a notch higher on Friday as the Journey Tribute Band "Resurrection" returns to the Thayer Stage after a great show just a few years ago. They return to help "Celebrate the 80's" during the 80th annual North Haverhill Fair. Other events on the day's schedule include pony and horse pulling, traditional stone boat tractor pulling, the Pike Township mini pullers and the return of the mini-excavator rodeo.

Saturday is when the 80's really return as fairgoers are encouraged to dress in their best 80's attire. There are bound to be some special opportunities for those who meet the challenge. Of course Saturday also features the Kikkie Parade, and the kiddie pedal tractor pull. Horses will also show their strength in pulling events not to mention the ladies' skillet toss and the men's kettle bell toss. There will also be a

transfer sled tractor pull and the log loader competition with \$1000 to win. The night is capped with AXIS- 80's Party at the Thayer Stage at 8:00 PM. There just isn't a party like an AXIS 80' party! Bringing all the glitz and glamor from the era of 80's rock and pop.

Sunday is the final day but there is still plenty to do. A final Fanelli Amusements Ride Special from noon - 5 pm, the big 4x4 truck pull, more horse pulling, plus you can throw horseshoes in the morning and play corn hole in the afternoon. Or try out the brand new scavenger hunt with cash prizes. The live music wraps up with another returning group. Red Daisy Revival, a rich, colorful blend of country rock, nurtured with old soul, light-hearted fun, and a careful balance of dreaming big. Solo artist, singer-songwriter from New Hampshire, Morgan Clark joined roots with Nashville native guitar playing rocker Daniel Kassel and like the best flower gardens, their soil is deep; their rock is soulful, and their songs carry sunshine, hope, and light.

The 2024 North Haverhill Fair runs from Wednesday, July 24 thru Sunday, July 28. Admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$3.00 for children 5-12, and free for those younger as well as for parking. The fairgrounds are located at 1299 Dartmouth College Highway (Route 10) in North Haverhill, NH 03774. For a complete schedule as well as rules to participate go to www.nohaverhillfair.com

OBITUARY: Katherine Ann Lokitis



Bath, NH - Katherine Ann Lokitis passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at the Jack Byrne Palliative and Hospice Care Center in Lebanon, NH.

Katherine was born on February 26, 1945, in Norwood, MA to Joseph Lokitis and Mary (Ivoskus) Lokitis. She was the seventh child in a family of ten. Her early years were spent in Norton, MA where together with her siblings, she attended and graduated from Norton High School.

Katherine's entrepreneurial spirit led her to West Palm Beach, FL, where she obtained her license to be an aesthetican. She established her own successful business and lived there for many years.

Katherine's faith in Jesus Christ was the motivating factor in her life. She became a parishioner of St Joseph's and St Catherine's parish on relocating from Florida to Bath more than two decades ago. Her devotion to the traditional church service in Latin and adherence to the teachings of her Catholic faith were the cornerstone of her life.

An ardent animal lover, Katherine rescued and cared for dozens of abandoned cats over the years. Her beloved cats were her family, and they were showered with love and

attention.

She is survived by her five sisters, Joan Borowitz of Belchertown, MA, Mary Wray of Virginia Beach, VA, Leone Skamarakas of New Bern, NC, Diane Morse of N. Attleboro, MA, Marianne Lokitis of New Bedford, MA and her sole surviving brother, Michael Lokitis of Norton, MA. She is survived also by many much-loved nephews and nieces.

She was predeceased by her brothers Joseph Lokitis and David Lokitis, and her sister Rose Lokitis.

Funeral services are to be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Woodsville on Friday, July 12th at 1:00 pm. There will be a private burial.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Rescue 1517 Meadow Street, Littleton, NH 03561; or to St Joseph's Church, 21 Pine Street, Woodsville, NH 03785.

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When drawing up your estate plans, you might find it useful to create a revocable or irrevocable trust, either of which can help your estate avoid probate court and give you significant control over how and when your assets are distributed. But who should oversee your trust?

As the person who established the trust — known as the “grantor” or “settlor” — you can also name yourself as trustee. However, this may not be the best move, particularly if the trust is irrevocable. An irrevocable trust protects the assets in the trust from creditors and civil judgments, but if you serve as trustee, this protection will disappear. It might be more advantageous for you to be the trustee of a revocable (living) trust, which can be modified without much trouble and allows you to move assets in and out of the trust and to change trust beneficiaries. You should work with a qualified estate-planning attorney to determine which type of trust, if any, is appropriate for your situation, and to get some guidance on the wisdom of serving as your own trustee.

If you decide to choose someone else as trustee, you’ll want to consider the following factors:

Trust — In thinking about whom you might want to serve as your trustee, the most important attribute is trust. Do you trust that this individ-

Whom should you choose as a trustee?

ual will always act in your best interest? If so, then they may be a good trustee candidate, but you’ll also need to look at other considerations.

Financial management skills — The person you choose to be your trustee doesn’t have to be an accountant or a financial professional — but they should be skilled at managing their own finances. And they should be well-organized and good with details.

Mental and physical fitness — Your trustee could serve in that position for many years, so you’ll want to name someone who is in good physical and mental health. Of course, things can change over time, so if you observe that your chosen trustee has begun to suffer physical or mental decline, you may need to name a successor trustee in your trust document.

Conflict of interest — You want your trustee to carry out your wishes in a fair manner — so, you should pick someone who doesn’t have a conflict of interest with any of the beneficiaries you’ve named in your trust. Of course, this can be tricky if you want to name a family member as trustee. So, if you do, you’ll need to spell out your wishes clearly — to the trustee

and to other family members.

