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ESSEX JUNCTION, VT — Building on the success of four prior exhibitions and a robust network of community partnerships, Inclusive Arts Vermont's 5th biennial exhibition, CYCLES, is currently on display at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, through October 2024. CYCLES highlights artwork by 25 Vermont artists with disabilities as they explore the title theme. An artist reception will be held on Friday, October 4 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

This leg of the exhibition is being hosted in collaboration with the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. As part of the October 4th artist reception, Inclusive Arts Vermont will offer accessibility services including American Sign Language interpretation, Braille, large print, an audio tour, access for people with blindness and low vision, tactile elements, sensory items like noise canceling headphones, and a quiet room. Accessible parking, entrances, and restrooms are available at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. Those with ad



ditional access requests are encouraged to contact Heidi Swevens at exhibitions@inclusiveartsvermont.org or (802) 556-3668.

Two Inclusive Family Pro-

grams are planned while CYCLES is at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum on October 5 and 26 at 10:30 AM. Both events are free but registration is required.

Disability representation matters. According to the CDC, nearly 25% of adults in Vermont have a disability. Beyond individuals, environments can be disabling too. The social model of disability points out external barriers that impact access and inclusion. Inclusive Arts Vermont has invited artists and partners to collaborate on accessibility features like verbal description,

alternative print formats, and tactile elements to eliminate some known barriers. These features are part of the show itself. Through creativity and connection, we hope CYCLES will bring diverse perspectives of disability experience to increase community inclusion.

Learn more about the exhibition by visiting: <https://www.inclusiveartsvermont.org/exhibitions/cycles/>

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OBITUARY:
Vicki G.
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Libby,

Warren, NH – Vicki G. (Brooks) Libby, 67, died at home with her loving family by her side on Sunday, September 8, 2024. She was welcomed into this world by her parents, Emily (Gay) and Victor Brooks on November 29, 1956, in Woodsville, NH.

Vicki's parents were hard workers, and it is no surprise that she too was a hard worker. She had many jobs over the years, and only some of the jobs gave her income. She spent some time working in the Warren School; in the Superintendent's Office, cleaning at the school, she was teacher's aide for many years and helping out with summer school. Off and on over the years, she was a Tupperware and Rubbermaid sales rep. At one point she had worked as a cook, she worked at Glenclyff, Pike Industries, Ryezak's, did a stint working at Burger King as well, and eventually got a job as a secretary at Plymouth State. She worked there for 10 years, during which time she took advantage of the classes there and in 2010 received her bachelor's in business.

Other jobs that Vicki had over the years were more about giving than receiving. She was a caretaker for a neighbor, volunteered at Sunday school, and was a Girl Scout and 4-H leader teaching crafts. Vicki

was very crafty and loved to teach others how to be crafty like her and would often have a table at fairs and craft fairs selling the items she made. She loved to travel with her family to campgrounds in New England and Florida, as well as her seasonal at Cascade Campground in Loudon, NH.

Vicki was predeceased by her parents, Emily and Victor Brooks, and by a brother, Vic Brooks.

Her memory will be cherished by her husband, Grover Libby; her son Travis Libby and his wife Sarah Gaylord of Warren, NH; her daughter Kristal Barker and her husband Dan of Warren, NH; six grandchildren; and her siblings, Victor Brooks, Jr., Barry Brooks, Sally Merrill, Brenda Fijalkowski, Diana Thoroughgood and Helen Bittorf.

There will be a graveside service in Warren Village Cemetery on Saturday September 21, 2024, at 11 AM with Melissa Gould as celebrant. Donations in Vicki's name can be made to United Methodist Church of Warren, PO Box 5, Warren, NH 03279

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

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

Haverhill Select Board Has a Full Plate

by Gary Scruton

With the change of seasons, weather-wise, there is also a change in seasons when it comes to top agenda items for the Town of Haverhill Select Board.

Of course there are plenty of ongoing items that keep this group of five residents very busy. As most Haverhill property owners are aware there was a recent reassessment of all property in the town. The assessment was made necessary by the sometimes dramatic changes in selling price of some, and therefore the value of other property in town. This threw off the information that helps to create the tax rate each year. Though some assessments have been appealed, many others appear to have been set at a much more realistic value.

Also high on the list of to do's is the search for a new Town Administrator. Some 18 applications were received and passed along to a committee of five residents to peruse and choose their top five for the position. It should be noted that before the committee members received the applications, all names, addresses and

other personal information was redacted in order to prevent any type of bias on the part of any member of that committee. The Select Board will then do a much deeper dive on the top candidates before interviews and the eventual hire of a new Haverhill Town Administrator.

Early Autumn also means budget time. It is already time for the department heads in Haverhill to be offering up their proposals for 2025. These requests will then be looked over by the Advisory Budget Committee. That committee is formed by the Town Moderator who would be happy to hear from volunteers. After those deliberations the Select Board will present it to the public before their final approval and then presentation at Town Meeting.

Speaking of Town Meeting there will be three seats up for election this year on the Haverhill Select Board. Those interested in running can not sign up until early next year, but it is never too early to start thinking about it.

Recent developments from the Haverhill Select Board also include a Pub-

lic Hearing that was set for Monday, September 23 in order to disperse half of the disputed funds for the Woodsville Highway and Fire Departments from a previous town meeting. It has been reported that the Select Board and the Woodsville Precinct Commissioners have agreed to allow for two payments of the money if it passes the public hearing. The first to come very quickly and the second in December after the second billing of property taxes for the year.

Progress is also reported to have happened with the committee to study Haverhill and Woodsville Highway Departments. Fact finding has been completed and it is now time for the parties to sit down and decide just what those facts all mean, and how to move forward from here.

