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It was not a big crowd that showed up on Saturday, April 20th in the upper field of the Hatch Farm property just north of the North Haverhill fairgrounds. But those that were there were well entertained by the crowd of horses, drivers, and even Sparky the dog, that were working in the middle field. For twenty years or more this particular field has grown an abundant crop of corn.

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## Another Sure Sign of Spring by Gary Scruton

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The reason the crowd was on hand for this particular weekend though was not because of the change of crops, but because of the

change in how those fields were being prepared. More precisely, the power being used to prepare the fields. Late morning on Saturday there were three teams of horses pulling bottom plows to break us the old corn field. Following the plowing there will be a change over to harrows to smooth things out. Then seeders to get the right



type of grass growing. All of these will be accomplished with good, old fashioned, horse power.

Of course Dalton and his team were the leaders of the crew, but he also had some good friends who showed up with their teams to give the horses some exercise as well as help out a friend.

It is quite a distance going south and then back north along this field, and depending on the team, as well as the driver, the teams would turn and go right back for another pass, or take a break to catch their collective breaths. The spectators meanwhile sat up on the bank out of the way and en-



joyed their own conversations, memories, and even some modern day news.

For those who missed this show, mark your calendar for Sunday, April 28 at the McDanolds farm on the north end of North Haverhill village, just off Route 10, because some of the same horse power, along with some more modern horse power will be on display breaking up some more ground, getting ready for spring planting.

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# TRENDY Dining Guide

## Polly's Pancake Parlor by Gary Scruton

It may seem like a long time since Janice and I had the pleasure of going out to eat. In reality we have enjoyed plenty of meals out, as well as many, many meals at home, since I last had the pleasure of writing about such a visit here in the Trendy Dining Guide. Of course we have visited many of our fine advertisers, but we have also visited others (who will remain nameless, for now).

On this particular occasion we left Woodsville and headed north (or is that east?) on Route 302. Just past Lisbon we hung a right onto Route 117 and up the hill to Sugar Hill. There we found Polly's Pancake Parlor. Of course we had called before we even left home, and much to my surprise we were told that at that time there was no waiting. We were still going to be an hour before we arrived so they took my name and set us up for 10:30. When we arrived (just barely past that time) we were escorted right to our table in the middle of the dining area. One of the great points about Polly's dining area is that whether you are at a window or in the center row, you have a great view of the White Mountains (which still had snow when we visited on April 19th).

As usual it was not long before our waitress came over to ask for our choice of beverage. I had not yet had my morning brew, so it was coffee for me. Janice simply had a glass of water. Now it was time to try to figure out which items to choose for brunch? Janice did notice that one of the specials was butterscotch chips in the pancakes.

When our waitress returned we were both ready. Janice went with the Kathie's Combo breakfast. It comes with two eggs (scrambled) three

pancakes (gingerbread with those butterscotch chips), a choice of meat (three strips of bacon" and two halves of (cinnamon-raisin) toast. I made it a little more interesting for the waitress, even if I had also decided on Kathie's Combo breakfast. But I had two eggs (over easy) three pancakes (whole wheat batter, but one with blueberries, one with chocolate chips, and one with butterscotch chips) a choice of meat (two sausage patties) and I also really like their cinnamon raisin toast.

With our orders placed it was time to gaze out the windows, check out our neighboring diners, and have a little conversation. We also watched some of the other staff at Polly's. It was clear that the staff was also not used to having any empty tables around. As soon as diners got up from their table, headed to the cashier to pay, one or two staff members would be right there to clear away the plates, silverware and beverage vessels, wash down the entire table (and chairs if needed) rearrange the condiments tray, and have it ready for the next group to be seated. It all appears to be a very well oiled machine.



meals did not take long to arrive and it was time to go after our choices. Janice mentioned a couple of time how much she enjoyed the butterscotch chips in her pancakes. After I ate mine I almost wished I had shortened up my add-ins list. But the

other two additions were certainly good as well. Janice's bacon appeared to be nice and crisp while my sausage patties were plenty big enough and tasted like good sausage should taste. Same was true with the toast as well as the eggs. Part way thru the meal our waitress did come by again with the coffee pot and topped off my mug. The two of us were in no hurry on this particular Friday so we took our time and finished every bite. When done and we offered that we did not have room for dessert the waitress brought over the bill and directed us to the from counter to pay.

The total of our two meals, including tax, was \$37.98. As is our habit, we left a cash tip on the table before we headed out.

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Bath NH- Marjorie "Babe" Burbank Burt, 89, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Grafton County Nursing Home with her loving husband Randall by her side.

Marjorie was born on November 7, 1934, in Haverhill, NH. She grew up in Haverhill, NH but spent summers in Ashland, NH. She attended Haverhill Academy.

Babe loved her children immensely, she always enjoyed having her house full of kids. She was very involved with everything the kids were doing, from making umbrella houses, coaching little league in Bath, she made cakes for birthdays- doll cakes, snoopy cakes, along with beautifully decorated cupcakes, & had the best homemade snacks for the kids. She would make popcorn balls for the Halloween season, spent hot summer days at the pond and she never minded having an extra for dinner, Babe just got out another plate to fill with her delicious homemade meals. There was no kindergarten when her daughter was of the age to go and got permission to teach a group of delightful little girls their ABC's and numbers. She drove her daughter and a friend all the way to Worcester, MA to see David Cassidy. Never missing an episode of Tony Orlando with her daughter. She and her sister always took their children to Old Orchard Beach, ME, but one year they decided to take them to camp on Nash Stream and left early due to a raccoon tearing through the screen door during the night.

She married Randall Burt on May 4th, 1973, and they spent over 50 years together.

She will be remembered for being kind, courteous, and helpful. She loved people and what

she could do for them. She loved her grandchildren very much and would talk on the phone with them often or would be with them whenever she could, for any reason and they adored her, one even writing an essay dedicated to their Gram. She was extremely proud of her son-in-law's 30 year service to our country, and her grandson's service.

Marjorie knew how to work and was a hard worker. She worked at the Lisbon Shoe as a stitcher for many years and at the Cormier's in North Haverhill before retiring. She helped Randall with the rubbish route, making maple syrup, and their Rainbows End Tree Farm, making wreaths and her wonderful fudge that she would make, and has left the task up to Randall now. Marjorie was always so proud that they had gone to Concord to receive from the governor, executive council, and fellow citizens, a certificate for winning the annual Christmas tree competition at the Hopkinton Fair and donating a 10-foot Fraser Fir from their tree farm to be used for their holiday decorating at the state house.

When she had free time, she enjoyed watching the birds, deer in the field, fish in her pond, going in the boat to cast a line with Randall, hosting holiday parties, reading a good book, and swapping bookmarks with her daughter, and was a life member of the Ammonoosuc Fish and Game Club. She also collected teddy bears and souvenir spoons from her many travels. She loved her brother-in-law, Russell & his family for all they did for her and the barbecues at Rusty's, while at the nursing home they brought Abigail for Marjorie's birthday. She enjoyed celebrating every St. Patrick's Day with her nephew, Robert Duval. He

loved her very much. Marjorie also would tend to her flower and vegetable gardens, she would then take her harvest and turn it into her memorable home-made pickles, and relish. Randall will especially miss her homemade rolls.