Here’s something else to think about: Instead of choosing an individual, you could name a corporate trustee. By doing so, you can receive some key benefits, such as objectivity and potentially avoiding some of the family-related disputes that can arise when an estate is settled. Also, corporate trustees have the expertise and resources to navigate the various tax and inheritance laws affecting living trusts.

Whether it’s a trusted individual or a corporate entity, the right trustee can make a big difference in the effectiveness of your living trust — and, by extension, the outcome of your comprehensive estate plans. So, start your search, get the help you need and take the steps necessary to arrive at a choice for trustee that’s right for you and your family.

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OBITUARY: Jonathan E. Gibson,



Jonathan E. Gibson, 29, Reading, VT, died at home on Sunday July 7, 2024. He was born on January 15, 1995, in Lebanon, NH to Randall and Jennie (Towne) Gibson. He grew up in Reading, attended Albert-Bridge School and graduated from Windsor High School in 2013.

Jonathan went to work in construction after graduation, most recently working for E.D. Swett. He enjoyed fishing, 4-wheeling, cooking, spending time with friends and family, especially his son Landon, who loved singing songs with him.

He is predeceased by his maternal grandfather Phillip Towne, he is survived by his son, Landon Gibson of Reading and Windsor, VT; his parents, Randall and Jennie (Towne) Gibson of Reading; two sisters Chrystal Gibson and her partner Brandon Steller, who was also Jon's best friend for 17 years, of Reading, and Latisha Gibson of Reading; paternal grand-

parents, William Gibson of Reading, and Dorothy Haynes of Pike; maternal grandmother, Rebecca Towne of Woodsville; three nephews, Brayden White, Oawen White, and Phillip Steller, of Reading; a niece Kenzleigh White of Reading; the mother of his child, Jennifer Cowdrey of Windsor; his beloved dog Rebel; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday July 20, 2024 10AM at the Horse Meadow Cemetery in North Haverhill, NH, followed by an informal gathering at the Bedell Bridge State Park.

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

OBITUARY: Marie Elaine Fadden Lovell,



Marie Elaine Fadden Lovell, 79, of North Haverhill passed away peacefully at Grafton County Nursing Home on Tuesday, July 2nd, with her sister Sue and sister-in-law Shirley at her side. Prior to her passing, Marie had enjoyed numerous visits from family and friends at the nursing home, where she had been lovingly cared for over the past few months.

Marie was born on July 21, 1944, in Haverhill, NH to Edna and Stanley Fadden. Marie was married to Larry McLain, Sr. for 27 years, and together they raised their daughter and 4 sons. Later in life, Marie married John Lovell, Sr., and spent 27 years traveling to Alaska for the summer months, where she worked her way up to the lead secretary position for Yutana Barge Lines. In her years working there she took in every young kid who was away from home working on the tugboats and gave them advice - and sometimes that kick in the britches that is often needed! Marie and John spent their winters in Vermont, where Marie enjoyed hosting gatherings for their many family and friends. Always the life of the party, Marie loved music, dancing, and spending time with her loved ones.

Before moving back to North Haverhill, Marie spent 6 years living in Dobson, North Carolina with her son Matt and his wife Jennifer. Although missing her northern family constantly, she loved living in NC and being taken care of by Matt, Jen and her wonderful friend Sherry. She also enjoyed love and cuddles from her grand-dog Bug and grand-cat Howie.

Marie was always up for a game of marbles, cribbage or rummy and loved working on puzzles every day. She also loved the game show network - Steve Harvey kept her laughing every night. She enjoyed visits from neighborhood friends, sharing a meal and joking around with them.

Marie loved her church! She would attend in person until she was no longer able, and then she would attend on Facebook from home after that. Pastor Jeff would come to the house and comfort her in difficult times; we will be ever grateful for that.

Marie is survived by; her ex-husband John Lovell, Sr.; her children, son Larry McLain, Jr. and wife Diane, son Mac McLain and wife Dorothy, daughter Cindy Lasman, son Bud McLain and life partner Christy Tandler Renes, son Matt McLain

and wife Jennifer; her sister Sue Lang and husband Ted; her grandchildren: Christopher McLain, Brenda Hastie, Barbara Bunnell, Denise Bishop, James McLain, Laura Lynn Cross, Robert McLain, and Trevor McLain, along with several great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Marie is pre-deceased by; her mom Edna Fadden, her dad Stanley Fadden; her siblings, brother Stub Fadden, brother Richard Fadden, brother Joe Fadden, and her sister Madie Fadden.

Calling hours are scheduled for Friday, July 26th from 5 to 7 pm at Ricker Funeral Home, and a graveside ceremony at Horse Meadow Cemetery on Saturday, July 27th at 10 am. Following the graveside ceremony, there will be a gathering for family and friends, at River Meadow Campground in North Haverhill. Marie would love for you to donate to your local animal shelter on her behalf.

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Jul 20

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July 24-28

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July 28

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August 3rd & 4th, 2024

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Join the Bath Book Club!

