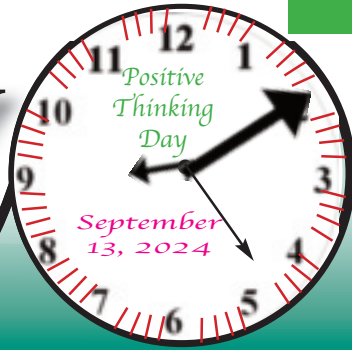


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# Clue



WHITEFIELD, NH - August 26, 2024—New Hampshire's award-winning Weathervane Theatre proudly presents the outrageous comedy Clue. Opening on Tuesday, August 27th, this farce meets murder mystery runs in alternating repertory through September 28th.

Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, murder and blackmail are on the menu in this ultimate whodunnit. Join the iconic oddballs known as Miss Scarlet, Mr. Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard as they race to find the murderer before the body count stacks up in this madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

The cast features Broadway's Becca Ayers (Mrs. White), Julia Bogdanoff (Miss Scarlet), Jorge Donoso (Mr. Green), Marisa Kirby (Mrs. Peacock), Ira Kramer (Col. Mustard), Ethan Paulini (Wadsworth), Ana Lauren Rodriguez (Yvette), and Nathaniel J. Ryan (Professor Plum). The cast also includes Danielle Barrett, Payton Thomas, and Lew Whitener, who play multiple roles.

Directing Clue is Jessie Booth. First seen on the Weathervane stage in 2018 as an actor (Lady of the Lake in Spamalot, Ursula in Little Mermaid, Narrator in Joseph...), this is Booth's second season at the Weathervane and her first as a director.

events include an opening night reception following the Tuesday,

Clue is part of Weathervane's 59th rep season, running now - October 13, 2024. Additional Season 59 titles include EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE, ROMEO & JULIET, and CABARET. Season 59 tickets start at \$24.

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# TRENDY Dining Guide

## Kitchen Counter Cafe

### By April Dyke

with edits from my amazing sister Ashley Orser



Well, Anthony and I made it again to Kitchen Counter Cafe. As before we went on a Sunday morning. It was so nice out, why not take a Sunday drive. We walked in and saw it was quite busy. Despite that, Crystal noticed our arrival immediately, greeting us as did all the other waitresses. What a great and welcoming atmosphere. Due to all the hustle and bustle, we decided to sit at the counter. When you come in you have your choice in seating, either at one of the tables or the counter. I always like the counter because you can see your food being made, as well as talk to whoever is making up the orders. To place an order you

walk up to the counter where there is a chalkboard listing the daily specials. The quiche specials were ham and broccoli on a regular crust and veggie with a potato crust. Both were served with fruit. I chose the 3 egg omelette with onions, sausage, bacon and cheddar cheese. It comes with your choice of bread. Of course I had to do the sourdough. I also got a half order of home fries with cheese and onions. Anthony also got an omelette, but he chose to get sausage and mushrooms with American cheese. His bread was white toast and he couldn't help but do a half side of home fries to match mine. It was delicious. We each got

water for our drinks, which you get yourself. They have coolers full of drinks and a little coffee bar to serve yourself after you order. When we were through Anthony got up and took care of our plates and utensils, which is the norm here. They have the cutest area for that. It is such a cute set up all together. When we were stuffed to the brim we were handed the bill, which came to \$25.27. We paid by card then headed out, again met with well wishes and warmth. I highly recommend checking out this little gem with the best atmosphere and fun self-serve.



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 Until next time!!!



## Welcome to Autumn by Gary Scruton

It is hard to define a tradition. Not in the matter of what is, or is not a tradition. But rather how long does it take for something to become a tradition? The So Long Summer - Hello Fall Festival in downtown Wells River just held their 12th Annual event. As always it was held on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, which is most definitely the traditional end of summer. But according to the calendar Fall does not begin until September 22, 2024.

But does 12 years make this event a tradition? A quick look up of definitions seems to indicate that to become a tradition it must go thru multiple generations. One of the big events of So Long Summer - Hello Fall is the zucchini contest. It has become normal for the winners to be quite young. This indicates that these entrants may have had some help from their older family members, meaning it covered at least two gen-

erations.

Another big event is the Antique Tractor Parade that travels thru Wells River Village and then sets up at the Wells River Chevrolet parking lot. One look tells you that many of these tractors have been around for several generations, not to mention some of the drivers.

One could also look at the over 60 vendor spots that were set up. They included a vast array of offerings from food to decorations, information to raffle tickets. And they were manned by a vast array of people from many generations as well as many walks of life.

Twelve years may not make for an official tradition, but the So Long Summer - Hello Fall Festival in Wells River has become an event that many look forward to each year. Here's hoping it goes on to include many, many more generations.