Marjorie was a traveler, going on various trips with Randall to Pittsburg, Novia Scotia, all around down south, out to Colorado. Marjorie and the other grandmother had traveled to Baumholder, Germany for the birth of their grandson, Nicholas, navigating their way through Frankfurt Germany's airport, taking the train to Baumholder and while waiting for the arrival of Nicholas, she got to visit Paris.

She has left us, taking Randall's devoted love for her along with all the family & friends' love. Including her Mary, a little white lamb that was given to her by Gary & Jody and was by her side every night at the Nursing Home, it gave her great comfort. She loved you both Gary & Jody.

Marjorie is predeceased by her father, George O'Haire; mother, Marjorie Burbank; a brother, Robert Burbank; a sister, Gertrude Duval Marsh; a special nephew, Richard Burbank; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Lou Burbank; and a granddaughter, Wendy Cozzens. And lots of loving pets, there was always one in the house, Marjorie was a grandmother to many special pets as well. Marjorie's best dog was Charlie, a big, gorgeous German Shepard who was the biggest baby. He had a habit of always acting up when she was on the phone and tried to sit in her lap buy placing his bottom on a footstool and paws in her lap.

Marjorie is survived by her husband, Randall Burt; a daughter Robin J. Boutin; a nephew,

Stephen A. Burbank; grandchildren, Heidi Burbank, Nicholas Boutin, Brent Burbank; great grandchildren, Addison Cozzens, Isabella Cozzens, Adam Burbank, David Burbank, Ayla Burbank, Tyler Burbank, & Sunny Boutin; and lots of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The love Randall and Marjorie shared was unmatched, they had spent over 50 years enjoying each other's company. Randall knew she loved him very much and the Saturday prior to her passing, he went to see her, as he did often, saying "Good morning sweetheart" like he had done many times before and Marjorie looked up at Randall and very clearly responded with "I love you."

Per Marjorie's wishes there will be no calling hours, but a burial will be held for any and all family and friends on Saturday,

August 3, 2024, at 10 AM at The Ladd Street Cemetery with Melissa Gould as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating in Marjorie's name to the Grafton County Home Association, Alzheimer's unit, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH 03774 or to the Ammonoosuc Fish and Game Club, PO box 60, Woodsville, NH 03785.

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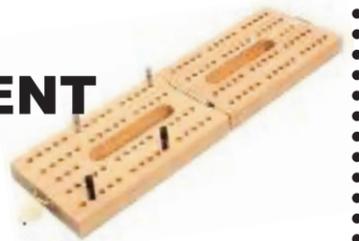
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April is National Financial Literacy Month — a good reminder that all of us can benefit from boosting our financial knowledge.

But what is financial literacy? There's no one single definition, but the term certainly covers these areas:

**Saving** — Most of us would probably agree that saving money is important, but actually doing it can be challenging given all the expenses of modern living. Still, techniques are available that everyone can follow, such as having money automatically moved each month from a checking or savings account to a financial account that's not used for daily expenses.

**Budgeting** — Budgeting isn't necessarily a fun activity — but it's an important one. And it's easier than ever these days, given the variety of budgeting tools available online. By tracking your spending every month and organizing it into categories, you may be able to find areas where you can cut back, such as on streaming services you rarely use.

**Borrowing** — Virtually all of us carry some type of debt at various times in our lives. But it's important to man-

## Financial Literacy: It's Important for Everyone

age your debt load so it doesn't become too burdensome. One way of achieving this goal is to use "good" debts wisely — such as a low-rate mortgage on your home — and avoid "bad" debts — such as high-rate credit cards used for unnecessary purchases.

**Investing** — As you go through life, you'll likely have a variety of financial goals, such as making a down payment on a house, sending your children to college and attaining a comfortable retirement lifestyle. And to achieve these goals, you'll need to invest for them. That's why it's important to learn about different types of investments and how to develop an investment strategy that's appropriate for your objectives, risk tolerance and time horizon.

We aren't born with these skills — we have to learn them. Unfortunately, as valuable as they are, they aren't widely taught to young people. In fact, according to a 2023 Edward Jones study conducted with Morning Consult, only 20% of respondents reported receiving financial education in school. This situation may be changing, though, as many states are now requiring or recommending personal finance education before high school graduation.

For now, though, if you have younger children, try to teach them money management skills. You will likely find that they enjoy learning about these matters. You can make it fun for them in different ways, too. For example, to teach them about investing, why not buy them a share or two of stock of a company with which they're familiar? Charting a stock's progress and learning something of the factors affecting its price can help children build a foundation in investing, which will be valuable when they reach the age when they can invest for themselves.

But financial education isn't just for kids. If you feel that you are lacking somewhat in any of the key financial management areas mentioned above, you can always educate yourself by reading or talking to people knowledgeable in these subjects. You also might find it valuable to work with a financial professional — someone who will take a holistic approach to your finances and make appropriate suggestions.

National Financial Literacy Month will end on April 30, but the benefits of financial literacy can last a lifetime.

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# Ricker Funeral Home Obitaries

MyLisa Marie Gurney, age 55, of Newbury, passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, NH. There will be a graveside service on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the New Oxbow Cemetery in Newbury, VT, at 10 AM.

Todd Kent Adams, 61, of Franconia, NH, passed away on Saturday, December 16, 2023, with family by his side after a long courageous battle with cancer. A graveside service is being held on Friday, May 3rd, 2024, at the Ladd Street Cemetery, Haverhill, NH, at 10 AM.

William "Bill" Spurgeon Ames, 78, of Warren, NH passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024. A graveside service will be on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10 AM at the Warren Village Cemetery with Melissa Gould as the funeral celebrant. Donations in Bill's name can be made to Warren Wentworth Ambulance, PO Box 219, Warren, NH 03279, or [www.wwasems.com](http://www.wwasems.com)

Myrtle L. (Shortt) Seace, 89, Lisbon, died on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the Jack Byrne Palliative Care Center in Lebanon, NH. There will be a graveside service at Grove Hill Cemetery in Lisbon, NH on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1 PM. Those who wish may make donations in memory of Myrtle Seace to the Jack Byrne Pallia-

tive and Hospice Care Center at <https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/palliative-care/donate> or Lisbon Life Squad, 153 South Main St. Lisbon, NH 03585. To offer the family an on-line condolence please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com).

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

Paul F. Trussell, 85, of Piermont, NH, died on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at his home. There is a burial on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 1 PM at the South Lawn Cemetery in Piermont, NH.