One other note of interest is that two new employees have been hired for the town office in recent weeks. One is a new Tax Collector and the second is a new Finance Officer. Both seem to be taking to their new positions with enthusiasm and the backing of the Select Board.

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How widespread is this activity? Consider this: Investment fraud losses totaled more than \$4.5 billion in 2023, according to the FBI's Internet Crime Report.

Here are some common types of scams:

Cryptocurrency – Not all cryptocurrency offers are scams, but many are. The scammers will contact you via social media, claiming they've made a lot of money in crypto and are willing to help you do the same. They may direct you to a website or app to invest, but the "company" taking your money may not even exist, and, after taking your money, may disappear.

Investment programs – These programs claim to have "proven" strategies that can enable you to get rich by investing in financial products. But these strategies are dubious at best and can cost you thousands of dollars that could otherwise go into an investment plan based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Real estate – Typically, a real estate scam tries to get you to invest in a "world-class" or "luxury" property

development, but these properties may take years to build, if they're built at all. Also, various real estate "seminars" claim they can teach you how to get wealthy by buying and selling real estate, but these programs are expensive and usually worthless. Gold and other precious metals – Scammers who call themselves "rare coins" merchants may try to sell you gold coins, bullion or other types of precious metals, claiming that these assets will always go up in value (which isn't true) and that "now is the best time to act." You can find legitimate ways to invest in precious metals, possibly through mutual funds, but you'll need to determine whether these assets can be an appropriate part of your investment portfolio.

So, how can you avoid these scams? Here are some suggestions from the Federal Trade Commission:

Don't be pushed into snap decisions. Scammers will pressure you to act quickly because "space is limited" in an investment offering or a "special deal" won't last long. If someone won't give you time to consider an offer, it's not worth considering.

Be suspicious of "risk-free" claims. All investments carry risk, and no variable investments can claim to provide "guaranteed returns." If an individual or organization downplays the risk of an investment and doesn't want to provide risk disclosures, just walk away.

Ask about licensing or registration. Legitimate investment professionals must be registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and be licensed by your

Watch out for investment scams.

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Do some research. You can search online for the name of the company or individual offering you an investment opportunity. By entering terms such as "review," "scam," "fraud" or "complaint," you may well find that other people have experienced problems or been victimized.

To achieve your financial goals, you'll likely need to invest for decades — so, be wary of scammers who claim to offer a shortcut to success.

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OBITUARY:
Brian Lee Morse,

Kyle, daughter-in-law Nikki Morse and grandchildren Sadie Kurt Morse, Bella Morse, Lyza Morse, Lyla Day and Jayce Day. He was pre-deceased by his parents, in-laws John and Lea Rousseau, and son Jonathan Morse.

A celebration of life will be held at the Monroe Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Monroe, NH on October 5 at 1pm. A private burial will occur at a later date.

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.

On September 2, 2024, with his family by his side, Brian Lee Morse left behind a body, once strong enough to raise roofs, climb mountains and explore trout-filled waters, that had become weakened over the past year by the ravages of cancer.

Brian was born in New Britain, Connecticut on July 21, 1951, to Leon and Fannie Morse. He grew up in Connecticut, graduating in 1969 from Southington High School. He met his wife Margaret Rousseau in Connecticut, and they would be married for 51 years.

Urban life did not align well with Brian's interests, and in 1982, Brian and Margaret began building their first home with the help of family and friends near Shadow Lake Road in Concord. This would be the first of three homes Brian constructed from the ground up. After living by the lake became too busy for his preference, Brian and his family constructed their second home in Sheffield. Once the kids were grown and out of the house, his third and final project was to build a smaller home for him and Margaret to enjoy their retirement in Monroe, NH.

As his parents were already aged when he entered the world, Brian learned to be independent and to teach himself the skills necessary to pursue his interests. These interests included construction, hunting, fly fishing, and primitive bow making, among others. Brian was most comfortable working with his hands or exploring the outdoors. Fly fishing was his passion, and he shared that passion by teaching many others to land a fly on the water with ease. He found great pleasure in the outdoors at the camp he and his son built on the Magalloway River in Maine. The annual trips there in November brought him great joy. As the years went on, he became the

campfire tender while the younger hunters traversed the hills and Brian stayed closer to camp.

Brian was proud, independent, self-taught, and had a sharp sense of humor. He will be missed by his wife Margaret, son Eric, daughter Andrea Day and her husband

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10/5/2024

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10/3/24

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Peacham Congregational Church

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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
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OBITUARY: Robert Joseph Rehm, Jr.

Robert Joseph Rehm, Jr., 89, a longtime resident of Arlington and Rockport, MA, passed away on the morning of September 11, 2024. He was born in Melrose, MA to Pearl and Robert Rehm Sr., on January 12, 1935.

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the Navy, followed by an enlistment in the Air Force. After the military Robert worked as a truck driver, plumbing specialist, and transit bus driver.

Robert and his wife enjoyed a retirement on the small ocean town of Rockport Massachusetts where he took many walks downtown and played cribbage at the local American Legion.

Robert is survived by his wife Gail, his only daughter Gayle-Ann Rust and her husband David of Bath, NH, his grandchildren Derek and Todd, along with many friends and relatives.

Services will be held privately. In remembrance, the family requests that memorial gifts be donated to the American Legion Post 98, 32 Beach St. Rockport, MA 01966

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

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MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY Maggie Anderson

I've been trying to sort out some of the latest news feeds and comments from so many who seem to believe whatever they've decided is truth, has to be the same for everyone else. I've also been trying to deduce how a difference of opinion relegates those tyrants who believe their opinions matter to just plain ignorant, and therefore not worthy of the truth police's friendship.