## 9/12 Live at The Loading Dock: Deerlady + Allison Burik's 'Realm'

Thursday September 12th at 8pm, The Loading Dock is pleased to welcome Mali Obomsawin back to Littleton with her indie rock duo, Deer Lady. Tickets are available on Eventbrite (\$15) and at the door (\$20) on the day of the show. All ages. Doors open at 7:30, music starts at 8.

The Loading Dock is a non-profit creative space dedicated to presenting original art. The venue is located on Mill Street in Littleton, the entrance is next to a loading dock directly behind Topic of the Town and just up the street from Bad Art. The best parking is on Main Street or in the free parking lots on Pleasant Street behind the movie theater and also behind the laundromat.

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## OBITUARY: Janice D. Slayton Guillemette

Janice D. Slayton Guillemette, 84, of Woodsville, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 29, 2024. She was born in Woodsville, NH on August 18, 1940 to the late Clement R. and Edna A. (Joslin) Blood. She graduated from Woodsville High School with the class of 1958 and then went on to graduate from Nashua Memorial School of Nursing.

Janice married James S. Slayton on October 28, 1961, and together, for 25 years, they raised three sons. She worked as the Head Nurse at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville where she spent over 30 years caring for others and making a positive difference in people's lives. James "Jim" died in 1987, and Janice married Jon Pierre "Pete" Guillemette on September 4, 1993. They moved to East Hartford, CT where she worked for the VNA and in an adult residential care facility until Pete retired. They then moved to Zephyrhills, FL in 2005, wintering in Florida and summering in Woodsville. They also traveled the country in a recreational vehicle, and enjoyed bicycling, walking, and visiting with neighbors. Janice was always happiest with family and friends around and her laugh was contagious. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, and she would do anything for her family. She truly lived life to the fullest.

Janice was predeceased by her first husband James Slayton, a brother, Arnold Blood, and three sisters, Elizabeth Williams, Winona Underwood, and Ellen Hart-

shorn. She is survived by her husband Jon Pierre "Pete" Guillemette; three sons, Randall Slayton and his wife Brenda of Wethersfield, CT, Michael Slayton and his wife Susan of Hebron, CT, and James Slayton and his wife Jessica of Manchester, CT; step-children, Eddie Guillemette and his wife Chi of Niseko, Japan, Tammy Legendre and her husband Mathieu of Cromwell, CT, Denis Newcomer and his wife Heidi of Morrison, CO, and Nannette Packer and her husband Tracy of Cave Springs, GA; seven grandchildren, Jessica, Christina, James, Paige, Hunter, William, and Wyatt; eight step-grandchildren, Brandilyn, Ryan, Maggie, Jake, Jillian, Leah, Emily, and Maddox; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 5-7 PM at Ricker Funeral and Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St., Woodsville, NH. She will be interred at McIndoe Falls Cemetery, Barnet, VT, in a private ceremony beside her first husband Jim.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Cottage Hospital Community Relations Department, 90 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville, NH 03785.

To offer the family an online condolence for Janice, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com)

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As an investor, you'll always need to deal with risk of some kind. But how can you manage the risk that's been made clear by the recent volatility in the financial markets? The answer to this question may depend on where you are in life.

Let's start with the risks associated with investing. There's not a single investment risk because different types of investments carry different types of risk. Here's a look at three investment categories and some of the risks connected with them:

**Stocks** – When you invest in stocks or stock-based mutual funds, you will incur the risk that the value of your investments may decline. Stock prices can fall for any number of reasons – lower-than-expected earnings, a change in management, change in consumer tastes, and so on. Although the historical trend for stocks has been positive, there will always be periods when prices are down. One way to help defend against this volatility is to hold stocks for the long term, rather than constantly buying and selling, and to own a mix of stocks from different industries and even different countries.

**Bonds** – When market interest rates rise, the value of your bonds can decline because investors won't pay full price for them when they can get the newer ones that offer higher rates. Another type of risk associated with bonds is credit risk, which essentially describes the risk that the

# RISKS!

bond issuer may default, potentially disrupting your flow of interest payments. However, you can help mitigate this risk by purchasing investment-grade bonds that receive the highest credit ratings from independent rating agencies. Certificates of deposit (CDs) – Although CDs are generally considered safe because their principal is guaranteed, they do carry reinvestment risk – the risk that you won't be able to reinvest the proceeds of a maturing CD at the same interest rate. To help protect against this risk, you could own CDs of varying maturities. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term CDs paying higher interest, and when market rates rise, you can reinvest the money from your maturing shorter-term CDs into the new, higher-paying ones.