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

Warren A. "Sonny" Freeman, 91, of Haverhill, NH, passed away with his wife by his side at the Lafayette Center on Friday, February 2, 2024. Warren will be laid to rest in the Horse Meadow Cemetery on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 1 PM.

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## April weather conditions lead to increased wildfire risk in NH

While "April showers bring May flowers," the month's wide variety of weather conditions – including rising temperatures, low relative humidity and gusty winds – combine with over-wintered dry grasses and leaves to elevate wildfire risk statewide.

To help alert the public about the importance of wildfire prevention, the N.H. Forest Protection Bureau has designated April 14-20, 2024 as "Wildfire Awareness Week" in New Hampshire. The bureau is joining other U.S. and Canadian partners within the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Commission in a coordinated effort to educate the public about how people can help lessen the occurrences of wildfire across the region.

Governor Chris Sununu has issued a proclamation supporting the importance of wildfire awareness and the value of fire prevention efforts statewide.

"It's important to recognize that, unlike other regions of the United States, wildfire season in New Hampshire can begin early in the spring," said Forest Ranger Nathan Blanchard of the N.H. Forest Protection Bureau. "Human activities add to the mix of risk factors because we're all ready to spend time outside after months of winter weather.

"Yard cleanup, spring cookouts and even things like the improper disposal of wood stove ash can create embers, sparks or

other forms of heat that can easily ignite dry materials around them, causing a wildfire that can quickly run and turn into a big problem."

Self-awareness and personal responsibility are key concepts in the national effort to reduce the frequency and impact of wildfires.

"We all remember the Québec and Nova Scotia wildfires last year, and while New Hampshire wildfires are most often contained while they are small, under dry and windy conditions they can develop into larger fires that can consume many acres of land and threaten or destroy property, even homes," said N.H. Forest Protection Bureau Chief Steven Sherman.

"Being aware of the changing weather conditions, elevated fire danger and complying with fire permitting requirements can help prevent devastating consequences for you, your neighbor and your community."

More than 80 percent of New Hampshire is forested, second in the United States only to the state of Maine. In the last two decades, the Granite State experienced an average of 285 wildfires that impacted 221 acres annually.

In addition to endangering people and their property, wildfires negatively impact New Hampshire's scenic landscapes as well as forest-based recreational opportunities and the forest products industries, which, according

to the New Hampshire Forest Action Plan – 2020, together annually contributed \$4.6 billion dollars to the state's economy.

Anyone wishing to have an outdoor fire in New Hampshire must obtain a state fire permit in advance from the local fire department. Permits are issued only on days when Daily Fire Danger conditions indicate that it is safe to burn. Permits may also be obtained online at [nhfirepermit.com](http://nhfirepermit.com).

Forest fire wardens, local fire departments and the N.H. Forest Protection Bureau are resources for wildfire prevention tips. Information is also available from the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise Communities website: [firewise.org](http://firewise.org).

The N.H. Forest Protection Bureau is part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Division of Forests and Lands, which protects and promotes the value provided by trees, forests, and natural communities. For more information about the Division of Forests and Lands and the work of its Forest Protection Bureau, visit [nhdf.dncr.nh.gov](http://nhdf.dncr.nh.gov) or call 603-271-2214.

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## Upcoming Events

### LINE DANCING COMES TO COURT STREET ARTS!

The following Saturdays: **Conrad Farnham May 11th**  
**June 22nd**  
**July 20th**  
**August 17th**

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

**Sunday, April 28, 9 am - 4 pm**  
**38th Annual Plow Day**  
**McDanold's Farm, Route 10, North Haverhill**  
**Rain Date: Sunday, May 5**



WHITE-FIELD, NH - April 9, 2024—Blair St. Clair, a contestant on RuPaul's Drag Race Season 10 and RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars Season 5, will star as Jamie New in the Global Regional Premiere of *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* at New Hampshire's award-winning Weathervane Theatre this summer. From an idea by Jonathan Butterell, this Best Musical winner (London's WhatsOnStage Awards) features music by Dan Gillespie Sells (*The Feeling*) and book and lyrics by Tom Macrae (*Dr. Who*).

Direct from London, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* is a funny, fabulous, feel-good musical sensation celebrating acceptance, belonging, and the power of unconditional love. Despite obstacles, 16-year-old Jamie courageously follows his unconventional dream in this inspiring true story turned global musical phenomenon.

"I am proud and honored to be presenting the global regional premiere of this extraordinary show," said Weathervane Theatre Producing Artistic Director

## Weathervane Theatre Everybody's Talking About Jamie

Ethan Paulini. "Casting is always a nuanced and pivotal part of any process. The role requires a performer to possess many qualities—intelligence, talent, and star power—beyond the prerequisites of singing, dancing, and acting. After a thorough casting process, I am thrilled that Blair brought all those qualities and more. I know this performance will elevate a landmark production, and I can't wait to share it with audiences."

"I am thrilled to be playing my absolute dream role in my dream show," said St. Clair. "This show feels like it was written about me and my story. As a queer person, I continue to push for gender equality in theatre, and as a non-binary actor, I am constantly battling being seen as a queer person for who I am internally - not just on the outside. ...Jamie is a story of love and identity, which I want audiences to see more of! I hope audiences can connect with the heart of the story."

Sponsored by Bretton Woods Vacations, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* will open at Weathervane Theatre in Whitefield, NH, on July 31 and run in alternating repertory through August 29, 2024, as part of Weathervane

Theatre's 59th season. Season subscriptions and single tickets are available at [weathervanenh.org](http://weathervanenh.org).

The Weathervane Box Office operates on an off-season schedule, with all inquiries receiving a response within 72 hours. To reach the box office, call 603-837-9322 or email ([boxoffice@weathervanenh.org](mailto:boxoffice@weathervanenh.org)). The physical box office is closed until June.

BLAIR ST. CLAIR, from RuPaul's Drag Race Season 10 and All Stars 5 (TOP FOUR), is an accomplished drag queen, singer, and actor. Film credits include *Bittersweet* with William Baldwin and Andrew Leeds and a leading role in John Waters' upcoming musical remake of *Bollywood & Vine: The Original B-Musical*, alongside Jackie Hoffman and Lea Delaria.

In 2018, St. Clair's debut album, *Call My Life*, reached number one on Billboard's Dance Chart and featured the top-ten dance hits "Now or Never" and "Call My Life."

An established cabaret performer, St. Clair's solo show, *Legally Blair*, debuted last year at Green Room 42 to critical acclaim.

## BEEZWAX

By John Martin



## PLAY EVERY TOWN: 252 Community Concerts for a Cooler Climate,

PLAY EVERY TOWN: 252 Community Concerts for a Cooler Climate, Coming to Newbury April 28

David Feurzeig, pianist, composer, and UVM Professor of Music, will give a free concert April 28 at 4 pm, at the West Newbury Congregational Church, 207 Tyler Farm Road, West Newbury VT.