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For full rules, regulations and schedule please check our website at:
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Bring in Your Items to be Judged and Put on Display Before the Fair Begins:

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW: items need to be brought to the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 21 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm or Monday July 22 from 5:00 - 6:00pm

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EDITH G. HENSON MEMORIAL FLOWER SHOW: Items must be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday, July 25, 3-6 pm or Friday, July 26 from 8:00 am – noon
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WOMEN'S SKILLET TOSS: Saturday, July 27.
Registration 3:30 - 4:30 pm. The competition begins at 5:00 pm sharp in the Dellinger Ring 5 Classes by age. Must be 18 or older. Kelly Joslin, 603-787-6585

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2024 Theme: Celebrating the 80's



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 June 8: VT Food Bank Benefit plus GSMS
 June 15: Kids Bike Races
 June 22: Joe Mama's 4/6 Cylinder Enduro series *
 June 29: 4th of July Extravaganza
 July 6: David's House Benefit Modified Madness *
 July 13: Mid-Season Championship (DP)- Kids Rides - plus GSMS
 July 20: VP Racing Fuels DIRTcar Sportsman Modifieds Eastern Series event plus SCoNE
 July 27: Dirt Stock Madness & 4/6 Cylinder Enduro
 Aug 3: John Poor Memorial Coupe Madness plus GSMS
 Aug 10: Topless Night - Bradford Bull Dogs Benefit
 Aug 17: NEAR Old Timers Night plus SCoNE *
 Aug 24: Week Seventeen
 Aug 31: 4/6 Cylinder Enduro
 Sept 7: Midget Madness plus GSMS
 Sept 14: Late Models Final Night plus SCoNE
 Sept 21: NE Dirt Track Championships 4/6 Cyl Enduro *
 Sept 28: Rain Date if needed
 Oct 6: 7th Annual Sunday Funday

(* = Races that will be broadcast LIVE on WYKR)

WYKR is also at White Mountain Motorsports Park this year!
 July 13 & September 28*

PETA, PETA, PUMPKIN ETA

Maggie Anderson

I read, with some head-scratching interest, the reports of PETA's just having sent their hog mobile to root around the most celebrated Hot Dog eating contest on the planet.

It was supposed to shine the light on their displeasure over how animals - those raised to feed millions of people all over the world -are treated on their way to the slaughter houses, and packing plants.

I too squirm over cruel treatment of animals, but not only those going to feed my neighbors. I am equally concerned over those PETA seems to ignore apparently because they are not raised with the intention of feeding

the masses, or beefing up everybody's summer barbecues.

I do not see PETA's reps shaming pet shop owners who encourage people to tune in to their websites in order to watch wrinkled and squirming baby mice served up to hungry snakes. Luckily for the aptly named "pinkies" their eyes are not yet opened so they can't see what's coming.

I find the whole thing grotesque. But I have never seen PETA groupies, waving banners of protest, and blocking the pet shop's door because of the practice.

Neither have I seen them marching and railing about the fact that gazillions of kittens - many

whose eyes have not yet opened either - and countless numbers of dogs are systematically eliminated in shelters across the country every year - the total estimate for 2023 was 920,000 animals killed.

The question is often posited about whether there is any noise if a tree falls in a forest and nobody's there to hear it. The same question applies to PETA's silence on the US Fish and WILD-LIFE Service's new policy concerning their efforts to protect Spotted Owls.

On the west coast, from Canada all the way to the Mexican border, the all-powerful, all knowing experts in US Fish and Wildlife Service have, once again come to the aid of the Spotted Owl - at the peril of their cousins - this time, the Barred Owl.

Those brilliant minds have decided which of the owl species in that part of our country is more important than its cousins, and have plans to - as they euphemistically phrase the job - lethally remove half a million Barred Owls to give their cousins, the Spotted Owls, more room, and a better chance at the housing, and food supplies.

These beautiful creatures are being snuffed out, not because they are sick, or a threat to crops, or even because we want their feathers to adorn some socialite's new hat. They are being done in because somebody with the authority to choose one family member over another, has waved a wand and sentenced half a million living creatures to death.

They will not be eaten by folks who could use a meal, they won't be used for study - realistically, how many owls does it take to convince yourself you were right in your decision, and who cares anyway, right?

And if you do enough study to realize you've made a huge mistake - as so many geniuses have before you - what then?

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OBITUARY: Donald Clogston,

Donald Clogston, 78, Newbury, VT, died on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, NH after a period of failing health. He was born on February 17, 1946, to Ethel Clogston in Woodsville, NH.

Don attended Bradford public schools and entered the workforce young to help his family, retiring from Britton Lumber in Bath in 2012. He married Joanne Winn on November 18, 1984, in the Bradford Evangelical Free Church. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family.

Don is predeceased by his parents, Frank and Ethel Cushman, and a sister Janet Cushman.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Joanne Clogston, a son, Jason Winn of Littleton, NH, a daughter, Lori Parker of Ohio, two brothers, David Cushman and his wife Nancy of West Fairlee, Richard and his wife Cindy of South Carolina, a sister, Diane Cushman of Tennessee, as well as five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Services will be held privately.

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

Co-op's Second Annual Member Choice Awards

Littleton Food Co-op members are encouraged to use their voice in the co-op's second annual Member Choice Awards. As a cooperative founded on the principle of Democratic Member Control, the Littleton Food Co-op thrives on the support and input of its 10,000+ members. Now, they're calling on their members once again to make a critical decision: what are the best local foods? For the second year in a row, the locally-owned marketplace is putting on the Member Choice Awards, where customers vote for their favorite locally-produced items in a number of categories throughout the store. Members are asked to give their input on titles such as "Best Local Cheese," "Best Local Savory Snack," and "Best Local Craft Beer, Wine, or Cider."