Now, let's turn to a completely different type of risk – the risk of not investing. And this risk is easy to understand: If you don't invest, or if you consistently invest only in the most conservative ve-

hicles, your money may not grow enough to allow you to reach your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Of course, this doesn't mean you should never own conservative investments, including CDs and some types of bonds. When you're saving for a short-term goal, such as a down payment on a house, a wedding or a long vacation, you want the money to be there when you need it, so an investment that offers protection of principal may be appropriate, even if it doesn't provide much in the way of growth. For those long-term goals, though, you may need to build an investment portfolio that contains growth potential and that reflects your personal risk tolerance and time horizon. Over time, your risk tolerance may change. As you get closer to retirement, you may want to take a somewhat more conservative approach – but you'll always need some elements of growth.

When you invest, risk can't be eliminated, but it can be managed. Keeping this in mind, consider a long-term investment strategy that allows for risk but also offers the possibility of reward.

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### OBITUARY: *Lillian Mae Quebec Brooks Fenoff,*

Lillian Mae Quebec Brooks Fenoff, 91, passed away peacefully at Sartwell Place in Whitefield, NH on September 2, 2024. She was born to William and Marion Brooks on June 10, 1933, in Haverhill, NH. She grew up in Charlestown, NH. She married Robert Fenoff on April 24, 1954, and had seven children. She was a homemaker until most of her children had graduated high school. She then took a job at Lisbon Regional School as a secretary, where she worked for over 30 years. She enjoyed painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, baking, spending time with family and friends, going to yard sales, and gardening. She was eternally grateful to all of her friends and family who helped and supported her throughout her life.

She is predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Robert Fenoff, her parents, William and Marion, her two sisters, Mary and Margaret, her brother, Robert and a

great-grandson Chad Fenoff Jr. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Kim and Karen Brooks, Anna and Ernie Locke, Joe and Shirley Fenoff, Brad and Lorraine Fenoff, Rob and Kelly Fenoff, Rick and Wanda Fenoff, and Matt and Pam Fenoff, twelve grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

An informal graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 11AM at the Landaff Cemetery in Landaff, NH, with Melissa Gould officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, [www.stjude.org/donatetoday](http://www.stjude.org/donatetoday) or 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905, an organization that she cared deeply about.

To offer the family an online condolence for Lillian, please go to [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com)

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Bath, NH - Betsy A. (Sawyer) McKean, passed away at her home on Wednesday August 21st, 2024, surrounded by family members and friends.

She was born on March 4, 1964, daughter of Richard Sawyer and Margret (Douglas) Sawyer at Cottage Hospital town of Haverhill, NH.

Betsy spent her entire life in Bath, attending Woodsville Elementary and Woodsville High School. After graduation she worked as a waitress at the Barge Inn and for many years at Grafton County Courthouse as a housekeeper. She was hired by Walmart as one of the first employees when the store opened in Woodsville and continued there until July 2024 due to illness.

Betsy had many friends at work and two very close friends were Jenny and Amy.

She was married to Jason McKean on August 21, 1999. Together they had a son Jacob.

Betsy enjoyed her houseplants, outside flowers, art and crafts, all

### OBITUARY: *Betsy A. (Sawyer) McKean,*

types of music, her cats and watching the wildlife outside her home.

Betsy was predeceased by her parents Richard Sawyer and Margret Sawyer, and brother Carl Sawyer and infant Carl D.

She is survived by family members, brother Richard Sawyer and wife Jean, sisters Dorothy Woodworth, Fey Ward and husband Ted, nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. Special care was provided by family and

friends.

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We bought popcorn and soda, found our seats in semi-darkness, and settled

in.

After the ads from local businesses, selling things we did not need, Hank started to feel weak and short of breath.

We decided to leave early and head back to the hotel, where he could don his c-pap and take a nap for awhile. His usual remedy for funk.

Halfway to the hotel, even before the movie ended, Hank was gone.

I don't share the news so

you know my sorrow - that would be impossible anyway - I share it as a caution.

Life is not a rehearsal. Don't let a moment be wasted, because your next breath could be your last one too.

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tured on most of their tracks. Their musical scores are original, largely based on Gemme's repertoire of fiddle tunes, while their lyrics are often traditional. In twenty-two years, the trio has carved out prominent place for itself on the international, folk and Celtic music scene.

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## OBITUARY: Priscilla (Plamondon) Locke,

Lisbon, NH – Priscilla (Plamondon) Locke, 95, passed away in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her family on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. She was born on July 10, 1929, in Woodsville, NH, to Iva Mae (Wilson) and Ernest Plamondon.

She was a graduate of McIndoes Academy, class of 1947. She married Robert G. Locke on April 10, 1948. They had four children and made a life together in Monroe, NH. They moved to Lisbon in 2014.