In May 2022, Feurzeig embarked on Play Every Town, to play a free concert in each of Vermont's 252 towns to confront climate change through the power of community and music. Offering free concerts and traveling in his solar-powered electric car throughout the state, Feurzeig is challenging the notion held by many that traveling widely is necessary for a rich life. He has sworn off flying altogether. Instead, he is focusing on Vermont's local communities, fulfilling both UVM's mission to serve as a resource for the whole state and limiting his climate impact.

Feurzeig specializes in genre-defying recitals that bring together music of an astonishing variety of musical styles, from ancient and classical to jazz, avant-garde, and popular

traditions. Peppered with informative and humorous commentary, he will change how you hear all kinds of music.

Each program is locally tailored and aims to showcase local musicians. In Newbury, David will be joined by John Marsh and Bill Keck for Barbara York's brass and piano trio "Every Day an Alleluia", and by vocalists Richard Waterhouse and Carolyn Marsh for "Sunrise, Sunset" from Fiddler on the Roof. David will play a selection of mazurkas composed by Frederic Chopin in 1832, the year the West Newbury church was built, and a song or two from 1935, the year the church's Baldwin grand was manufactured. As with every concert in the project, this one will include its own sonata by Domenico Scarlatti: Sonata No. 53 for this fifty-third concert in the project. A variety of solo piano works will round out the program.

Feurzeig finds his approach attracts new audiences to so-called "classical" concerts and brings new insight to existing fans. He says, "Classical music culture

puts the 'Great Composers' on an almost religious pedestal. Once this was an indication of the audience's love and respect, but now it just distances people from the music. It turns away new listeners, who feel like they're in a stuffy museum instead of a live concert. Sure, the music can be serious, but there's no reason anyone should feel intimidated. If I don't get a laugh from the audience in the first two minutes, I get worried!"

Feurzeig's free concerts accept donations for climate-centered organizations and projects in Vermont. The Newbury concert will benefit Third Act. Started by environmentalist and activist Bill McKibben, Third Act's members work collectively to counter climate change and protect democracy. The Orange County group meets on the third Monday of the month at the West Newbury Hall, 6:30-8:00. All seniors 60 and older are welcome.

Follow David on his journey on Instagram, find up-to-date events for your town via Facebook, or visit the website at PlayEveryTown.com.

## 48 Hour Film Slam Returns

It's been 4 years and 8 months (yes, the last one was in the fall of 2019) but the Cohase Chamber of Commerce 48 Hour Film Slam is coming back, bigger and probably better than before. The 2024 Open Division will get kicked off on Friday, May 17. Teams will gather at the Space On Main in Bradford at 5:30 to get prop, dialogue, product, location and genre. Teams will then have until Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 pm to turn in their seven minute long film. Showing of those films will take place at the Bradford Academy Auditorium on Sunday starting at 6:30 PM. There is no registration fee for teams to enter, but you are asked to preregister by May 14th. Complete rules can be found at [www.cohase.org](http://www.cohase.org)

This year's event will also see the addition of a student division. Any high school aged students or younger can form a team. These teams will be given their items on Friday, May 10th and must turn in their completed film by 3:30 PM on Saturday, May 18th. There is a deadline of Tuesday, May 7 for student

teams to enter.

This program ran for a number of years with a wide range of teams competing not only for cash prizes, but also for bragging rights and some additional gifts. The seven minute long films were written, filmed, edited and submitted in less than 48 hours. Students will get a full eight days to finalize their creations. The public's opportunity to watch all of the Open Division films will be at the same time as the judges. After those films are shown the already judged student films will be presented, plus a film makers panel, and possibly even a short presentation of a full length Vermont made film will take place while the judges make their decisions.

Admission to the showing at 6:30 on Sunday, May 19th at the Bradford Academy Auditorium will be strictly by donation. The event is presented by the Cohase Chamber of Commerce.



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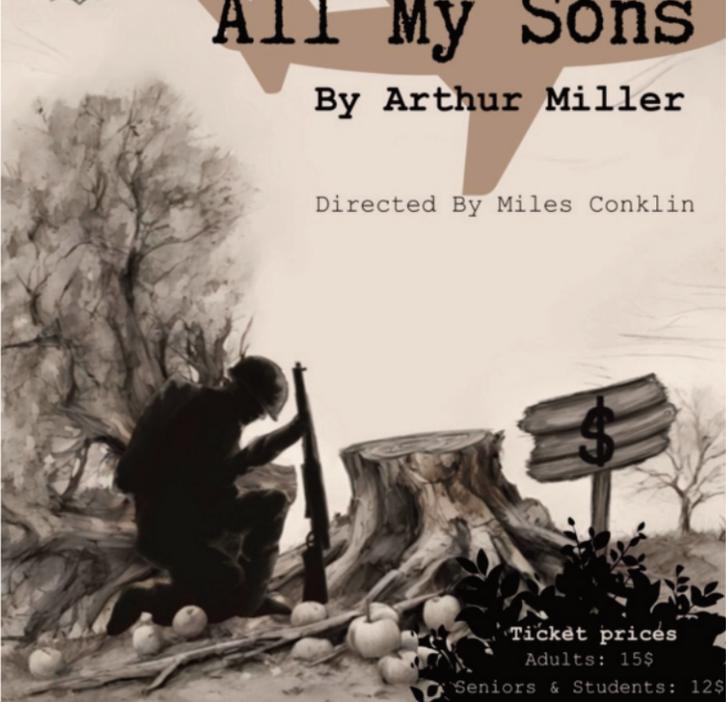
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## Letter to the Editor: We Don't Need Another Titanic

### Paddle The Border Spring

To the Editor;

First, I would like to thank Richard Roderick (Letter to the Editor, 4-9-2024) for welcoming me to Vermont. Apparently, he is not aware that I have been coming to this area since 1966 and that I continue to maintain two residences, in Connecticut as well as Vermont, even though that should not be of any concern of Mr. Roderick.

Let me try to address a few of Mr. Roderick's misrepresentations and misleading statements. He stated that President Biden delivered a State of the Union Address that was forceful and vibrant, and highlighted that the state of union is better now than under the previous administration.

I'm not sure we both watched the same speech. Perhaps he was tuned into a YouTube video and was watching a Bill Clinton speech. Again, what I saw was angry shouting and vindictiveness, apparently to placate his far-left base. So much for openness, compromise, and unity that he touted in his State of the Union Address of 2021.

Let's take a look at where we are today versus where we were when President Biden took office. In March of this year inflation rose to 3.5%, after a yearly high of 9.1% in 2022 according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (U.S. BLS). At the end of ex-President Trump's term, the rate stood at 1.4% (U.S. BLS). Federal Reserve

Chairman, Jerome Powell, stated as recently as March 20th that elevated inflation would likely delay any rate cuts this year. Real wages when adjusted for inflation has declined 2.2% (factcheck.org). National gas price average today is \$3.63/gal. vs \$2.39 at the end of President Trump's term (AAA). Food prices have increased 9.9% in 2022, the highest since 1979, and have continued unabated, adding another 5.8% in 2023 ((U.S.BLS). Housing prices have increased dramatically between 2021 through 2023, 3.29%, 7.15%, 6.44% respectively (U.S. BLS). The list is endless, but I'm sure you get the picture. Have you noticed that Biden is no longer praising his accomplishments under Bidenomics?