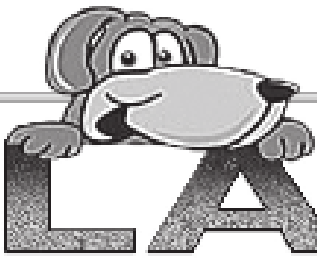
The goal of the Littleton Co-op Member Choice Awards is to build excitement for NH Eats

Local Month coming up in August, which the Co-op will also be taking part in. The Littleton Food Co-op is a big supporter of local farmers and producers, currently buying from over 192 local producers. "Local" at the Co-op means it is produced in NH, VT, or within 100 miles of the store. The Co-op loves all of their local producers equally, but are using the Member Choice Awards to bolster friendly competition and provide another opportunity for member engagement.

Voting in the Member Choice Awards will be open from July 17th through July 27th. Voting will take place online at littletoncoop.com/member-choiceawards. All current members of the Littleton Food Co-op are eligible to participate. To become a member and owner of the Co-op, talk to your cashier next time you're in store or visit littletoncoop.com/membership. Winner of the

2024 Member Choice Awards will be announced on the Littleton Co-op's website and social media pages at the beginning of August.

The Littleton Food Co-op is Littleton, NH's only member-owned grocery store, featuring local produce, hot prepared foods, a full-service deli, bulk foods, craft beer and wine, and a quality grocery selection. The Co-op exists to serve its members and broader community through a range of standard and unique foods, offered at a fair price, with outstanding service. The Littleton Food Co-op is not owned by one person, but by over 10,000 member-owners choosing to invest in a successful local food system. Membership is not required to shop; everyone is welcome. Conveniently located just off Exit 41 in Littleton. Cooperate more at littletoncoop.com.



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OBITUARY: Duane Chester Cate,

medal, Good Conduct Medal, and a Purple Heart Medal, as he was injured during his service.

Duane had a lifelong love of anything with an engine. He spent much of his life as a heavy diesel mechanic, traveling the country from MA to the Canadian border, even working as far away as Alaska, Virginia and on the west coast in Washington. Over his long career, Duane worked at several ski areas including Bretton Woods, and Monroe Town Hall.

Duane had a love of the outdoors, hiking mountains, skiing, ice hiking, camping, canoeing, snowmobiling, and motorcycles. Duane was also a lifelong musician who played the guitar, banjo, dobro, and standup bass and was an avid whistler. He played in the Monroe NH Backshed String Band for quite a while, and if

there was ever a jam session, Duane was always available for that!

Duane was a 50-year member of the Free Masons, Burns Lodge #66, and a union member of the International Operation Engineers # 98 and the VFW.

He is predeceased by his parents, his wife, Joyce Cate on November 11, 2018, a son, Larry Cate on September 12, 2016; and two brothers, Loyd Cate and Doug Cate. He is survived by a son, Dennis Cate, and wife Selena Cate, Monroe NH; granddaughters Melissa Cate, Portland, OR, Alaina Cate of Sutton VT, and grandsons, Gordon Cate, Monroe NH, Spencer Cate of Addison ME

A celebration of life party will be held in the future.

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

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

Ogontz Arts Foundation to host a public recital

The Ogontz Arts Foundation will host a recital by Canadian mezzo-soprano Paula Rockwell on Tuesday, July 23 at 7:30 pm in Ogontz Hall at the Ogontz Resort, 14 Ogontz Rd., Lyman, NH. The recital will be followed by a festive dessert reception; both are free and open to the public.

Ms. Rockwell will be accompanied by Boston-based pianist Geoffrey Wieting in a program which will feature works by Purcell, Bellini, Debussy, Verdi, Respighi, Bernstein and several contemporary Canadian composers. Paula Rockwell, a native of Nova Scotia, has appeared in many operatic roles including with the Canadian Opera Company, and has performed throughout Canada and the US. She currently teaches applied voice at Acadia University, where she is the Artistic Director of Acadia's Singing Theatre Ensemble. Ms. Rockwell has been featured on several recordings and is active in adjudicating music festivals. She also leads masterclasses in vocal pedagogy and performance, and is a much sought-after vocal clinician.

This event is a highlight of the 35th Annual Choral Workshop, led by British

Choral Director David Hill, MBE, and hosted by the Ogontz Arts Foundation. Singers from across the US will be in residence at Ogontz, studying Verdi's Requiem with Mr. Hill from July 18 to 24. As she has since 1994, Ms. Rockwell will work with singers on vocal technique and musical interpretation and offer master classes.

The Ogontz White Mountain Camp was founded in 1923 as an auxiliary enterprise of The Ogontz School in Philadelphia, PA, and was operated as a camp for girls for decades, offering traditional activities such as swimming, canoeing, hiking, tennis, theater, and poetry. Ogontz Camp later became an equestrian camp until the late 1960s, when it was used as a summer music camp by the Christ Church Choir of Westerly, Rhode Island. Since 1993, when the camp was purchased by current owners George and Lynn Kent, Ogontz has hosted countless artistic programs, music workshops, symposia, weddings, and other events.

For further information on the Ogontz Choral Workshop, visit ogontzarts.com.

Monroe, NH - Duane Chester Cate, 92, died at his home on Saturday, May 11, 2024. He was born on January 22, 1932, in Woodsville, NH to George H. and Ruth (Edmonds) Cate, the 2nd of 3 boys, and grew up on the family farm, known as Cates Corner in Bath, NH. Duane attended Lisbon Regional High School. Duane married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Erlene McBurney on February 12, 1952.

After high school, Duane joined the Air Force to fight in the Korean War. Duane was awarded the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense service

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Letters To The Editor:

The Myopic Media
To the Editor,

We just saw the highly anticipated debate between President Biden and his election challenger. We watched with disbelief as the president stumbled and sometimes unable to find words. He looked like he was in a trance and unable to focus.

