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Return of the 48 Hour Film Slam

The Cohase Chamber of Commerce wants to invite the public to the showing of some great (at least we expect them to be great) films. The showing will take place on Sunday, May 19 beginning at 6:30 PM in the auditorium of the Bradford Academy Building, 172 N Main Street, in Bradford. There will be no admission fee, though donations will be accepted.

The films that will be shown on this evening will be so new that you might even be able to still smell them. The films (or probably

more correctly, the digital creations) will be the result of a number of teams competing in two divisions as part of the Cohase Chamber of Commerce 48 Hour Film Slam.

The first set of films will be so new that no one, except those who produced the film, will have ever seen them. That is because these teams will have had only 48 hours to write, act, film and edit their productions. Along with that short time frame they will also have been required to use a couple of provided props, shot at a specific location, used a precise line of dialogue, and

filmed in a randomly drawn genre. Oh, and the film must be from four to seven minutes long. If this sounds like fun, there is still time to join. The deadline to enter the open division is Tuesday, May 14. For complete rules visit www.Cohase.org. Competitors will meet at The Space on Main at 5:30 pm on Friday, May 17 and must turn in their creations by 5:30 pm on Sunday. The judging of these films will take place during the premier showing in front of judges and the general public. Members of the public will be asked to vote for their favorite film as well.

The second portion of the evening's entertainment will be a series of films created in much the same way, but by students from a number of local schools. These film makers will have been given a full 8 days using many of the same parameters as in the open division. These films will be turned in by 3:30 on Saturday the 18th so that the judges will have an opportunity to watch them before the public gets their chance.

A third part of the evenings entertainment will be a film makers' panel as well as a presentation by a local film maker regarding his most recent project. The

plan is that even with all of this the eyeing should come to a conclusion by 9:00 pm in order to allow students, parents, siblings, and all others to get home at a reasonable time.

Along with the prestige of becoming the top film at the 48 Hour Film Slam there are also cash prizes being awarded. That is in large part due to the participation of these great sponsors, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, Yeoman Brewing Company, Copeland Furniture, Chapmans's General and Wells River Savings Bank.

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TRENDY Dining Guide

The Hungry Bear Pub & Grill by Gary Scruton

Father and daughter time is a special time. At least it always has been for me. And on a recent Sunday, my daughter April (you may know of her from other portions of this publication) and I had the opportunity to spend a good portion of the afternoon together, with plenty of other people as well.

It started when she picked me up shortly after noontime and we headed to the Orange East Senior Center in Bradford for an advertised Cribbage Tournament. We were one of 18 teams that showed up to play. We paid our entry fee and waited for the draw to find out where we would start. (Table #2). The rules told us that whoever won the first game of the day would stay in their seats and the losers would move for the remainder of the tournament. We lost that first game which gave us the opportunity to get up and stretch our legs after each game. It apparently worked as we also lost our second game, but then went on to win the next five, and finish in a tie for third overall. Congratulations to those who ran this event. I'm only sad we didn't get that big cash payout for first.

With the preliminary part of the afternoon taken care of we went the short distance over to get some nourishment from the Hungry Bear Pub & Grill. Another great aspect of going somewhere with my

daughter is meeting just some of the many, many people she knows. This happens to include the owners at "The Bear" who came over to our table to say hi. Of course April also knows the waitstaff so she asked me to write this article to get a somewhat different perspective.

I have been to the Bear often enough myself that I knew what I wanted. When our waitress came over for a beverage order I requested a Switchback draft. April got a bottle of Lite. As it was a Sunday the Bear was offering breakfast all day. April decided to take advantage of that and ordered the breakfast Quesadilla, with that she got a side order of homefries that come with onions cooked in, and she added some cheese on top. I stayed a bit more conventional and got the Angus steak burger with cheddar cheese (I also asked them to keep the

tomato as Janice was not there to eat it.) and instead of the normal french fries I switched to the onion straws at no extra charge.