How has Biden been doing on securing our border? President Trump had a high of 1.2 illegal immigration crossings in FY2019. Since Biden took office, illegal immigration has soared under his administration. FY2023 showed an increase of over 40% since FY2021 and more than 100% when compared to FY2019. Illegal crossings reached an all time high of 3.2 million in 2023 (CBP). Since President Biden took office there have been 7.5 million encounters at our southern border and 1.7 million known gotaways according to the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP). Nearly 130,000 un-

accompanied migrant children entered the U.S. in 2022 (CBS News). Over 186 thousand illegal encounters occurred in March alone (El Paso Sector, Chief Patrol Agent). In 2023 the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol recorded 172 terror watchlist encounters, more than the last six years combined (CBP). CBP has seized 27,293 pounds of fentanyl, enough to kill 6 billion people. The CBP has logged over 24,000 Chinese Nationals entering the country in FY2023, an 11 % increase over the previous year. People from over 150 different countries have entered the country, not all with good intentions. Biden's open border policies have allowed an influx of migrant Chilean crime gangs, MS-13 gangs, rapists, murderers, illegal male aliens of military age, unaccompanied minors, sex/human traffickers, as well as women and children being subject to involuntary servitude in the country at unrepresented levels. The tax burden to the American payer is a staggering \$150.7 billion dollars per year for welfare and medical costs. That is just for one year (Newsweek). All of this occurring under Biden's watch. The last I knew we were a nation of laws, but when it comes to illegal immigration the Biden Administration doesn't seem to understand that.

Let's take a brief look at Biden's domestic legislation policies. In February the

Senate passed a \$118 billion border security bill, that also included aid to Ukraine. The objection from the Republicans is that this bill did not really control the border but would allow an average of 5,000 crossing per day for seven days before the border was shut down. That equates to a potential of 1.8 million illegal entrants. In contrast, in May of 2023, the House of Representatives passed a comprehensive Secure the Border Act (H.R. 2). Among its many provisions was a requirement to resume construction of the wall, prohibiting DHS from processing entry of illegal immigrants between ports of entry, requiring CBP to maintain a presence of at least 22,000 full time Border Patrol agents, and the list goes on. This bill was passed on to the Senate, but Senator Schumer wouldn't even bring it up for a vote. Was he afraid of the Democratic senators having to go on the record?

Apparently, Mr. Roderick seems to think the country is better off now than it was under the previous administration. A recent Reuters' poll showed that only 38% of Americans approve of Biden's performance.

I would like to close with the following thought: To reelect Biden would be like the Titanic backing up to hit the iceberg again.

Robert Briggaman  
Newington, CT / North  
Concord, VT

Canoe – Kayak Event on the Connecticut River  
Paddle the Border Spring  
Sunday May 19 Our 21st year

The Spring Paddle 2024 date is May 19. The Spring Paddle goes from Woodsville Community Field in Woodsville, off Rte. 135 to the Bedell Bridge State Park Boat Launch off Route 10, Haverhill Corner, NH

The Paddle is held twice a year weather permitting-no rain dates are planned.

There is a shuttle service from the take out, to the launch sight. [Drop boats & gear at launch sight, drive to Take Out- Park, the bus will bring you back to launch site] The Shuttle Service is available from 10am to 11am; This gives us a suggested launch time of 10:30 to 11:30am. The approximate paddle time for the spring and fall paddle is 3-1/2 to 4 hours.

This Shuttle Service has been providing by Butler Bus Company (we thank them).

At the end of the paddle there will be music by the Strawberry Farm Band & a cookout.

The Paddle The Border (PTB) event was started as a way for community organizations from Vermont and New Hampshire to work together to "Show Case" our shared asset, the Connecticut River. The event is sponsored by The Newbury Conservation Commission-NCC, Haverhill Recreation Commission-HRC, and Lower Cohase Chamber of Commerce, with support from Upper Valley Land Trust, Bradford Park & Rec. Upper Valley Trails Alliance, Strawberry Farm Band and Butler's Bus Service.

This is our 21st Year and we look forward to see old friends and meeting new Paddlers.

So come to Paddle the Border Sunday May 19 and bring your friends.

For More Info Contact: Michael Thomas mikedthom1@charter.net  
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Rec@haverhill-nh.com  
Fall PTB Sunday October 1 2024.

Robert,

I want to thank you for the use of references when you mention numbers or statistics. It is good to know where information is coming from.

In regards to your residency, that does not matter when it

comes to national politics. As long as when it comes time to vote you have a single residency, and therefore voter privileges.

I will also mention that you pointed out to me that both this letter and Mr. Roderick's letter in

the last edition exceeded the word limit we request. Please note that it is simply a request. However space is precious, and we continue to reserve the right to cut down on words when, and if, the space dictates such.

Gary Scruton, Editor



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### Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I am responding to a letter sent to The Trendy Times and published in its March 26, 2024 edition.

The Editor was right in pointing out that sharing opinions should have cases in point of facts versus fiction, to give relevance to the subject of the Letter to the Editor!

I too listened to both the State of the Union, by President Biden, and the Republican response to it by Senator Katie Britt. I will agree, there was a definite contrast!

While President Biden merely pointed out what was still needed to help struggling families and a new policy on immigration, the Republican's response, read by Senator Britt, was anything but factual.

Case in point: The United States of America, is failing to address "3rd world maternal mortality rates" within all states here in the USA. The highest maternal deaths D.A.,

First, thank you for the compliment. I have steadfastly stood by my preference to compare facts rather than just opinions. Give me the facts and I will form my own opinions (even though I do my best not to offer my opinions in this space).

On the other hand I will still stand for the right of any person to offer their opinion in the form of Freedom of Speech.

So as the current political campaign moves forward, please keep those Letters to the Editor coming our way. I will continue to answer them. And together we can continue to educate the most important people in these United States ... the voters.

Gary Scruton, Editor

being seen in Senator Katie Britt's state. Was Senator Britt not cognizant of the work being put forth by this administration? I believe she was.

This Administration has been diligently engaged in supporting the middle class and its families. It has added thousands more jobs by way of pushing forward green jobs. It has not added to what was already high inflation prior to and after the world-wide pandemic! A pandemic that the last POTUS failed to protect us from, especially Seniors who died as a direct result of failed nursing home policies!

In contrast, the Republican cohort is doing itself a great injustice by only supporting old untruthful banter, and biased news, which in turn disrupts the potential political process to collaborate and pass legislation for the good of "we the people"!