His challenger, a convicted felon and sex offender with two more criminal trials waiting in the wings (one of them for stealing and concealing highly classified government documents), stood by and tried to take advantage of the president's tepid performance, but was unable to speak clearly himself.

Nearly every media outlet focused on the president's foibles, opining that he has shown he might no longer be able to serve as president because of advanced age, a charge conservatives have made enormous efforts to make people think even though the president is only three years older than his challenger. There was hardly any mention at all of his opponent's horrific debate performance in which he told over 40 outright false or misleading statements in his usual rambling and disjointed style. Of course, the time

allotted to the debate made it nearly impossible to rebut his lies and it was not the job of the moderators to call him to task on them, either.

It was, however, the job of the media to be fair and unbiased about the debate. They were neither.

There has probably never been an election more important than this one. We thought the election between this current Republican challenger and Hillary Clinton was the most important we'd ever seen, and we were right. When Clinton lost and this man took over, we saw by example exactly what kind of person psychologists said he was – a malignant narcissist.

Americans fell for his lies once before. We know better now. We've heard his claims of wanting to be dictator "on day one"; that his first priority would be to take revenge on those who had wronged him; that he would give pardons to the January 6 insurrectionists – people he calls "unjustly imprisoned patriots". We've heard his racist diatribes, seen him make fun of the handicapped, and heard him call our servicemen and women "losers and suckers" and then deny he said it.

Sixteen Nobel Award-

winning economists have warned that if he gets into office a second time, his "fiscally irresponsible budgets" would be disastrous to the country, reigniting inflation that President Biden has worked so hard to try to halt.

Scholars warn that this man's return to the White House would signal the end of our country as we know it – replaced by a fascist, authoritarian, Christian Nationalist nation, something that no veteran like me ever put our lives at risk to defend.

And yet the media chooses to focus on President Biden's one debate performance and his age.

I will take an older man with a stellar lifetime record of service to our country over someone that can't tell the truth, someone who serves only himself, someone whose criminal record would prevent him from serving in the armed forces of which he wants to be the commander-in-chief.

It's a clear choice in November. If you can't see that, you will be voting to destroy our nation by electing a conman who has blinded you to reality.

Rachael Booth
Landaff, NH

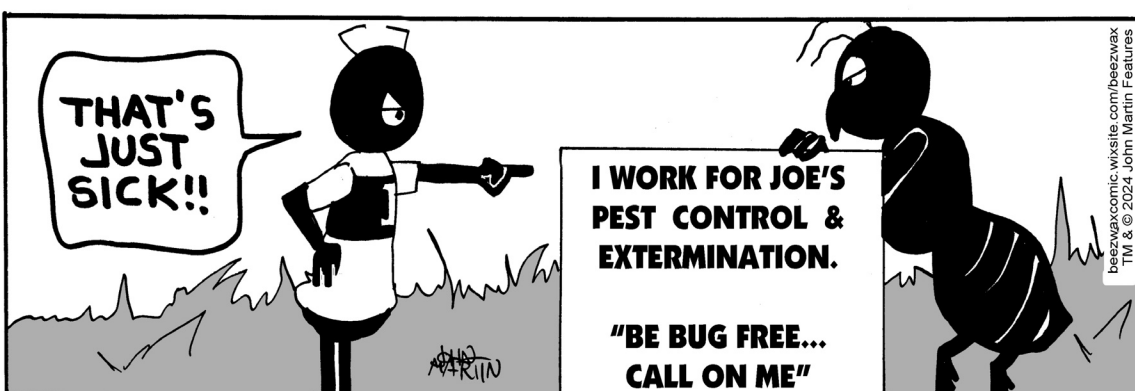
Rachael,

Fair and balanced is what I strive for when answering the Letters to the Editor that come to Trendy Times. I work to not take sides. I will, quite often, point out another opinion, or fact, or perspective in regards to the writer's comments. One thing I will not do is take sides. That is not my job. It is your job as individual voters to made a decision. The one thing I ask is that you

do that and be sure to vote.

I want to also point out that there is much more than just the presidency up for election this year. So please don't forget about all the others running for office. From State Representatives up to Governors, County positions, US Representatives and even one NH Senate seat, they are all important
Gary Scruton, Editor

BEEZWAX By John Martin



Thank You by Elinor Mawson

It seems to me that a lot of people have forgotten their manners. I am sure that the first few words that they learned as children were "please" and "thank you", but I don't hear it very often.

In fact, sometimes I hear "no problem" when I say thank you to someone. Where did that come from?

I have read articles here and there, written by people who have the same thought as I do about saying "thank you". They've wondered why they haven't heard from newly married couples in response to a carefully selected wedding gift. Why not? do they feel entitled to receive the gift without it being acknowledged?

I have sent cards to graduates with cash gifts and received no "thank

you" for them. I think: "I didn't have to do it" and even wonder if they received it. Are we being kind and not having kindness reciprocated?

It's a mystery to me that thanks are a thing of the past with a lot of people. Is it the times? Haven't they been taught? Aren't they reminded by someone in some way?

It makes me feel unappreciated; I seriously think I will not bother to reward people for doing something wonderful--but that goes against my grain. Just because I always say "thank you" doesn't mean I shouldn't expect to hear it from someone else. And I wonder if these same people don't leave a tip when they eat in a restaurant--isn't that a form of thanks?

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To the Editor:

In response to Editor Gary Scruton's comment on my letter to the editor in the July 2 issue of Trendy Times, I would like to point out that I have the deepest respect for the office of President of the United States. That is precisely why I have no respect for the current occupant of the White House.