As mentioned, April has plenty of friends and we spent a good amount of our time before the meals were served talking to many of them who were walking by on the way to a table, or who were standing at the bar watching one of the many, many TV screens that seem to be most everywhere you look.

When our meals arrived April was a bit surprised that it took two plates to get all of her meal in front of her. My burger was left open so that I could add whatever condiments I chose. (just a squirt or two of ketchup). We then let the meals pose for a moment and then dug in. There were absolutely no surprises as my burger was cooked just as I asked and had plenty of flavor. The onion straws I ate (with my fingers) and did not even add more ketchup. April went to work on her meal and though she tried, she still needed a box to take a good portion home.

As we finished our meal and chatted with a

few more people April did order a couple more Lite beers and that brought our total to \$57.56 which included the food tax, the alcohol tax, and the 3% credit card fee. We left a cash tip on the table for our waitress.

One final note is that in our conversation we learned that there are plans for some major renovations at the Hungry Bear Pub and Grill. No details revealed here, just keep watch for changes in the future.



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White Mountains Attractions Welcomes a New Major Attraction and Prepares for a Summer of Celebration and Family Fun

North Woodstock, NH (April 26, 2024) – After a spring filled with late season snow, the White Mountains region is ready for a summer of celebration and family fun.

Charyl Reardon, President of White Mountains Attractions Association (WMAA) in North Woodstock, NH, noted "in the summer of 2023, we welcomed approximately 4 million visitors to our region from across the country and around the world. Last year's rainy weather did not deter our Major Attractions and local businesses from offering the memorable experiences that keep our guests coming back year after year. Our outlook for this summer is sunny, rain or shine, and we can't wait to welcome our visitors and celebrate what is new throughout the White Mountains of New Hampshire."

The White Mountains region is home to 16 iconic Major Attractions, and WMAA is pleased to announce a new addition to this roster: the Bretton Woods Skyway Gondola. Reardon continued, "the Omni Mount Washington Resort, home to, the Bretton Woods Skyway Gondola is a vibrant, world-class resort for all seasons. From its outstanding ski trails in the winter to the scenic gondola, canopy tours, biking, golfing, and more that make the summer season so spectacular, we are thrilled to welcome Bretton Woods as one of our Major Attractions in the White Mountains."

Craig Clemmer, Director of Sales & Marketing at the Omni Mount Washington Resort, echoed Reardon's sentiment, adding "White Mountains Attractions has been a great partner promoting the region for decades, and we are pleased to join such a dynamic and impactful organization."

In addition to this exciting news, several of the re-

gion's premier attractions are celebrating landmark anniversaries and new upgrades to their facilities.

Story Land in Glen, NH is excited to announce the opening of Moo Lagoon this summer, a new farm-tastic fun waterpark with slides and interactive water features for all ages. Amenities like the new Bath House, Barn Yard Pizza, and The Stock Yard retail stand will provide guests with a fully immersive, all-moo experience. In conjunction with the opening of Moo Lagoon, Story Land is also celebrating its 70th anniversary as the place where fantasy lives and families have fun.

For summer 2024, Santa's Village in Jefferson, NH welcomes a new ride to its repertoire: the family-friendly Midnight Flyer. This highly anticipated rollercoaster will take the place of Rudy's Rapid Transit, which was retired in the fall of 2023. Aboard the Midnight Flyer, riders will enjoy a thrilling ride that mimics the feel of riding with reindeer aboard Santa's own sleigh, complete with a Northern-Lights inspired green track. The firm opening date for the Midnight Flyer rollercoaster will be available soon.

In other exciting news, the Hobo Railroad in Lincoln, NH was recently acquired by Patriot Rail out of Jacksonville, FL. Under this new ownership comes a fresh look and an updated name: the Granite State Scenic Railway. Visitors are invited to hop aboard and enjoy the Granite State Scenic Railway's classic scenic train excursions along the banks of the Pemigewasset River starting Mother's Day weekend.