Wow, with friends like that, who needs enemies? Right?

The shock jock who, never even met me, has made it clear he hates me if I should dare to vote for somebody he despises, though he doesn't have a clue what candidate I might pull the lever for. He has no interest in why a voter would choose somebody besides his favorite, and wants nothing to do with them if they defy his choice.

No discussions with anyone about it, no question of why one person votes for a candidate, and another doesn't; no curiosity over what life experience and history brought them to the conclusion one candidate would be better for the job than his chosen one.

Today's politics don't leave room for whys. It seems to be all my way or nothing politics. Since when does a person become ignorant simply because they don't share your opinion?

And how many divorces would there be every four years if the world actually ran on his track?



LISBON – Lisbon Area Historical Society (LAHS) held a Grandparents Day event on September 7, 2024, which included the presentation of Landaff's Oldest Resident Cane. Clifford Boivin, age 90, was presented with the cane made and engraved by Allan and Judith Boulet of Landaff. Cliff grew up in Gorham, NH. After graduating from Keene State College in 1956, Cliff was hired as the "shop" teacher at Lisbon High School. In 1968, he went to teach at Littleton High School. After two years, he changed to a career as Sales Manager at New England Wire Technologies and remained there until retirement. Cliff married Sally Allbee of Landaff in 1959, and they lived in Lisbon until moving to the Allbee Farm in Landaff. Sally passed away in 2014. Ten generations have lived on the Allbee Farm, and Cliff recently moved back to the farmhouse to live with his son and daughter-in-law. L-R: Dorothy Wiggins, LAHS President, daughter Micci (Boivin) Freyenhagen and behind her, husband Ed Freyenhagen, Clifford Boivin, daughter Jacci (Boivin) Vienneau, granddaughter Danielle Vienneau, and Judith Boulet, LAHS Trustee. Not pictured: son, Michael and his wife Lauri Boivin, who were away and not able to be present for the event. Courtesy photo



LISBON - The Lisbon Area Historical Society presented Lisbon's Boston Post Cane to the Town's oldest resident, Priscilla Locke, age 95, at her apartment at the Lisbon Inn on August 27, 2024, just one week before Priscilla's passing. Priscilla and her husband Robert moved from their Monroe home to the Lisbon Inn in 2014. They were married for 71 years at the time of Robert's passing in November of 2019. Priscilla continued to enjoy her apartment and visiting with the other Lisbon Inn residents, but her greatest joy was spending time with her family members. Front (L-R) Dorothy Wiggins, LAHS President, Priscilla Locke. Back (L-R): Priscilla and Robert's children, Alan Locke, Sandy Lang, and Cyndy Hutchins. Son Ernie Locke was not present. Courtesy photo



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With profound sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of our cherished Marianne "Annie" McClure (née Bensel) on Thursday, September 12th, 2024, at the Jack Byrne Center at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Surrounded by her loving family, Marianne departed this life at the age of 77, leaving behind a legacy of love, devotion, and unwavering kindness.

Born March 14th, 1947, in East Orange, New Jersey, Marianne was the beloved daughter of Dr. Arlington Bensel, Jr. and Mildred Vaughn Bensel (née Herdman). She grew up with her cherished brother, Arlington "Jeff" Bensel, who, along with her many friends and family, holds dear memories of her warmth, hospitality and selfless love.

Marianne's life was a beautiful journey, marked by her deep love for her family and her remarkable career as the town clerk of Bradford and Vershire, Vermont, for over 20 years. Her dedication to her community touched countless lives, and her steadfast presence at significant milestones left a lasting impact on all who knew her.

OBITUARY: Marianne "Annie" McClure (née Bensel)

On June 7th, 1975, Marianne married Dennis McClure in Brielle, New Jersey. Their 49 years of marriage were a testament to their profound love and devotion. Together, they built a life full of joy, laughter, and adventure. After Dennis's 24-year career in the Navy, they settled in Bradford, Vermont, where they both embraced their final destination together with grace and enthusiasm.

Marianne was a devoted mother to her son, Sean Patrick McClure, and a loving grandmother to her grandson, Quinn Patrick McClure. Her family was the center of her world, and she found immense joy in the moments spent with them. Her love extended to her sisters-in-law, Maureen and Christine McClure, as well as her nieces and nephews: Caitlin and Erin Nash, and Steven and Michael Squitiro.

A woman of many passions, Marianne delighted in sewing, and antiques. Her green thumb brought life to her gardens, and her baking—especially her pies and cookies—was a source of comfort, and joy to all. Her love for animals, especially her pup Mac

brought her much happiness.

Marianne was an esteemed member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, where her commitment to history and heritage shone brightly. Her spirited personality and warm heart made her a treasured friend to many.

Marianne faced the end of her life with the same grace and courage with which she lived. As mentioned to her son Sean before her passing, she made sure to express her deep love and gratitude to all those around her, leaving a message of fond memories and heartfelt appreciation for everyone.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, September 23rd, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024, at 11:00 am at Sawyer Cemetery, 694 Upper Plain, Bradford, VT.

Marianne will live on in the hearts of all those who knew her, and she will be deeply missed. Her spirit will forever hold a special place in our hearts, a testament to a life well-lived and a love well-shared.

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The following Players, a woodwind quintet, will travel to the North Country to put on these programs: Kemp Jernigan on oboe, Susan Palma-Nidel on flute, and Bernhard Scully on horn. Guest musicians Cynde Iverson on bassoon and Kelli O'Connor on clarinet will join the Players.