JP Watson
Fairlee, VT

JP,

For curiosity sake I looked up the word respect and found a few definitions. This is the one I am choosing to put here "Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them. Respect in your relationships builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Respect doesn't have to come naturally – it is something you learn."

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letters To The Editor:

Thanks Are In Order

Letter to the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank JP Watson (Letter to the Editor, July 2, 2024) for his highly complimentary comments regarding my letter to the editor in the June 4, 2024 issue of the Trendy Times. His comments were certainly appreciated and brought a sense of encouragement. I appreciated as well his comments about our current Commander-in-Chief, and I say that term with much reluctance. I would like to take exception

to a comment that Editor, Gary Scruton made in his critique of JP Watson's letter. In my opinion, Gary inferred that Mr. Watson was disrespecting the Office of the President. To the contrary, I don't see any indication in his letter to the editor that he was doing any such thing. What Mr. Watson was succinctly pointing out is the clear character flaws and incompetence of President Biden that, if you have been watching the news lately, even members of his own political party are raising questions of his mental

acuity and his ability to serve effectively. Even high-profile donors (Abigail Disney, Disney Heiress; Reed Hastings, Netflix co-founder; Damon Lindelof, Hollywood producer, to name a few per NY Times) are refusing to make further contributions to the DNC unless Biden steps down. We are living in perilous times with our adversaries watching every move that Biden makes. We need a leader who is at the top of his game, not one who falls asleep at meetings with international leaders or who wanders or stares off in a

daze. There can be no middle ground here, (the position that Editor Gary Scruton so often takes), as our democratic republic is at stake. We have a national security issue, and the nuclear code must NOT be in the hands of someone who is cognitively impaired.

I would also like to thank Alex Foryan (Letter to the Editor, July 2, 2024) for his comments about the illegal alien problems facing this country and the benefits these people are receiving at the expense of the American taxpayer. It's certainly sad that Mr. Foryan has to

put up with anonymous letters for expressing his First Amendment right of free speech.

I also noticed that in this edition of the Trendy Times (July 2, 2024) that Editor, Gary Scruton duplicated his comments to Alex and placed the identical comments under my letter to the editor. That's OK though, things happen.

Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

Robert,

Yes, we all make mistakes. It should be obvious that an error was made when copying my responses to the Letters to the Editor. I did, indeed, write a response and it will be printed below. My apologies for the error.

Regarding my tendency to take the middle ground, I say thank you. That is my goal. You will hopefully note that Trendy Times willingly accepts and prints Letters to the Editor and Op-Ed's from both sides of the aisle. Our position has been, and will continue to be, one of offering space for such commentaries.

I do my best not to critique someone's writing skills or their opinions. My responses are an attempt to show a second side to many of the issues brought up in these letters. But not to attempt to tell anyone what they must, or must not, think or do. The idea is for free speech to be real. No name calling. No accusations. No simply ignoring someone's opinion because it is different from your own.

For those curious, I do have my own opinions on many subjects. But this is neither the time, nor the space to offer them. This is your space to offer an opin-

ion, and mine to offer a counterpoint.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Robert,

I love this country as much as most, more than some, and probably not as much as some others. And I have participated in every election since I was old enough to vote. Each election, especially presidential elections are often referred to as the most important ever. To an extent that is correct as it will be a factor in what happens over the next two years at least.

But let me make this point.

Who is elected to the US Senate as US House of Representatives is also very important. Those two houses of Congress do much to either move the President's agenda forward or to stop it in its tracks. That is, after all, the way our system is designed. One person should not have too much power. There needs to be checks and balances. I see one of the biggest problems being that there is not nearly enough give and take. There is too much, us or them. Just my thoughts.

Gary Scruton, Editor

An older Biden beats a Trump of any age, any time

To The Editor -

Like millions of other folks a few days ago, I was horrified watching a bone-chilling Presidential debate on national TV.

I was sorely disappointed in both candidates, but for polar opposite reasons.

Current, legal President Biden came across badly, slurring his speech, not finishing sentences, seeming to forget his own talking points. Sometimes I could barely hear his words, he had a weak raspy voice. Worst of all,

he seemed unable to fact-check or counter the endless lies his opponent spewed out like a firehose.

Do I wish Biden had a stronger voice? Yes. Do I wish he moved with more energy when he walks? Yes. Do I wish he had been more combative with dangerous clown Trump's assertions? Yes.

All those are true but he is still the best man for our next presidency because he believes and works for a democracy, the American way of politics, the American way of life. Trump does not. Trump never has. He

thinks only of himself and always has.

He wants to be your King - America began more than 250 years ago by rejecting the notion of a king ruling our land.

As painful to watch as President Biden was, it was far more agonizing to have to listen to serial liar, twice-impeached, convicted felon Trump. The man has no morals, no integrity, no character and his view of future America is radically different than Biden's.

He vomited up lies about immigrant crime statistics - immigrants, legal and not legal commit

crimes at a lower rate than the average American. He lied about the state of the economy - America's is the most robust in the world, and inflation is dropping greatly. And he lied again about the perception of America's strength across the world. We are the envy of the world militarily and respected for strengthening NATO.

Biden had a pretty bad ninety minutes during the debate, but he's had a dam good 50 years, and a spectacularly successful three and a half years as Chief-Executive.

Biden's age is not the

problem, He's aging naturally as any man or woman would.

Trump's age is not the problem. His greed and lying ways are, his conviction that he is above the law.