At Marshfield Station, NH, the Mount Washington Cog Railway is celebrating its own milestone anniversary: 155 Years of Innovation. The Cog will be posting monthly excerpts from historian Tim Lewis'

The Mount Washington Cog Railway – The Jitney Years on its website to commemorate this momentous anniversary of the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway. On September 14th, 2024, the summer season will culminate in a bash including guest speakers, fireworks, steam train rides, and more. Visit TheCog.com for the latest information.

In Lincoln, NH, Clark's Bears is set to open Memorial Day Weekend with their two growing bear cubs, Darla and Hildie, serving as highlights of their famous Bear Show.

In addition to the excitement of the upcoming tourist season, White Mountains Attractions is also proud to announce the mid-May release of our new attraction and destination highlight videos set to premier on VisitWhiteMountains.com and at the White Mountains Visitor Center in North Woodstock, NH. These videos, produced in partnership with DVISION Media out of North Conway, will give visitors and locals a glimpse at what makes the Major Attractions in the White Mountains a must-visit for generations of guests.

"We are very proud of our Major Attractions", Reardon acknowledged. "They offer diverse experiences for all ages, whether you're looking for something to up your adrenaline like a zipline session or something more nostalgic like a stroll through a favorite amusement park.

These new videos will give visitors a better idea of what to expect and what to get excited about at each Attraction."

For information on the White Mountains region, including trip planning resources, Attractions, member information, and more, head to VisitWhiteMountains.com.

All My Sons by Gary Scruton

If I was told to use only one word to describe the most recent offering by the folks at Old Church Theater, the word would be "powerful".

I will say that a good portion of the powerful-ness of "All My Sons" comes from the script by well known playwright Arthur Miller. But the best written play will still fall flat if there is not a great cast to perform it. Luckily for those who attended the same night I did, the cast was spot on.

There was a total of nine actors who were given credits as part of the cast. But to be honest there were four main characters. Anthony Helm played the part of Joe Keller, the head of the company in question, and the man who actually used the play's name in a line of dialogue. Anthony was tasked with going from loving father and husband, to a broken man. Part of the intensity of the performance can be found in the fact that even though it was announced that there would be a gunshot during the performance, it was still unexpected.

Playing the part of Kate Keller, wife of Joe, was OCT board member and well established actress Carrie Anne Quinn. Like Anthony she had to show a very wide range of emotions in order to portray the part the way it was written. From tears to laughter, from scolding to coddling, she hit her marks and took the audience on an emotional roller coaster ride.

Playing the son of the Kellers was Erik Volk. He also helped to make that roller coaster ride very intense. Erik, like the others, had to reach very high and very far to get to those hard to reach peaks, but also needed to dig deep to get to the bottom.

Rounding out the quartet of leads was Meghan Bullard, another long time, and very well gifted actress who played the part

of Ann Deever, the holder of a secret, as well as the holder of hearts.

These four actors, along with the supporting cast appeared to hit every mark that was set for them. The dialogue was not a script, but a conversation, and sometimes an argument, that came out of their souls as much as their mouths. The subjects covered in "All My Sons" included deceit, love, and philosophy of what the world is, or should be.

If you were unable to attend any of the performances of this fine play presented by the folks at Old Church Theater, then you missed a very well done show. The good news is that there are three more plays to be presented this year. But it will be a while. The next performance, their annual "Family Show" will be in August and is titled "Good Masters! Sweet Ladies". That will be followed in October by the comedy "Baggage". The season will wrap up just in time for the holiday season in December with "A Visit From St. Nicholas". All of these performances are scheduled to be held at the Bradford Academy Auditorium.