The North Country Chamber Players have been impacting the North Country for over forty-five years. Recognized as one of New England's finest musical ensembles the North Country Chamber Players present world class chamber music concerts, on a Pay-What-You-Wish basis, and many free education and outreach programs for children and adults of every demographic at schools, community centers, summer camps, libraries, and local businesses throughout the North Country. The Players continually look to new and innovative ways to expand the cultural reach of their programs.

The North Country Chamber Players have just announced their fall concert, "Musical Royalty." Saturday, November 16, 2pm at Omni Mount Washington Resort, Bretton Woods and Sunday, November 17, 2pm at Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa in Whitefield.

To reserve seats and for information about the North Country Chamber Players and their upcoming programs visit northcountrychamberplayers.org



OBITUARY: Timothy James Eathorne,

Newbury, VT – Timothy James Eathorne, 38, was born on August 31, 1986, in Hartford, CT. Timothy lived in many places but decided to settle down in Newbury, VT where he passed away unexpectedly on September 17, 2024.

When Timothy wasn't hard at work he enjoyed spending time with his family. Tim also loved to cook and fish in his spare time.

Timothy leaves behind, to grieve for him, his daughter Brooklyn Ann Eathorne, of Seymour, IN; his mother Brenda Eathorne and three siblings, Bethany, Sarah and Douglas Lombardo, all from Chatsworth, NJ. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Lombardo on August 3, 2024.

Tim was part of a large family and will be missed

dearly by aunts, uncles and cousins.

A special thanks to his employer, Kendal At Hanover for reaching out to the family with kind words about Tim and support to the family at their time of grief. Those who wish may make donations in memory of Timothy J Eathorne to NAMI Vermont, 600 Blair Park Rd, Ste 301 Williston, VT 05495 or namivt.org/get-involved/donate/

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"Paige's dedication to excellence and willingness to uplift others makes her an inspiring role model for our JAG community," said Mrs. Nichols, JAG Senior Career Specialist.

The Woodsville High School community is incredibly proud of Paige's leadership and positive impact. Keep shining, Paige!



The Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) students at Woodsville High School have taken a major step in helping their fellow students with the launch of the Celebration Station, a new initiative aimed at providing formal attire for school events. The Celebration Station is temporarily housed in the WHS Library and offers a variety of formal wear, including dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to participate in school dances, homecoming, and other formal events without financial stress.

Special thanks go to JAG students Damon Huard, Aubrie Knights, and Dominic Smith, pictured from left to right, who helped organize and set up the Celebration Station. The initiative is a true community effort, made possible through donations of formal attire from local residents.

Mrs. Nichols, Senior Career Youth

Specialist at WHS, praised the students' hard work and dedication, saying, "This project is about more than just providing formalwear—it's about creating opportunities for students to feel confident and included at important school events. All of our JAG students have shown incredible leadership and teamwork in bringing the Celebration Station to life."

The Celebration Station is open to all students and will continue to grow as more donations are received. Students interested in accessing the Celebration Station or contributing donations can visit the WHS Library for more information.

If you have questions or wish to donate formal wear, please email Mrs. Nichols at jnichols@sau23.org.



Woodsville High School proudly announces that Taylor Wright has been selected as the JAG Student of the Week! Her fellow officers chose Taylor for consistently exemplifying kindness and leading by example. She is known for being the first to lend a hand and support anyone in need.

"Taylor's positive energy and willingness to help others make her a true leader in our JAG program," said Mrs. Nichols, JAG Senior Career Specialist. "Her dedication to helping others sets a great example for everyone."

We congratulate Taylor on this well-deserved recognition and look forward to her continuing to shine in the JAG program. Keep up the amazing work, Taylor!

Engineering a better future by inspiring our students to become independent, life-long learners.



Woodsville High School is proud to announce that Senior Andrew Hendrickson has been awarded a prestigious full-year scholarship to study under renowned recording artist and multi-instrumentalist Patrick Ross. This exciting opportunity highlights Andrew's dedication and exceptional talent in music.

Last year, Andrew took full advantage of the newly introduced Personalized Music Class with Mrs. Zampieri, practicing his craft daily for all four quarters. His hard work paid off when Patrick Ross, a special guest in the class, was impressed by Andrew's remarkable guitar skills. Ross offered the scholarship, giving Andrew the chance to further hone his abilities.

Nicknamed Andrew "HENDRIXson"—a tribute to the legendary Jimi Hendrix—this talented left-handed guitarist has earned his spot as a guitar hero at Woodsville High School.

"We are incredibly proud of Andrew," said Mrs. Zampieri, his music instructor. "His dedication and passion for music have truly set him apart, and this scholarship with Patrick Ross is well deserved. We can't wait to see what he accomplishes next."

Congratulations to Andrew Hendrickson on this amazing achievement! We look forward to seeing where his musical journey takes him.

Letters To The Editor:

In Grafton County NH, Experience Matters
To the Editor,

As a member of the County Commission for four years as Grafton 2 House Rep [1]. from 2018 to 22, I saw the many ways Grafton County government serves the people. The last two years as a member of the Executive Committee, I understood the operations of the county structure. Since 2022 I've served on the County Broadband Committee [2] and gained insight into its current direction and motivations to better the region. I have a solid understanding and appreciation of the abilities of Karen Liot Hill [3] and Martha McLeod [4], as stewards of our county. They mesh well, like soup and a sandwich at your favorite diner.