You can either promote such a monster, or help restrain him. How you vote will tell you a great deal about how you want America to run soon.

Time's a coming.

Robert Roudebush
North Haverhill, NH

Robert,

At this time there is almost four months to go before the general election in November. Over 100 days will elapse before the American people will get a regularly schedule opportunity to elect

a President. At that same time every single member of the House of representatives will be elected, and about one third of our US Senators. Major changes can happen in each and every election this country holds.

Who is at the top of each ticket does, historically, make a difference in many of the lower races including state elections. Who is elected into power makes a difference on how the country is run and how the states are governed.

When it comes down to it, it is the right and I would suggest the obligation of every citizen that can vote, to do just that. Be informed, know the candidates, and make your voice heard at the polls.

Gary Scruton, Editor



Maya de Vitry and Griffin William Sherry Play The Colonial Theatre



Maya de Vitry and Griffin William Sherry will perform live at The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, on Saturday, July 20th at 8:00 PM.

"We are thrilled to share two great musicians performing all on one music-filled night!" said Susanna Brent, The Colonial Theatre Director of Programming. "The evening begins with a solo performance by singer and songwriter Maya de Vitry sharing her unique brand of folk music, followed by the very popular Griffin William Sherry performing with his high-energy band. We are excited to welcome Maya to The Colonial, and to have Griffin back for the fourth time!"

Maya de Vitry's vibrant voice seems to rise out of some necessity of bringing songs to life, embracing listeners with what Folk Alley calls a "soulful intimacy". She grew up in a musical family in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, understanding music to be a place of gathering, a way to spend a summer night around a campfire.

Whether she is playing with her electric band in a bar or sharing a song on acoustic guitar at a folk festival, there is an emotional immediacy and a striking magnetism in Maya's music. She has been invited to support a variety of tours and has warmed up stages for John Craigie and Aoife O'Donovan, and bands like Mighty Poplar and The Wood Brothers.

Living somewhere in between modern catharsis and American myth, Griffin William Sherry's roots continue to grow strong in the ever-evolving genres of Folk, Americana, and Rock & Roll. Griffin's music is inspired by his New England rural roots. As such, he cobbles together an inimitable signature style, visceral and heartfelt, loud and passionate, each song taking on a voice of its own. In 2011, He co-founded The Ghost of Paul Revere,

capturing the hearts and minds of countless fans with a series of acclaimed releases and sold-out shows everywhere. He helped establish his own music festival, performed on national television and garnered millions of streams. In 2019, his song The Ballad of the 20th Maine became the official Maine State Ballad, securing The Ghost of Paul Revere's place in Maine music history. In 2022, after writing music for seventeen years, Griffin began work on his first solo record, taking a defiant step in a new direction.

The double bill performance of Maya de Vitry and Griffin William Sherry will start at 8:00 PM, July 20th. Tickets are \$20 for members of The Colonial and \$28, with a fee of \$5.50 for non-members. Tickets are available at BethlehemColonial.org. The performance of Maya de Vitry and Griffin William Sherry at The Colonial Theatre is sponsored by Les Apple.

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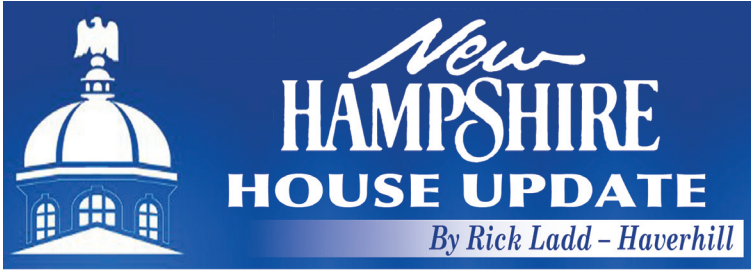
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In a 2022 survey conducted by the Annenberg Public Policy Center, it was identified that fewer than half of U.S. adults (approximately 47%) could name all three branches of government. In an effort to strengthen civics education in New Hampshire public schools, the Department of Education has now partnered with Discovery Education to develop instructional materials for students and teachers that will assist them in better understanding our NH history, heritage, and principles found in our constitution and government.

To support the development of a new civics curriculum, the Governor and Executive Council approved \$1 million. The State is now moving forward in the effort to improve civics education. A special Commission on New Hampshire Civics is working with Discovery Education to design curriculum content and suggested lessons, that will also contain professional development for teachers. Commission members include representation from the NH Department of Education, the Governor's Office, the NH Historical Society, a Circuit Judge, elected officials from the House and Senate, the Chair of NH Civics, the retired Secretary of State, the Chief Justice of the NH Supreme Court, public school teachers, the Chief Administrative Judge for the NH Superior Court, and parents.

During this past year, Discovery Education consulted approximately 50 educators from 21 NH districts. Of educators that identified what grade they taught, the educators were split, nearly evenly between primary (46%) and secondary (49%). Commission members

have mentioned civics topics that should be explored more in the lessons. These include how, as a reaction to absolute power of a monarchy, the NH Constitution instead derived its power from the people, who then granted it back to the government. Members have also stressed the need to emphasize that our government is a republic, with representatives elected by the people. Our town meetings are an annual expression of pure democracy in action, a definite contrast from a monarchy.

The new curriculum will have a strong focus on how NH's historical events contributed to our unique NH Constitution that contains a Bill of Rights. The Pine Tree Riot occurred in 1772, one year prior to the Boston Tea Party. Local settlers in Weare, NH did not like King George reserving the tall white pine trees for the Royal Navy even though the trees were on private land. The Pine Tree Riot contributed to our Bill of Rights. "No part of a man's property shall be taken from him, or applied to public uses, without his own consent, or that of the representative body of the people."