Priscilla babysat in her home, did housekeeping for families in Monroe, and also worked at North Country Farms, now known as Pete & Gerry's, for a time. She was a Sunday School teacher in McIndoe Falls and Monroe and served as an officer in the Monroe Ladies Society. She was a de-

voted member of the Monroe Methodist Church and enjoyed helping with church functions like the Saturday Night Suppers and Lords Acre Auction. She served as a ballot clerk for the town of Monroe for many years. She loved to bowl and became a member of the Women's Bowling League in Woodsville. She enjoyed music and dancing and watching the Boston Red Sox and Celtics. She had a knack for arranging flowers and enjoyed having carnations around the house. She loved spending time with family, especially attending her grandchildren's school and college sporting events. The past ten years at the Lisbon Inn have earned her many close friends who will miss her greatly, as well as the Boston Post Cane for being Lisbon's oldest resident. She also loved her

adopted Maine Coon Cat, Samantha

Priscilla was predeceased by her husband of 71 years, Robert Locke; her parents, Iva Blondeau and Ernest Plamondon; her stepfathers, Joseph Blondeau and Norman Magill; and her sister Kathryn Locke.

She will be remembered by her children, Alan Locke and Merry of Lisbon, NH, Ernie Locke and Anna of Monroe, NH, Cyndy Hutchins and Brent of Monroe, NH, and Sandy Lang and John of Monroe, NH; five grandchildren, Steven Lang and wife Susana, Laurie Lang, Patricia Lang, Rob Locke and fiancé Jessica, and Theresa Clark and husband Tucker; four great-grandchildren, Kaylie Locke, Brynn Locke, Tayler Clark, and Savannah Lang; her brother Wilson Plamondon; her step-sisters, Joyce Ryder, and Gloria Russell; and nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

There will be a calling hour on Friday, September 13, 2024, from 11AM to Noon at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St, followed by a Celebration of Life with Melissa Gould as celebrant.

To offer the family a condolence on the life of Priscilla please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.



## OBITUARY: Steven M. Erno

Corinth, VT – Steven M. Erno, 70, passed away at his home on Saturday, August 24, 2024. He was born to Bernice (Bolio) and Merle Erno on September 10, 1953, in St. Albans, VT.

Steven attended Belows Falls Academy and graduated with the class of 1971. He married and had two sons while working various jobs in Connecticut. He enlisted in the US Army and was honorably discharged. In the early 90's he moved to Vermont, where he worked as a truck driver, most recently for Cassella. In 1993 he was wed again, this time to Joanne Cummings, they had a daughter.

He was a fisherman, of both freshwater and deep sea. He was an avid chess player and enjoyed gardening and canning vegetables. He could also be found in the living room September through January cheering on his favorite football team, the Green Bay Packers.

Steven was predeceased by his wife Joanne Erno on March 1, 2008; his parents Bernice

and Merle Erno; and a sister, Diane Bohannon.

He will be remembered by; his children, Jeremy Erno of Corinth, VT, Shane Erno and wife Jennifer of Connecticut, and Michaela Erno and husband Ethan Johnson of Graniteville, VT; his grandchildren, Hadleigh, Chloe and Todd; his brothers, Ernie Erno and wife Kathy of Enosburg, VT, and David Erno of St. Albans, VT; the mother of his two sons, Nerissa Schultz; his beloved dog Zeus; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

There will be a graveside service for Steven at the East Corinth Cemetery on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 11 AM, with Pastor Pam Smith serving as Celebrant.

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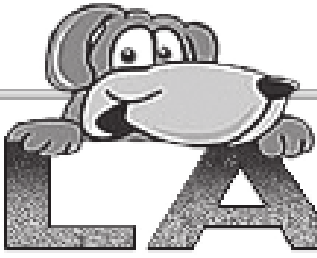
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## Woodsville High School Announces JAG Student of the Week: Savannah Murray

Woodsville High School proudly recognizes Savannah Murray as the JAG Student of the Week! Savannah, a standout student in the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program, has demonstrated exceptional leadership and kindness, making her a valuable member of our school community.

Since joining JAG in her freshman year, Savannah has consistently pushed herself to grow, recently applying for a

leadership position as a JAG officer. Her courage in stepping out of her comfort zone showcases her strong leadership abilities. But Savannah's impact doesn't stop there—her kindness and camaraderie with her peers are equally impressive. A perfect example was when Savannah was recently seen holding the door open for fellow students after a fire drill, embodying the spirit of respect and teamwork that JAG promotes.

"Savannah has truly embraced the JAG spirit. Her leadership and kindness inspire us all," said Mrs. Nichols, Senior Career Specialist at Woodsville High School. "She's a shining example of what it means to be a JAG student, and we are so proud of her accomplishments."