D.A. Gray  
Lisbon, NH

### Letter to the Editor: Cancel Culture and Woke

To the Editor,

In 2019, conservatives launched a campaign against the rising "politically correct" movement in society which tried to make people more sensitive to groups of people not their own - e.g. saying "physically challenged" instead of "crippled" or using racist names and symbols for sports teams. Because these people weren't part of a minority group, they didn't see what the fuss was about calling the Washington football team the Redskins. People really didn't get (or didn't care) that a lot of terms they were used to using were highly offensive. The Right got tired of being told they couldn't use their old tropes and fought back, framing this social move-

Rachael,

Caring about others, what a great position to have in life. I don't believe that any society is perfect. The best we can do as humans is to try to get

ment as "cancel culture" - as if their straight, white, Christian "culture" was being threatened and that they were personally being attacked just for the way they talked.

Then came the "Woke" campaign - yet another cruel attempt by the Right to paint empathy as something bad. If you are "woke", you care about those of other races or cultures; about the plight of transgender people, especially kids; you care about poor and homeless people; you know the difference between "black lives matter" and "all lives matter". If you are not "woke", you don't want to hear the science that shows that sex and gender are two different things and that people can be more than just "he" and

"she"; you believe there is no racism in our country anymore; you don't want to know that being male or female is not what you have between your legs but what your brain says you are; you are sure that America is a Christian nation and always has been (that's called "Christian Nationalism").

In other words, being "woke" and being part of "cancel culture" means you care about other people's lives, cultures, and feelings. If someone tells you that you're part of either of those made-up terms, thank them. No matter how much they try to make it seem like something bad, it is a badge of honor and pride.

Rachael Booth  
Landaff, NH

along with those like us, very different from us, and only slightly different from us. After all, we want them to get along with us, don't we?  
Gary Scruton, Editor

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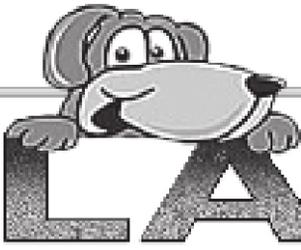
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## Total Solar Eclipse Draws Huge Crowds to NH and with it significant increase in Economic Activity

Concord, N.H. – (April 16, 2024) – The New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development (DTTD) is reporting a surge in visitation and economic activity surrounding this month's Total Solar Eclipse. While the entire state experienced at least a partial eclipse, New Hampshire's Great North Woods - from Lancaster north to Pittsburg and the Canadian Border – was directly in the path of totality.

"Lodging in the Great North Woods was sold out leading up to the event," said NH Travel and Tourism Director Lori Harnois, "and the weather forecast on eclipse day led to huge crowds of people traveling here to witness the event in person. We've heard from tourism leaders across the northern part of the state, that this event was a huge success and a significant economic boost during what is normally a shoulder season."

Visitor foot traffic at the state's Welcome Centers was up 211% on Monday, April 8th from the same day last year, and from Friday to Tuesday foot traffic was up 79% year over year.



## Appointment of Dolores Fox as our new Superintendent

Haverhill, NH – School Administrative Unit 23 proudly announces the appointment of Dolores Fox as our new Superintendent, starting on July 1st, 2024. Ahead of her official start, Mrs. Fox has initiated meetings and dialogues with key stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition and immediate impact on the community.

With a robust background as a Curriculum Director at SAU 63 and SAU 45, Mrs. Fox is poised to bring a wealth of knowledge and a proven track record of educational leadership to SAU 23. Her tenure in educational administration marks significant achievements in curriculum review, inter-departmental collaboration, professional development, and community engagement.

Mrs. Fox is also committed to working closely with literacy and math coaches to meet the district's ambitious goals, demonstrating her dedication to maintaining and

elevating the educational standards within SAU 23. Current Superintendent Dr. Laurie Melanson remarked, "Dolores is smart, kind, and incredibly hardworking—qualities that make her the perfect fit for SAU 23. I look forward to mentoring her over the next year. I am confident that with the support of our community, who will no doubt 'show her the ropes,' she will lead our district with distinction. Dolores's commitment to our students' success and her visionary approach to education are exactly what we need to continue our tradition of excellence."

SAU 23 sincerely appreciates the Bryan Group's indispensable role in the selection process and all community members who contributed their insights and efforts.

About SAU 23: School Administrative Unit 23 is dedicated to serving its vibrant educational community by offering leadership, resources, and support to promote student success and academic excellence. Visit SAU23.org to find out more.

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## OBITUARY: Gram” Polly (Pauline) Prahm Ehrman,

Gram” Polly (Pauline) Prahm Ehrman of North Woodstock, NH, born in Bangor, ME on September 28, 1946, died peacefully at her home on April 5, 2024 after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Gram did not need a college education to be a professional in the art of child rearing and understanding people. She left home right after graduation at age 17 taking a bus to Portland, ME, lived at the YMCA and went to business school. Her favorite career moves included an early job as a rollerskating server for A & W; working for Hartford Insurance where she spent her Friday paycheck at G. Fox, her favorite department store according to her husband. Hartford is the city where they met and fell in love. Other pivotal career choices included working for YieldHouse Furniture; being a receptionist for a team of psychologists; and later still, a medical secretary for the Norris Cotton Cancer Center through Dartmouth Hitchcock oncology.

Knowing Gram was a little like knowing the grandmother of the universe. Her home was always an open door to neighbors and friends, especially those of her children growing up in Merrimack, NH. This may have had something to do with being one of seven siblings herself, or maybe just the inherent patience and sense of humor which marked her parenting style. Whatever the reason, Gram came to be another mother to countless friends and grandmother to the children growing up around her grandchildren both on Martha’s Vineyard and in

North Woodstock, especially those in their neighborhood of Alpine Village.

Gram was the kind of mom who took us to the beach on a rainy or overcast day, set up the lawn chairs, looked up at the sky and told us, “No worries, kids, this is going to burn off.” And nine out of ten times, she was right. She encouraged us to work hard but also to have fun, and, based on her friends’ comments in her Brewer High School yearbook, she had tons of fun living in the moment. She believed in sleepovers and tenting in our yard, telling the truth, camping, completing chores, sledding whenever it snowed, extra butter on popcorn, cutting down one’s own Christmas tree, and laughing hard above all else.

A fantastic bowler in her 20s and 30s, Gram hardly missed a sporting event, band or choral concert, whether at Merrimack High School, Northeastern University, Connecticut College, or, later on, Martha’s Vineyard and Lin-Wood School for her grandchildren. She was known far and wide in the NH ski racing circuits to walk with her crampons and one ski pole to stand in the coldest of temps just to give a hug or a hot chocolate at the finish.

Famous for baking sugar cookies at Christmas, spinach pie, and “Polly’s chicken and rice,” her granddaughters especially loved cooking with Gram during their visits. She is also on record for having taught over 500 people in her lifetime how to give a proper hug. Her talent for hugging was only outdone by her ability to say the right thing at the right time when people needed to hear it most.