The county was a great place for me to learn about the fiscal responsibility that is needed to make sure our sheriff's office, nursing home, farm, prison and other aspects are executed to the best of their ability without overwhelming the taxpayers of Grafton County. The

County Commissioners manage the County Administrator to help build and manage the county budget, while executing services for Grafton residents. One Commissioner up for re-election, McLeod, has her hand on the wheel, driving our county in a safe direction.

If you look at the last eight year of budgets, you'll see the impact that Karen Liot Hill had on managing the fiscal direction of the county. Yes, we have an excellent county administrator, but the office's operations are guided by the Commissioners and the Treasurer. Technically, we are empowering the Administrator to do a good job when we vote and elect Commissioners and Treasurers that care about seniors, public safety, real estate, environment, broadband, education, and many more issues. Karen has honed her skills to be a reflective and responsible Executive Councilor candidate.

I support Martha McLeod, because of her experience, her approach, a keen understanding of Grafton County,

businesses and communities, and her ability to work across the aisle.

I support Karen Liot-Hill, because of her willingness to be bold on issues that are important to her constituents; her fiscal responsibility and her willingness to engage different communities to work together to improve economic development in the north country

What I don't have the appetite for are candidates who are thin on experience, lite on substance and leave a bad taste in the mouth of most of our communities. So please, when you vote for County Commissioner, hold De Mayo. An extra helping of Martha McLeod [4] will do just fine. And a second course of Karen Liot-Hill [3] as Executive Councilor will be NH well served.

Timothy T, Egan
Grafton County Broadband Committee - Member
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David Rochefort is nice... but his record shows he's not a moderate.

To the Editor,

I grew up in Lancaster, where I still live, with NH House Representative and State Senate candidate David Rochefort. I always liked him, and he still seems like a nice guy. However, being nice isn't what we elect officials for; when you look at his voting record, it's clear he is not a moderate, as many seem to believe – he's pro expanding private school vouchers, anti-LGBTQ+, anti-worker, anti-vax, anti-environment, anti-affordable healthcare, and anti-gun safety restrictions. He's certainly not as extreme as District 1's current Senator Carrie Gendreau – or Donald Trump – but he's on that same spectrum.

Rochefort voted against: • a constitutional right to abortion • raising the minimum wage from the current \$7.25/hour • permanently authorizing Medicaid expansion (part of the ACA that insures thousands of lower income people at virtually no cost to NH taxpayers – and keeps rural hospitals afloat) • requiring mental health records checks for firearm purchases • a red flag law that would have made it more difficult for abusers to own guns • expanding gun sale background checks • setting a greenhouse gas reduction goal • allowing NH's

DHHS to require vaccinations

Rochefort voted for: • substantially increasing the private school voucher income threshold (further weakening public education while sending children to religious and ideological schools with taxpayer money) • penalizing health care providers who violate NH's abortion laws • a "right to work" bill (anti-union law) • banning surgery for trans youth • banning trans kids from playing sports • considering a "parents bill of rights" (essentially this would allow parents to ban books & set NH's curriculum, rather than education experts)

Rochefort also has stated local law enforcement should enforce immigration laws (an anti-immigrant stance) and schools shouldn't teach the truth about racism & diversity.

Like Rusty Talbot, he's against the Dalton landfill and pro marijuana legalization, which is what many people are paying attention to...but his voting record is conservative & frankly discriminatory. I don't know Talbot, though he seems like a nice guy – but what matters to me is that he'll vote for progressive values to make NH safer, freer, and more equitable.

Sincerely,
Kyle van der Laan
Lancaster, NH

Timothy,

One more (actually a few more) examples of some of the decisions facing the voters of New Hampshire on November 5. Both state and county government offices are up for election. Of course I do not want to forget that across the river in

Vermont there are a similar number of races being held and voters being asked to make a choice.

So voters, please be informed, and most importantly, be sure to vote on November 5.

Gary Scruton, Editor

To the Editor,

What will we do when; they close down all the grocery stores, force you to take a shot against your wishes, force you to eat weeds, force your kids to be neutered at 10 years old, make you drive an electric car that costs \$100,000, make you heat your home with only electricity, raise your taxes to twice the value of your home, lock you down and can't go anywhere, take away your

speech, guns, home, gasoline, children and old people.

Sound crazy?

How about World Government, a cashless society and genocide.

Does that sound crazy?

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William Flick
Barnet, VT

William,

I have said in this space many times that everyone has their right to free speech. I will certainly not be the first to take that away from anybody.

But I also believe in reality and believing what I can see in front of myself with my own eyes, and what I hear with my own ears. I will admit

that in today's world it is harder to know if what you see and hear is actually the truth or just someone else's imagined images or sounds.

In the end I still believe in the American people, and the American life. Here's hoping I am right.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Kyle,

The New Hampshire Senate race is just one of many that will face the voters on November 5. Trendy Times will continue to urge supporters as well as those opposed to a candidate or an issue to write your own Letter to the Editor. I will continue to offer an answer to them as best as I can.

I would like to add these two notes. First, I ask all writers to remember the Golden Rule. If you write a letter, put yourself on the receiving side of your comments. Are they something you would be able to accept? Or do you find them to be too harsh or critical?

Secondly, I will be on vacation and may not be available to answer letters published in the October 8 issue of Trendy Times. Have no worry, I do plan to return.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor

This is largely a response to a previous letter by RR. I would like to tell him how I really feel, but to do so would be to stoop to his level. It is obvious from his never-ending rants about Trump, that he needs pity rather than scorn. The poor man is so totally consumed by hatred, that he can't even be truthful or see the other side at all. This all-consuming obsession must be extremely stressful. Perhaps anger counseling would help.