Savannah's hard work, leadership, and positive attitude make her

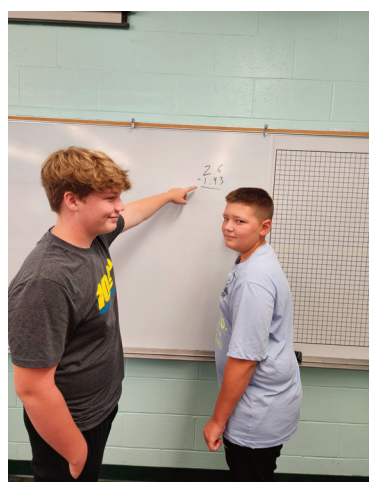


an outstanding student and a role model to her peers. We are excited to watch her continue to excel in the classroom and beyond.

Congratulations, Savannah!  
Keep up the fantastic work!

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## Woodsville High School Recognizes Leadership and Bravery of 9th Graders Charlie Page and Liam Bixby



Woodsville, NH – Woodsville High School is proud to recognize the exceptional leadership and bravery demonstrated by 9th graders Charlie Page and Liam Bixby, who recently made a significant impact in their math class.

Despite being new to the school and their teachers, Charlie and Liam volunteered to lead their large 26-person class through several challenging math problems. Their willingness to step up and take on this responsibility not only helped their classmates but also contributed to creating a positive and relaxed atmosphere in the classroom.

"Charlie and Liam's initiative set a wonderful example for their peers and helped everyone, including the teacher, feel more comfortable and engaged," said Hayden Coon, Principal of Woodsville High School. "We are incredibly proud of these young students for their courage and leadership so early in their high school journey."

Charlie and Liam's efforts were recognized thanks to a nomination by their teacher, Janitta Richardson, who witnessed firsthand the positive impact they had on the class.

## Woodsville High School Engineering Excellence

## Woodsville High School Recognizes Outstanding Community Service by Student Sam Pond



Woodsville, NH—Woodsville High School is proud to announce that Sam Pond has been recognized for his exceptional contributions to the community following a nomination by staff member Mike Bonanno.

Through his dedicated efforts, Sam Pond has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to community service. Three days a week, he volunteers at the Horsemeadow Senior Center, where he assists in preparing meals that are delivered to local seniors. His work ensures that those in need receive nutritious meals and support.

In addition to his work at the Senior Center, Sam plays a vital role in main-

taining communication within the school district. He is responsible for picking up mail from Woodsville High School, Bath Village School, and the Middle School, and delivering it to the SAU Office. Sam also extends his service to the Town of Haverhill Offices, where he engages in meaningful conversations, fostering positive relationships within the community.

"We are incredibly proud of Sam for his dedication and the positive impact he makes every day," said Hayden Coon, Principal of Woodsville High School. "His efforts exemplify the spirit of community service and set a wonderful example for all our students."

## Woodsville High School Students Demonstrate Dedication and Teamwork



Woodsville, NH — September 4, 2024 — Woodsville High School is proud to highlight the commitment and teamwork demonstrated by students Sebastian Butson and Deklan Pereira. These students volunteered during Engineer Time this week to clean up the school's woodshop, showcasing their dedication to maintaining a positive and productive learning environment.

Mr. Glen Page recog-

nized and nominated the initiative and praised Sebastian and Deklan for their willingness to go above and beyond in supporting their school community.

"These young men exemplify the spirit of responsibility and teamwork that we encourage at Woodsville High School," said Mr. Page. "Their efforts are a great example of what it means to take pride in our school."

# Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor,

I felt what illegal immigration can result in. It happened in 1980 under the presidency of Carter.

Labeled the "Muriel Boat Lift" it involved Cuban Communist Dictator Fidel Castro to allow segments on his society to leave Cuba under Carter over sight. 125,000 Cubans and 25,000 Haitians were transported to Florida by private boats. The Cuban government moved two barges full.

Many of these illegals were impossible to verify as non-criminal. Many Cuban jails were void of decadent people.

Three closed military facilities were activated to detain the unknowns. Fort Chaffee, Alabama was one.

I was a U.S. Army soldier whose specialty was vehicle maintenance. I was imbedded in a Mechanized Infantry Assault Unit at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

All of the infantrymen in my unit were embarked on a mission to provide security to unverifiable illegals. I

**Mike,**

**First I will thank you for your service in the US Armed Forces. I do believe that being in the military gives that segment of the population a unique perspective. Of course that can be said for those in many walks of life, from teachers to**

bid farewell to 100 infantry men as they boarded three buses. They wore combat gear in uniform with no weapons. The men were trained in riot control techniques, issued four foot long rubber truncheons, and issued CS gas containers (tear gas).

I welcomed the infantry men back 60 days later. They were euphoric. Several days later they found me conducting vehicle maintenance in the motor pool.

No one wanted to address the last sixty days. One man looked me in the eye and said the words decadence, deviance, prostitution, sex traffic, abuse, violence, criminality, etc. I recall these descriptive words preceded by the vulgarity "F". The men were adamant about looking forward - not back. I know they will carry this happening internally forever!