Spending time with her family and friends filled her memories as Gram loved and laughed fiercely. May 31 would have been their

55th wedding anniversary. She and Pops took some big trips to Alaska, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia and, of course, their winter road trips to visit old friends along the east coast and Florida. Her favorite places and traditions included sunsets in Menemsha, the Annual Martha’s Vineyard Agricultural Fair, Christmas Eve dinner with her son’s family and Christmas Day dinner with her daughter’s, Cascade Park, the JE Henry Trail, biking with and without Pop, and lunchtime picnics at the Green Bridge and Mirror Lake.

Polly is predeceased by her parents Helen Sullivan and Harris Prahm, along with her stepfather Louis Sullivan, her brother Gordon Prahm, her niece Michelle Pilcher, and nephew Brian Seippel. She is survived by her husband of almost 55 years Tony Ehrman, aka Pop Pops, her daughter Heather (Geoff Krill), her son Greg (Holly Thomas), grandchildren Ella, Carver, Greta and Hazel; sisters Sue Matson (Karl Matson), C.I. Seippel, Laurie Dean (Glenn Dean), Rosie Baker (Ken Baker), and Maryann Howse; sister in law Lynn Iovino (Frank Iovino); many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held June 24 at 11 AM at Cascade Park in North Woodstock, NH located across the street from the Woodstock Inn and Station, where lunch will follow. Donations may be made in memory of Polly to North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency at 536 Cottage St. Littleton, NH 03561.

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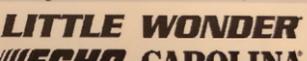
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## PINKIES, PUPPIES, PONIES, AND CHICKS, OH MY

By: Maggie Anderson

A local pet owner is making headlines after authorities - it's not yet been shared why the authorities appeared on the doorstep in the first place, but I digress - found a supply of meat in the homeowner's freezer.

The meat was for the family pets, which happen to be a number of large snakes of various species. The meat, it has been reported, consisted of a dozen or so frozen puppies. Did I mention the pets are large snakes?

The ensuing investigation is to find out how the puppies died, if they were humanely dispatched or not.

For all the puppy protectors out there, I just want to remind you, shelters all over this country kill a staggering number of animals every year. The approximate number is 100 thousand, but since many animals are eliminated without a paper trail, and many establishments such as research labs have no legal requirement to report when, how, and how many of their animals are euthanized, it is a low end guesstimate at best (or worst if you ask me.)

An estimated 25% of the animals that enter shelters never get out alive. Of the adoptable dogs - those with no life-threatening conditions - 9 out of 10 are killed. Almost 60% of all the animals euthanized are kittens not even weaned yet.

Abuses at shelters have

been reported for years; reports of animals buried alive, not properly dosed, some simply whacked on the head and tossed into trash bins or incinerators. The inhumane methods used for dispatching unwanted animals in America's shelters could fill a book.

Back to our snake lovers. Regardless of your position on what they should feed those big snakes - or whether they should let them out to forage for themselves a couple of times a week - the fact remains that it is perfectly legal to toss mice, charmingly labeled pinkies, fuzzies, and hoppers, alive and still squirming, into your snake pit and sit back and watch the show if you're so inclined.

I doubt that sort of disposal could be considered humane, yet it is not only legal, but also advertised online, and in pet shops in nearly every state in the Union. Hawaii is the lone holdout, with a fine tickling a quarter million bucks if you're found to be harboring a snake.

Human beings have had a wide variety of gastronomic preferences throughout history. People in places where game is unpredictable have raised guinea pigs; they're pets until the weather makes hunting impossible, then they end up in a stew, a real stew.

Many of this country's indigenous inhabitants traveled with dogs; if there were

no deer close by and the big shaggies were far beyond the horizon, they simply scooped up one of the eager pups and tossed him into whatever was boiling over the fire.

And don't forget we jam live lobsters and crabs into boiling water in fancy restaurants and back yard barbecues all over this country just to satisfy our own appetites.

Hank and I were in a little town in Germany where we ran into some locals who seemed more dejected than I'd have been over the placard on the butcher shop door announcing all the horse meat was gone until the next delivery. Sadness all around.

We still ship the old gray mare off to the dog food plant or the glue factory, but remember what we use for pasting Gramma's wedding tintage into the scrapbook, others consider dinner fare.

The bottom line is, those who love puppies are horrified over a freezer full of puppy carcasses, but snake lovers see the pet owner's stocked freezer as a time saver for them and a life saver for their snakes.

And for all you KFC fans, remember a chicken is the only animal you can eat before it's born and after it's dead.

Different strokes folks.



Barnet, VT – Donald "Don" Francis Easter, 86, passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. He was born on June 23, 1937, in St. Johnsbury, VT, to Edith (Shastaney) and Floyd Easter.

Don grew up in St. Johnsbury with his seven siblings. He attended school in St. Johnsbury and went to the Trade School as well. He worked for Chandler's Greenhouse and EHV Weidmann. He was an avid sports fan and sportsmen himself; Don also refereed basketball games for 50 years.

In 1984 Don made the move from St. Johnsbury to Barnet. It was the same year he married Bonnie (Dunbar) they were married on June 9th, 1984.

Donald was predeceased by his parents, Edith and Floyd Easter; his siblings, Floyd "Gene" Eugene Easter and wife Brenda, James "Bud"

## OBITUARY: Donald "Don" Francis Easter,

Easter and wife Madeline, Lionel "Skip" Easter and wife Carol, Rodney Easter and wife Jean, Paul Easter, and Roxanne "Rocky" Stacey and husband AJ; and his in-laws, Harold and Barbara Dunbar, Duane Dunbar and Paula Dunbar Nye.

He will be remembered by his wife of 40 years, Bonnie Easter; his brother Douglas Easter and wife Hilde; many nieces and nephews; and Nick the cat.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 4, at 2 PM at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Barnet Vermont with Melissa Gould as celebrant.

Donations in Don's name can be made to the Kingdom Animal Shelter, 1161 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

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**OBITUARY:**  
**Stephen A Crocker,**

Stephen A Crocker, 76, East Ryegate, VT, died at his home on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. He was born in Whitefield, NH on May 7, 1947, to Chester A Crocker Jr. and Julia H. (Foster) Crocker. The family moved to Massachusetts in his childhood, and he graduated from Norwood High School.

Steve enlisted in the US Navy on December 4, 1967, and served honorably until his discharge on October 29, 1971. He met and married Joyce Roccio and together they had one daughter. The family lived in Florida and later, Alabama where Steve worked in restaurants and food service.

Joyce died in 1999 and he moved to Vermont with his daughter to be closer to family. Steve continued his work in food service in Vermont, working for P&H Truckstop, St. Johnsbury Academy, and retiring from Dartmouth College. In retirement, he supplemented his income as a home caregiver.

He enjoyed the out-

doors, turkey hunting, ice fishing, and camping. He enjoyed cooking for friends and family, especially on his smoker.