He extols the imagined virtues of Harris that exist in his clouded mind, erroneously saying that she is "open minded," but she is 100% a carbon copy of the far-left policies of Biden. Walz is even further left than her! RR states that she is a woman "of common sense" but it doesn't make much sense to me to allow 11,000,000 plus illegal immigrants into this country with no supervision at all, that costs American taxpayers billions for their care. He calls Harris "articulate." Her speeches have been dubbed a "word salad" by the media. They are not articulate. He attempts to blame Trump for Project 25, but Trump has openly disavowed any part in that movement. He calls Trump a liar, among other

things, and he is. However, so is Harris, Biden, Pelosi and many more of the people that make up our leadership. Unfortunately, virtually all of the so-called fact checking groups lean left, so checking truthfulness with them is a waste of time. He states that Harris wants to continue our long-standing democracy. Really? Trump is many things- not all of them good, but he does love this country and he is a patriot. He certainly does not want a socialist government in America.

I would urge all informed people to vote. I also would encourage them to vote for the platform of the party rather than the candidate. It is widely agreed that neither candidate is outstanding. I can only hope that each voter will listen to both sides before choosing whom they will support. The media is so biased, that it becomes a difficult task. Only Fox News, of the major news outlets, gives you the other side. Do our country a favor and listen to, or read on the computer, some presentations of Fox news, before making up your mind.

Ron Willoughby
North Haverhill

The Great Pretender
To the Editor,

It is refreshing and hopeful that a much younger person, a woman, is running for US president. Kamala Harris is a strong, ebullient, positive force, and looks toward a more positive, unified and successful future for our country. She speaks of what is strong and amazing about this country, and about preserving its values to protect everyone, and provide opportunities for all, regardless of race, culture, or wealth. In her partnership with Biden, they have already accomplished a great deal in improving opportunity for everyone, not just corporations and the wealthy few.

Still, the Other Old White Guy remains a threat to government, democracy, and sanity. Donald Trump is the Great Pretender.

He pretends to care about the people of this country, but, in fact, he cares only for himself, and the acquisition of power.

He pretends he won the 2020 election, even though he knows he did not.

He pretends to be a devout Christian (even hawking his own Bible), but he seems to know nothing of what Christian values are - like feeding

the poor, helping your neighbors, and treating others as you would like to be treated.

He pretends to care about the immigration problem at our southern border. Yet he directed his devout follower, Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House, to kill the bill intended to address the problem, so he could use it as a campaign issue. That bill was negotiated by his own Republican colleagues.

Trump pretended to care about the crumbling infrastructure of our country, frequently declaring "infrastructure week". Nothing came of it. Meanwhile, the Biden administration has proceeded to begin actually rebuilding infrastructure and is bringing back manufacturing jobs, too.

Trump pretends that Biden and his policies have caused inflation to rise. In reality, inflation was brought on by the lingering effects of the pandemic, and the expenditures of the federal government during that crisis. (Remember when we all got those checks signed by Donald J. Trump?) The deficit also rose because of Trump's tax cuts for wealthy individuals and corporations, not because of Biden efforts to address infrastructure and unem-

ployment and climate change.

Trump pretends to care about the lives of unborn children. He has been instrumental in making abortion illegal for much of the country. However, he cares not at all for the children that are already born. He has tried and will try to eliminate the programs that help poor families care for their children. Like food stamps, Medicaid, and affordable child-care.

Of course, he pretends to care about women, but only if their bodies are pleasing and useful to him. He cares nothing for women's right to make their own reproductive and lifestyle choices.

Trump pretends he cares about you and me and America. But, really, honestly, he cares only for himself.

If you care about America, about your family, and your neighbors - vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in the coming 2024 election. They care about you- really.

Cynthia Lanchester
Easton, NH,
Betsey Phillips
Bethlehem, NH

Ron,

I will agree that voters should listen to Fox News as well as other news outlets. No one should take all of their information from just one source. I have said before that I try to watch a number of channels when I go looking for the news. Reporters in today's world far to often bring their own angle into their reporting. I would much prefer simply being given the facts and create my own opinion rather than having one given to me, by either side.

And yes I will also agree that some writers are very biased in their views. In reality I very much enjoy that aspect of Trendy Times. We are proud to be able to offer space for such submissions from people who see things from one side or the other of the fence. Meanwhile I will do my best to stay on this fence and do what I can to keep the conversation reasonable.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Cynthia & Betsey,

Your letter will certainly not be the last to address the upcoming November 5 election. There are many choices that we the voters must make on that day. I urge us all to take the time to know the candidates, their positions on the issues most important to you and your family, and to make an informed vote.

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Letters To The Editor:

Rusty Talbot understands Education Funding To the Editor,

There is a significant difference in our District 1 State Senate Candidates when it comes to doing something about school funding and its over-reliance on our property taxes.

The state's contribution to our public schools has long ago been ruled unconstitutionally inadequate, forcing local property taxes to make up the shortfall. Rather than fulfilling a constitutional requirement to contribute adequately to all the youth of New Hampshire, our state representatives of both parties have shifted responsibility and cost so that we are set against each other. The inevitable result is that the rich get richer and we are left further behind. Our rural areas have a lower tax base, meaning we each get taxed at a much higher rate than denser, wealthier districts to raise the same money—Up to three times as high. This higher rate discourages people from moving here, discourages businesses from locating here, and sets up a downward spiral of underfunded schools and lower investment, all because the legislature doesn't want to pay the real costs that they are constitutionally required to do. Pledge your vote to elect representatives who will direct a fair share of our state wealth to our students. Let's stop paying lawyers to

appeal constitutional judgments and stop diverting our taxes to private and religious schools.