Federal government statistics estimate 2.2% of these illegals, 275 illegals, were dangerous criminals. In the year 1985 the Florida

newspaper "Sun Sentinel" estimated estimated 16,000 to 20,000 of these illegals were arrested and detained.

Use the previous ration of 2.2% into today's 3.5 year total of 8.1 million processed illegals plus an estimated 3 million illegal "got-a-ways" and your equation is 10 million x 2.2% for a total of 220,000 dangerous criminals.

I am fortunate to have been imbedded with these fine American Infantry men to this day and forever more.

A civilian co-worker of mine here in NH told me "if you don't have a border you don't have a country!" I concur!

Sergeant First Class US Army, Retired, Pensioner Foreman, Automotive Maintenance dept., Cannon Mt., State of NH, Pensioner Social Security Administration, Pensioner Naturalized American Citizen, Amcon Canal Zone, Panama, Fort Kobbie Mike Dovholule, Lincoln, NH

**police officers, and from politicians to 9-5 workers. I have often said that looking at any issue or situation from a different view will often give you a different perspective.**

**Gary Scruton, Editor**

BACK AND FORTH

To The Editor,

The political conventions are past and Democrats and Republicans are sprinting down the final approach to the November Presidential election.

The candidates could not be more starkly defined. On one hand, there is a former president, an older white man - one term, twice impeached, and resoundingly voted out of office. He lies about losing.

He is also a multiple convicted felon. In his life he has never been held accountable for his actions - until recently. An unhappy and joyless spoiled child who's nearly 80 years old, he's one of those sad sacks who is not happy unless he's making each person around him unhappy.

On the other hand - we have a much younger candidate. a former California Attorney General, a U. S. Senator and now Vice-President. She has confidence, conviction and hope, is articulate and full of joy. A happy warrior.

This person happens to be a woman of mixed races and multi-cultures and common sense. She's to be our first

**Robert,**

**I saw a newscast the other day saying that the real campaign starts after Labor Day. I have also seen plenty of polls showing one or the other presidential candidate out in front. Most also say that the race is tight and could be decided in only a handful of states by a rather small number of voters. That says to me that every vote counts. That the opinion of every voter counts. And that between now and November 5 we all need to pay attention and make an informed decision at the polls.**

**Just as a reminder, there are plenty of other races that will also be on that ballot. So please take the time to know the candidates, and most importantly, cast your ballot.**

**Gary Scruton, editor**

"Madam President". The richness of her heritage and ethnic background means she's an aware leader whose mind is open, whose intelligence soars, whose spirit encourages.

They each have their own politics and policies, clearly in contrast. Kamala Harris rides an historic energetic wave of fresh support for her initiatives of progress. That's for me.

Donald Trump is trumpeting his policies based on a repressive and ultra-conservative document known as Project 2025, setting America back 50 years or more. That ain't for me.

They each blow their own horns, back and forth, back and forth.

But we're not talking about their policies in this letter. Because there are more over-riding issues in this upcoming election, like no other in our history.

It's real simple. Harris wants to continue our long successful American Democracy.

Trump wants to be an autocrat, a dictator, a King.

Back and forth.

I'm not going back. I'm moving forth.

Robert Roudebush  
North Haverhill, NH

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# Letters To The Editor:



## Rep Ladd Legislative Report Property Tax Burden – Sticker Shock

Dear Editor,

One of the most pressing challenges facing the North Country today is the lack of access to reproductive health care and family planning services. For four years, politicians in Concord have either ignored this crisis or made it worse – and it's past time that we have someone in the State Senate who will fight for reproductive freedom. That's why we're voting for Rusty Talbot in November.

In a quote from his website Rusty says, "I believe deeply in personal freedom and bodily autonomy, and I will consistently vote to protect reproductive rights. We must codify women's rights to [reproductive healthcare] and address aspects of the current law that undermine healthcare and discourage high-quality physicians from practicing in New Hampshire."

When it comes to reproductive healthcare, Rusty recognizes it's those of us living in the North Country who suffer the most at the hands of anti-choice state legislators. Republican politicians have sought to

turn the Granite State into a desert for reproductive health specialists, which places families in need of the various other vital services these centers offer in jeopardy.

New Hampshire is in dire need of expanding access to reproductive healthcare, but Republicans have made it their mission to strip away this human right. Just last year, State Rep. David Rochefort, who is also running for the State Senate in 2024, voted for a 6 week abortion ban and voted against adding common sense, legal protections for abortion in our state law.

These policies don't make sense for the North Country, and they don't make sense in the 'Live Free or Die' state. The North Country deserves a State Senator that cherishes personal freedoms as much as we do, and that Senator will be Rusty Talbot.