Steve is predeceased by his parents, his wife Joyce Crocker, and a sister Martha Crown. He is survived by his daughter Amanda Cole and her husband Thomas of East Ryegate; two grandchildren, Isabella and Evan Cole; two brothers, Ralph Crocker and his wife Candace of Peacham, VT, and James Crocker and his wife Patricia of East Ryegate, VT; a brother-in-law, Rusty Crown of Groton, VT; several nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends, and his beloved dog Rascal.

There will be a graveside service on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in the Groton Village Cemetery at 10 AM.

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**OBITUARY:**

**Jane**

**(Aldrich) Page**

McIndoe Falls, VT- Jane (Aldrich) Page, 78, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2024, at NVRH with her family by her side.

She was born on October 22, 1945, to Lyman "Bunk" and Ila (Rexford) Aldrich.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carwin F. Page on April 8th, 2009.

She is survived by two sons, Kevin Ruggles and

Trevor Ruggles; two daughters, Marcia Ruggles and Kelly Ruggles; and many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Per Jane's request, there will be no calling hours or services. The family is planning a celebration of her life at a later date.

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# OBITUARY: Jaimie Teller-Naylor,

sion, however, was being a foster parent to 30+ children. Jaimie was a fiercely protective and dedicated mother whose love knew no bounds. Her love did not come with requirements, it did not come with limitations, it was pure, and it was unconditional. It was ultimately this love that led to her winning an award for being foster parent of the year, which was one of her proudest accomplishments.

Jaimie Teller-Naylor, 54, known as "Momma Naylor", passed away on March 30, 2024, with family and friends by her side at a place she liked to call "Hotel-Hitch". Jaimie had been battling multiple serious medical conditions but despite that, she remained positive, hopeful, and most of all determined; she showed unwavering strength, stability, and love until the very end.

Outside of being a mother and a nana to all her Grands, Jaimie was known for being the life of the party. She enjoyed spending time with her people, being spontaneous, going on adventures, bar top dancing, playing softball, candlepin bowling, and spending time anywhere that would allow for her feet to be in the sand.

Jaimie was born to Kathryn Teller on February 21, 1970, in Chicago, Illinois and attended Juanita High School. Jaimie held a few different positions over the years as a waitress at Leda's Pizza, an event planner at Dowds, and a receptionist at Willowbrook Prosthetics and Orthotics. Jaimie's true pas-

Survived by her husband Scott Naylor, her son

Brian Duff and spouse Katelyn Tibbits, her son Edward Jarvis and spouse Amanda Jarvis, her daughter Megan Naylor, her son Daniel Naylor and spouse Allison Naylor, her daughter Dalyn Ashford and spouse Kyle Ashford, her son Riley Naylor and spouse Hannah Dube, and her daughter Traci Misko and spouse Stephen Misko. 12, soon to be 13 Grandchildren and 2 fur-grands named Hayden, Abigail, Austin, Autumn, Haylee, Brendan, Xander, Braecyn (Hank), Hudsyn (Archie), Radley, Marianna (Jojo), Evelyn, Baby Misko, Moose, and Mazy. Her Brother Scott McMurray and spouse Hayley, nephews Logan, Ted and her niece Lane. Special friends Mike and Julie Graham, Kathy Dyer, Carmen Ramos, Ashley Harrington-Clark, Delores Harrington, Pete Vincent and Lisa Culbertson, Kat and Dan Rose and Mike Delaney.

There will be a celebration of life for Jaimie on July 20, 2024. The location and time will be announced at a later date.

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# Chicken Enchiladas

Recipe below.  
Ingredients for Enchilada sauce  
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1/2 tsp dried oregano  
S&P to taste  
2 cups chicken broth (I used chicken bouillon cubes dissolved in 2 cups boiling water.)  
Another note if you partially freeze your chicken it's a lot easier to cut especially in small pieces. Begin by heating oil in sauté pan. Add onion sauté for a couple of minutes. Add chicken and cook for about 8-10 minutes until done then add S & P, green chilies and black beans mix well and set aside. Combine in small bowl the chili powder, garlic powder, cumin and oregano. In small saucepan heat oil add flour and whisk making a roux for only 1 minute. Add the rest of the spice mixture and whisk 1 more minute then continuously whisking add the chicken broth. Bring to a slow boil and simmer for about 6-8 minutes whisking often. It will thicken a little bit. Set aside. Grease a 9x13 baking pan and preheat oven to 350 degrees. Get a tortilla and spoon a little of the enchilada sauce and spread with a spoon. In center place a generous spoon of chicken mix in a line. Sprinkle some shredded cheese on and

roll up folding sides in to fit in baking dish. I don't know what I did but I could only fit 6 filled tortillas. The tortillas I bought said burrito on it so I don't know if you will fit 8 or 6 like me. Spoon the rest of the enchilada sauce over the top and sprinkle more shredded cheese. Bake for 20-25 minutes until cheese is melted and bubbly around edges and crispy spots of tortillas peeking out. You can add anything you want in the stuffing like pepper strips or you can use shaved steak and make beef burritos. That's it there's a lot of steps but I tried to make it go as easy as I could. Now that you have the idea of how to make enchiladas the possibilities are endless. Very "Delicious" and the steps are all easy peasy! Even if you are a vegetarian use Tofu. Please give this recipe a try because your family will love it and you will be a star. Well folks that's it for today's recipe. I would also like to tell you that friends of mine from Rhode Island are going to be on Family Feud April 23,24,25,26 and 29th they are the Ryan family. I can't wait to watch because they couldn't tell us anything. Until next time I am signing off. Stay safe and healthy my friends. Sincerely, Cin Pin

Hello hello my fellow chefs! How are you all doing today? I'm doing good and hopefully no more snow in the forecast. This great weather is well deserved wouldn't you agree. I just ordered some vanilla beans from India. I'm going to attempt to make my own vanilla extract. When I lived in Rhode Island my son's girlfriend's mother gave me some she made and it was the best I ever had. She was from the Dominican Republic but I don't know where she got her beans. I have a small collection of vanilla extracts from all different places, countries and Islands but I've yet to find one that matches hers. I'm waiting for the beans to come in the mail so I'll keep you posted. Let's get started with today's recipe and how to make it. It's best to make an assembly line for making the enchiladas.  
Ingredients  
2 Tbsp olive oil  
1 onion diced  
1- 1 1/2 lbs boneless skinless chicken breast cut in 1/2" pieces  
1 - 4 oz. Can diced green chilies  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper  
1- 15 oz. Can black beans rinse well and drain  
8 count large flour tortillas  
2 - 8 oz. Packages Mexican blend shredded cheese  
1 batch enchilada sauce.

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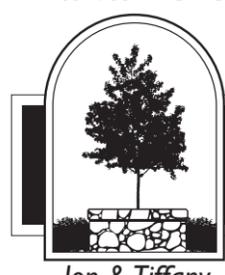
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