The underfunding of North Country schools has gone on far too long and its solution will require credible voices in Concord to convince both Republicans and Democrats that our students matter. Shifting all of the costs of their education to local property taxes unfairly limits opportunities for all of us, and most tragically for our students. We need to tell them: Everyone, state-wide, has an interest in our schools being fairly funded and our kids getting a top quality education.

Senate Candidate Rusty Talbot wants to fix the education funding system to balance out the property-value inequities that short-change North Country students. He's prepared to fight whoever he has to, even members of his own party, to get it done. My understanding is that his opponent, David Rochefort, wants to expand the parasitic voucher system to drain more public school money to private and religious schools, which I consider a wasteful distraction from the moral and legal responsibility of funding public education.

The choice is clear to me: I'm voting for Rusty Talbot for State Senate on November 5th.

Richard Umiker
Randolph

Naivety Beyond Belief To the Editor,

The naivety of writers to this publication who support VP Kamala Harris for President defies common sense and logic. Let me point out just a few of the actions and statements that she has made concerning her socialist agenda which should scare everyone who cares about the future of the United States. She is second in command of the most inept administration that we have witnessed in our life time. She likes to remind us that she is the last person in the room with President Biden when important decisions are made. So, what happened with the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal that cost the lives of thirteen American service personnel (families of which, neither she nor President Biden have had the decency to call)? They left behind 7 billion dollars' worth of military equipment, while giving up the strategically located Bagram Airbase. Kamala Harris has failed dramatically in performing her job as border czar, a position she was appointed to early in the Biden Administration. According to the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) the population of illegal immigrants in the United States as of July 2024 stands at approximately 11 million people. The CBP saw a spike in crossings in the last few years with over two million in fiscal year 2023 alone. CBP reported that criminal convictions of noncitizens totaled 15,267 ranging from assault

and battery, trafficking to sexual offenses. According to Oursource.org, sex trafficking of women and children is the most common form of trafficking. The murders of Laken Riley, Kate Steinle, Jeremy Caceres (age 2), and many others committed by illegal aliens and can be directly linked to the failure of VP Harris to control our open border.

Let me list just a few of VP Harris' radical left-wing positions: + Supports taxpayer funded healthcare and public education for illegal aliens. + Supports defunding the police. + Wants to reimagine ICE + Supports universal government sponsored healthcare for all, eliminating private health insurance. + Is against fracking. + Supports an end to fossil fuels. + Doesn't want you to say "radical Islamic" or "illegal alien." + Supports the failed Bidenomics policies. + Supported a bail fund for BLM rioters. + Supports a mandatory weapons ban and buyback. + Supports taxpayer funded transitional surgery for illegal aliens.

Additional radical socialist positions are voluminous. On many of these long-held positions VP Harris is now flip flopping. We need the real Kamala Harris to please stand up. Even Senator Bernie Sanders, a socialist in his own right, has said that Harris is "doing what she thinks is right in order to win the election." Space does not allow me to outline the many radical positions of her running mate Gov. Walz, but be-

lieve me, they are many.

The heated rhetoric coming from the left is unconscionable and highly inflammatory. Words directed towards former President Trump such as dictator, Hitler, an existential threat to democracy, king, autocrat, lies about his national abortion ban, lies about his promoting project 2025, a comment by Democrat Representative Dan Goldman that "He has to be eliminated", a comment from President Biden "It's time to put Trump in a Bull's Eye" must be condemned in the strongest of terms. Words such as these can trigger unstable radicals to act in ways that we have witnessed on the most recent attempts on former President Trump's life.

Kamala Harris is constantly spewing well-worn comments that: "We're not going back", "We are moving forward" or "We are going to turn the page." Just what failed policies are we going forward with? What are we turning the page to? Do we really want four more years of a failed socialist agenda of record high inflation, high gas prices, open borders, high crime, censorship, men participating in women's sports, and a world on the precipice of WW III? I would prefer that we go back to the successful policies of the Trump Administration and bring those policies forward for four more years of a robust economy, a safe country, and an effort to save America before it is lost. Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

Richard,

The funding of our schools has, as you stated, been a long standing issue here in New Hampshire. My belief is that it will also take some time to get it to an reasonable conclusion. The big question is how will that be done? Is there a sold plan to equalize the share that each taxpayer pays? Is there a plan to offer every student in the state, no matter where they live, an equal opportunity to learn? Not only learn the 3R's, but also have the opportunity for extra curricular activities such as sports, music, arts, etc. It seems to me that every student should, somehow, be able to get the education they need where ever they live.

A constitutional mandate should be followed by lawmakers just as much as it should be followed by citizens.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Robert,

I will agree with you that name calling should be far below the level of presidential politics. I would much rather read about the solid plans of a candidate then to hear about the bad aspects of their opponent. A positive attitude is

better, and I would say, more helpful than a negative one.

Again, please keep your letters coming and I will do my best to keep the discussion reasonable and productive.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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It is with great sadness that my wife and I are letting you know that by the end of September we are moving back to Rhode Island due to family matters.

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Sincerely, Jimmy & Jeannie*

Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor:

The internet tells me that one of the definitions of insanity is doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting different results. This election season is no different.

In the past few months, I've talked to a lot of people that live in Grafton County District 5, and I have heard the same complaints from them all. Property taxes are too high, and we pay too much for our schools. I feel you all because I am in the same boat as you. I'm not rich, and if things keep going in the same direction our beautiful area will become unaffordable for my family as well. My name is Dustin Vigneault, and I am running to be one of your two Representatives in the New Hampshire State Legislature.