Jill Brewer, Franconia  
Erin Talcott  
Courtney Bowler  
Lucy Golden  
Christine Etter

**Jill, Erin, Courtney, Lucy, Christine**

**I will only add the fact that in the primary held on September 10 there was only one candidate on either ballot for the office of State Senator for District 1 that includes most of the towns in the distribution area of Trendy Times. The exceptions being Lincoln (District 3) and Wentworth (District 5).**

**As always, be informed before you go to vote, but please do vote either on November 5, or by absentee ballot if unable to show up in person.**

**Gary Scruton, Editor**

Surprise, surprise! I venture to say, that by now, most every property owner in Haverhill has received a letter from the Assessor's Office showing the new value of your property. As stated by the Selectboard this past Monday, "a revaluation of all real property is done to equalize the values within the municipality to ensure a fair distribution of the tax burden. The tax rates on assessed property will be completed later this fall after municipal, county and school budgets and values are finalized. It is only at that time that we can tell you what your final tax bill will be." The uncomfortable fact remains; however, that property values are headed skyward and that doesn't leave much hope for overburdened household budgets

Runaway property taxes are a sore spot in today's life. Constituents are already seeking relief from devastating inflation, government spending, high interest rates and costly programs such as student loan forgive-

ness. These conditions are stressful enough, but now magnified by proposed property values not just reasonably increasing, but skyrocketing.

Property tax concerns are also taking place in other municipalities and states around America. In some states like Colorado, homeowners have been pushed to the political breaking point. The Governor of Colorado has called for a special session to debate and cut a deal with the legislature to get a 10% tax-rate reduction, "a welcome change after property values jumped as much as 63% in booming towns from 2021 to 2023. BUT, Haverhill is NOT a booming town. According to state data, Haverhill's Household Median Income was \$58,946 in 2022, a far cry from that in Hanover where the median family income was \$154,023. With low incomes, the town struggles to maintain small businesses while some such as Rite Aid, close doors.

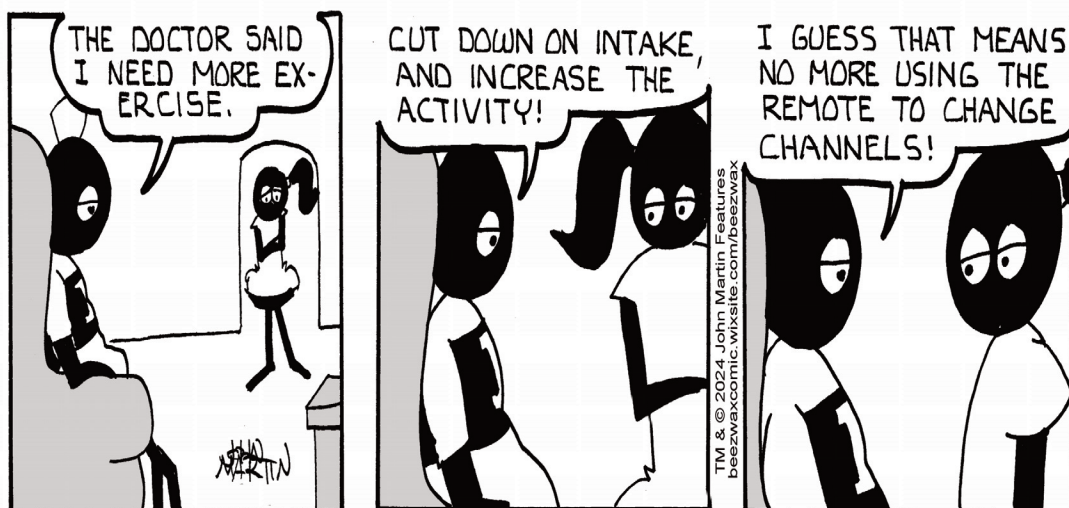
When my wife and I read that the property assessment for our

home containing 2 bedrooms and one and a half bathrooms would increase by \$153,700, we just couldn't believe it. While attending the selectboard meeting, the board did caution tax payers to wait until the tax rate is resolved later this fall, but community anxiety is high, is our cup half full or half empty? How are we going to attract young families to our town, when assessed property values and mortgage interest rates are so high, and income so low? Will the Town's new assessed value have a decreasing effect on state grant funds for schools that are premised upon equalized property valuation per pupil? Will home-owner insurance rates increase as assessed property values skyrocket?

We are at a property-tax crossroads. Tax payers need relief. I am hopeful the board will continue to keep Haverhill an affordable and attractive community in which to live.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rep Rick Ladd,  
Grafton 5

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He was born in Lancaster, NH. Son of Lorraine E Bernatchy "Betty B" and Norvin, Maurice Evans "Sonny".