Working on this Commission is an honor, as I know that the new civics curriculum will assist students in exploring our history, heritage, and better understanding the principles of a free society.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep Rick Ladd
Civics Commission Member

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De Mayo announces his candidacy for Grafton County Commissioner, District 2

Nick De Mayo of Sugar Hill is announcing his candidacy for Grafton County Commissioner, District 2 serving the towns of: Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Haverhill, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orford, Piermont, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Water Valley, and Woodstock.

"It has become clear to me that things at the county level are out of control," he stated to a group of supporters at a recent gathering. The Grafton County Commission and the County Delegation, composed of all NH State Representatives of Grafton County, for some bizarre reason, think it is reasonable to continue dropping "ostrich-egg-size-taxes" on these same overburdened residents and taxpayers of Grafton County during a time when even chicken eggs are unaffordable!!

De Mayo stated: "In the US Navy, where it was my distinct honor to serve my country, I was not taught to toss an anchor to a drowning sailor." He further stated, "if elected as your District 2 Grafton County Commissioner for the next four years, I will be your advocate. I have faith in God, I have faith in America, I have faith in New Hampshire, and I have faith in the people of this county to 'right-the-ship.' I am asking that you put your faith in me, by selecting me to serve as your Grafton County Commissioner. In return, my District 2 neighbors, you will receive a humble, strong, and judicious steward...one who is in

touch with reality and a man of his word."

De Mayo served in the US Navy as a Quartermaster aboard the Minesweeper, MSC-190, out of Narragansett Bay, RI as well as serving as an active-duty Quartermaster aboard the aircraft carrier, USS John F. Kennedy (CVA-67) where he was assigned to the Pre-Commissioning Unit and claimed the distinction as Plank Owner. Additionally, he proudly volunteered to serve, TAD, aboard the battleship, USS New Jersey (BB-62), preparing her for service off the coast of Viet Nam.

De Mayo and his wife have been residents/voters/taxpayers for over 20-years in Sugar Hill, NH. A Registered Republican, and a member of the New Hampshire State Republican Committee, he serves as Chairman of the Northern Grafton County Republican Committee (NGCRC) which serves the northern Grafton County towns of: Bath, Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, and Sugar Hill.

De Mayo is a 35-year veteran Rhode Island public school teacher, having taught in Woonsocket, RI. He is a former candidate as Teacher Representative to the Rhode Island Public Employees' Pension System (ERSRI) which represents 40,000 teachers/administrators among others.

De Mayo taught Adult Education (GED) to single moms and drop-outs in various northern Rhode Island high schools as



well as teaching GED to inmates categorized as Maximum Security / Medium Security (PC) / Work Release at the Rhode Island prison system in Cranston, RI. He served as Adult Education Evening Director, both at the East Providence School System and the Providence School System.

De Mayo has been active within his community participating in a number of capacities over the years, including serving the children and families of the Greater Littleton, NH area towns as Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) at St. Rose of Lima Church and as a ski instructor at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, NH. He participates and shares his views at monthly/annual Sugar Hill Select Board/Planning Board meetings and in monthly/annual elementary (Lafayette) & middle/high school (Profile) meetings. He has served as a member of a local school ad-hoc budget committee. De Mayo has recently become a participant in Grafton County Commissioners'/ County Delegation's Budget Hearings due to concerns he shares with many of his fellow citizens.

He is a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Bethlehem, NH. Vote for Nick De Mayo for Grafton County Commissioner, District 2 on November 5, 2024! What do you have to lose?...but higher taxes!

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Squashysoise or Zucchini Soup

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm doing okay but I'm sad. My wonderful friend Jane Austin passed away on July 5th. We did everything together, shopping, going out to eat, vacation and we played a lot of Skipbo. I will miss her terribly and she will be sadly missed by all her friends. God bless her, may she Rest In Peace.

My 7th anniversary writing the Trendy Kitchen just passed on July 11. I can't believe it has been 7 years since 2017 that I get to share my recipes with all of you. Today's recipe was my first recipe and it's

perfect for now because it's zucchini season and this is a great and different way to use zucchini. It's easy peasy and "Delicioso ". So let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it.

- Ingredients**
- 4 onions chopped small
 - 2-4 Tbsp butter
 - 2 Cups zucchini sliced (if you have more than that it's okay. Eyeball a small to medium zucchini)
 - 4 Cups of chicken broth
 - 1 Cup of milk
 - 1/2 tsp salt or to taste
 - 1/2 tsp pepper or to taste
- In a large skillet melt 2 Tbsp of butter

and sauté the onions until almost translucent and add the zucchini and 2 more Tbsp of butter if you need it and sauté until tender. Then put the zucchini and onions and 1 cup of chicken broth in a blender and blend until smooth. I usually have to do it in two batches. You don't want to fill the blender to the top because it can easily overflow. When blended put in a soup pot and add the rest of the chicken broth and the milk and salt and pepper. Heat through and mix well but don't boil it because it could curdle. Guess what, you are done. It's creamy and delicious. You can add a dollop of sour cream on top or even croutons. This soup can be served hot or cold. I prefer it warm. It reheats well in the microwave or on top of the stove.

Please give this recipe a try because your family will love it and you will be a star. Well folks that's it for today's recipe I hope you enjoy it and make it again and again. Stay safe, healthy and cool my friends. Until next time I am signing off. Sincerely, Cin Pin

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