I am forty-four years old. I am a disabled veteran that lives in Haverhill with my family. I've been married to my wife for fifteen years. I have two sons in their twenties who are both Army veterans like me, and a wonderful daughter who is a student in our public school system.

I firmly believe in the preservation of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" as promised to us by our founding fathers, and I believe in our Constitutions. Both Fed-

eral and State. Along with all the rights protected by them, and their equal application to all our citizens. That includes both reproductive rights, and the rights afforded by the second amendment. Because how else do we expect our citizens to protect any of their rights if they are disarmed?

This year the election isn't about the Democratic or Republican parties. It is about realizing that the Lower and Middle class in our Country are being abused by people who consider themselves to be better than us just because they have more money. We watch as our tax money is stripped out of our schools and funneled to corporations outside of our state's jurisdiction to even audit. That wasn't an accident. I know the people of New Hampshire believe in public education, and I want you to know I do too. Let's end the corruption.

We are in a great district that can elect two State Representatives. Rachael Booth and I are the Democratic candidates. We both believe strongly in public education, and the rights of all our citizens.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Dustin Vigneault
Haverhill

Dustin,

Let me start by thanking you for a few of your efforts. First for being a veteran. Second for raising two sons who have also answered the call to duty. And third for stepping up to be judged by, and voted for or against by the voters of District 5. None of those steps are easy and I thank all that have done any of these.

The only other comment I will add is to remind voters of November 5. Be sure you are registered to vote, and then exercise that right and privilege.

Gary Scruton, Editor



Rep Ladd Legislative Report Thank You and Re-alignment of NH's Higher Education

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who took time from their busy schedules to vote this past Tuesday. Voting is a basic right and an essential civic responsibility. This foundational right affords each of us a say in shaping national, state, and local policies.

Although the legislature does not meet in the summer, intensive work toward making NH's higher education systems more affordable, accessible, and to provide seamless transfer of credits between the two and four year systems has transpired. The two higher education systems are deeply committed to this work. In an environment of fiscal and budgetary challenges for public higher education and the State, resources may not be available to accomplish necessary outcomes immediately, but the ground work for eight major alignment goals has been completed and is well underway.

Action has begun to relocate the Community College System NH (CCSNH) and the University System NH (USNH) system offices in shared working space to foster streamlining and coordination of common administrative functions reducing duplication and improving efficiency. This will include both student-facing services as well as alignment of operational areas such as budget and finance, human resources, and facilities management. To accomplish this recommendation, a space assessment was done at NHTI that concluded that the building adjacent to the CCSNH System Office could be repurposed to house the USNH System Office. Farnham Hall provides 9,800 square feet

and will require interior renovation. Total estimated cost of the project, including construction, design, permitting, and contingency is \$3.64M. A joint request from CCSNH and USNH has been made to the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) funds to support this work. Combining system offices at NHTI will eliminate the USNH from paying approximately \$350,000 per year for existing leased space in Concord.

On the curricular side of higher education, the 4 year system is in the process of developing 3-year bachelor degree programs, including online delivery, to raise the level of educational attainment and to make bachelor level degrees more affordable. On August 15, 2024, Plymouth State University (PSU)

submitted a proposal for 96-credit, 3-year bachelor's degrees to the New England accrediting body (NECHE). The first five 3-year undergraduate degree programs PSU is proposing are: Police Studies, Business Administration, Applied Robotics, Cybersecurity, and Outdoor Adventure Leadership.

These are just 2 of 8 goals identified by the Higher Education Task Force supporting HB1450. As always, I am always happy to discuss any and all of the ongoing efforts to better align the two systems that address our shrinking student demographic and operational cost needs.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Rosemary Beer Bread

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I hope you're enjoying this long stretch of beautiful sunny weather, I know I'm loving it. Fall is approaching and cool weather is coming. The leaves and views are changing and incredible. There is beauty everywhere.

So my plantar fasciitis is getting better but not really gone. I can walk but too much walking makes it throb. Also my oven is still broken so I made this recipe in my toaster oven. The loaf pan just fit and it worked out well. As soon as my budget allows me to I will start shopping for a new one. I have to put it on hold because I had to have a 70' dead evergreen cut down. The tree company Totally Trees assessed it and was considered a danger tree. It split in the middle and a windstorm could've blown it down at any point. It was quite a project and very interesting to watch the process take place. So needless to say I'm broke! I'll tell you it's always something, if it's not one thing it's another.

Myself, Polly and our friend Scott went out to try to see the Northern Lights one night. It was actually fun we had many laughs. But no luck on seeing any colors in

the northern sky. Many beautiful stars and it was so cool being in total darkness even though. Oh well. So let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it.

Ingredients

3 cups of Bisquick
3 Tbsp sugar
2 Tbsp dried rosemary
2 tsp garlic powder
2 tsp thyme
1 1/2 tsp garlic salt
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
1 12 oz can of light beer
2 Tbsp melted butter

Grease a 9x5 loaf pan with butter or Pam, I used Pam spray and it worked well. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In large bowl combine Bisquick, sugar, rosemary, garlic powder, thyme, garlic salt and cayenne pepper whisk until combined then add 12 oz of beer and mix with the whisk until smooth. Pour into prepared pan and bake for 50 minutes until golden brown.

Cool in pan 5 minutes then carefully remove to a wire rack and brush with melted butter. Let cool for at least 15 minutes before slicing and use a serrated knife to cut. That's it, you are done easy peasy! I ate mine with some softened butter on it and a nice salad. I bought an extra beer and had it together.

Yum!

Well folks that's it for today's recipe. Please give it a try and enjoy. Stay safe and healthy my friends and until next time I am signing off.

Sincerely,
Cin Pin

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