Nelson went to Lancaster high school before joining the military in 1965.

Nelson worked for Woodsville fire department and EMS. Duds as a mechanic, Monteau Ski Lodge and the TV Guy in Woodville, where he retired and moved to Maine

Nelson enjoyed wood-working and playing his guitar, piano and organ. He enjoyed being outside

OBITUARY: Nelson, Maurice Evans "Butch"

playing with the goats and the dogs, and to end his nights in with the cats. He loved his grandchildren and the bean house that he made for them and being with family at Goose Pond.

Nelson is survived by his children Mona Sanville of North Haverhill, NH, Nelson Evans 2nd of Connecticut, Lesa and husband, Andrew Longmore of South Ryegate, VT, and Cherie Evans of Concord, VT. His sister Linda and husband Lawrence Keyes of West Virginia and brother John Evans. With several grandchildren and great grandchildren, cousins, aunt and uncles and Partner Karen Laflamme. There will be no calling hours and a celebration of life will be held at the American Legion Woodville, New Hampshire on October 12 at 2 PM.

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# Pasta e Fagioli Soup

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm okay but still dealing with Plantar Fasciitis. I'm using a cane for support but it is very painful. My friend Pauline from RI told me her young niece had to have surgery for it and has to wear a boot for quite a while. Mine began August 2 so we'll see what happens.

During a terrible thunderstorm a couple of weeks ago lightning must've struck near my house because it screwed up the electrical part of my gas stove. There was a flash of lightning and immediately a super loud crack of thunder and immediately my stove started beeping. Nothing works except I can manually light the burners. It's unplugged and when I try it it immediately locks the oven door and I'm afraid so I unplug it. No oven and I use the oven a lot. My wonderful friend Jan had a great toaster oven she wasn't using and gave it to me. Thank you Jan you saved me. I'm not sure what I'm going to do the back electrical board is \$400 then I'll have to get someone to install it. So I'm trying to decide if I should start shopping for another one.

I have to tell you my birthday (70) was on the 4th and my beautiful and gen-

erous friend Polly took me out for the day. We had such a great time. We traveled all over, our first stop was in Lisbon, NH where we found a nice little Thai restaurant and had a delicious lunch. We saw many historical landmarks, stopped at a cute flower store, met a very nice artist Craig Pursley who told us all about the beautiful paintings in his studio. Thank you Polly for an eventful and memorable 70th birthday.

Ok today's recipe is a copycat recipe of Olive Garden's Pasta e fagioli soup. It's easy peasy and "Delizioso" so let's get started with how to make it.

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 medium onion chopped small
- 3 stalks of celery chopped small
- 2 medium carrots peeled and chopped small
- 4 cloves of garlic minced
- 1 - 14 oz can diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 - 14 oz can crushed tomatoes
- 1 - 14 oz can red kidney beans drained and rinsed well
- 1 - 14 oz can cannellini beans drained and rinsed well
- 4 cups chicken broth

- 1/2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1/2 Tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp dry oregano
- 1 tsp dry basil
- 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup Tubettini soup pasta
- S&P to taste

Add beef to a soup pot and cook over medium high heat until browned breaking it up as it cooks. Drain excess fat, I used 85% lean and I didn't have any excess fat. Stir in the onions, celery, carrots and garlic and cook 8-10 minutes stirring occasionally. Add the diced and crushed tomatoes, the 2 cans of beans, chicken broth, red wine vinegar, sugar, Italian seasoning, oregano, basil and red pepper flakes. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and let simmer with cover on but slightly open 15-20 minutes. Add pasta and cook simmering until tender 15-20 minutes stirring so macaroni doesn't stick to bottom. Serve immediately. That's it your soup is done. Sprinkle some grated Parmesan cheese on top and enjoy! I gave a container to my friend Dickie and one to Diane and they loved it. I didn't tell them what it was called and Diane said it

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tasted like a soup she had at Olive Garden, so I guess I did good, mission accomplished. This is the exact recipe but I had to make a few ingredient changes for mine and it was great. Because my oven died I quickly found something else to make and I had to use 2 cans of diced tomatoes instead of one crushed and I made the chicken broth with bouillon cubes and instead of cannellini beans I used light red kidney beans and a can of sliced carrots drained and rinsed. So if you have to make changes it's fine. Also when I reheated it I had to add 2 more cups of chicken broth because the soup

Mac absorbed a lot. Olive Garden cooks their macaroni separate and adds it at the end as they serve it. So you can decide. I think the whole family will love this and they will say that you are a star for making such a good meal. It's hearty and filling. You can get some garlic bread sticks and serve them too.

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give it a try you will make it again and again.

Until next time my friends stay safe and healthy and watch out for those EEE mosquitoes, I am signing off for now.

Sincerely,  
Cin Pin

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