For those attending the same night I did, and for those who read the playbill, it is obvious that not only is Old Church Theater working hard to provide some first rate entertainment, but they are also working hard to renovate and return to their home base, just across the street, the Old Church Theater itself. Renovations continue to be performed even while they continue to raise money to pay for those renovations. A recent \$140,000 grant needs matching funds, of which they have already gathered about 10%. That money and other fund raising will make the OCT a jewel of Bradford, and offer many new opportunities to the community.

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Here's a sobering statistic: 72% of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their families, according to a study by Edward Jones and the consulting firm Age Wave. If you are near retirement, how can you prepare yourself to become financially free, so you won't have to depend on grown children or other family members?

Here are a few suggestions to consider:

Keep adding to retirement savings. Today, with a greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, many people are spending two, or even three, decades in an active retirement. To help pay for those years, then, you'll likely need to build your retirement savings as much as possible. So, while you're still working, try to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are in the later stages of your career, possibly close to your peak earning power, you may be able to put in sizable sums every year.

Choose an appropriate withdrawal rate. While it's obviously im-

portant to build your retirement savings, it's just as essential to make the money last. Once you retire, you'll want to establish an appropriate withdrawal rate — that is, the amount you can take out each year from your 401(k) and other investments without running the risk of outliving your money. The amount you can safely withdraw each year will depend on a variety of factors, including your age, your account balances, Social Security benefits, inflation, income tax rates and spousal income. In any case, selecting a suitable withdrawal rate can help go a long way toward preserving your financial freedom throughout your retirement.

Think about downsizing. One possible way to boost your savings and add liquidity is to downsize your living arrangements. This may be an attractive option if your children are grown and your current home feels too large. Of course, downsizing is a highly personal decision — if you've lived in your home for many years, have fond memories of raising a family in it and still enjoy the neighborhood, it can certainly be hard to leave. Consequently, you'll need to weigh these emotional factors against the potential financial benefits of

Financial freedom: A gift to your family

moving into a smaller, less expensive space.

Prepare for long-term care costs. If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, you could face some sizable expenses, most of which may not be covered by Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan. And clearly, you would not want to put your grown children in a position where they might feel the need to step in financially. To help avoid this possibility, you may want to consult with a financial professional about addressing these costs through strategies that may be appropriate for your needs.

These aren't the only ideas to consider in helping maintain your financial independence and reducing your potential dependence on your family during your retirement years. But taken together, they can give you a good start — so think about putting them to work.

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Haverhill, NH - When Tomten Farm and Sanctuary was asked to offer lifetime sanctuary to a senior miniature horse in need they couldn't refuse. At just 170 pounds and 30 inches high, she was in need of a soft landing for the rest of her days. And that is exactly what Tomten's senior horse program, The Dobbin Fund, is all about—offering sanctuary to senior horses, ponies, donkeys and mules in need.

Originally seized in an animal welfare investigation by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/Nevins Farm, this petite 28-year-old mare found herself in very good hands. Unfortunately though a veterinary diagnosis determined that, sadly, she was not an adoption candidate. She was in need of palliative/hospice care and a very special final home to call her own. With so many animals in need waiting at their door, the farm's Outreach Manager contacted Tomten in hopes that they could offer that specialized care and sanctuary. The Upper Valley nonprofit welcomed her with open arms.

"Joining forces with other New England organizations means we can each be certain we use our strengths to be more, do more, and give more to the lives who need us," says Tomten Founder, Je-

nifer Vickery. "Rescue and sanctuary go hand-in-hand and we can all do more together than we can ever do alone. Each of us are doing all we can to help animals in need and we are honored to do our part beside them."

The new mare, now called "Tallulah TinyTrot" is not the only new addition at Tomten this Spring. Thanks to the efforts of its all-volunteer Board of Directors, The DEKM Fund and the generous donors who make welcomes like this possible, Tomten has also just opened the gate of their pastoral Sanctuary to another little senior in need. Tallulah has been joined by a lonely 27-year-old miniature donkey seeking senior care and companionship. He is from right here in the Upper Valley community and a direct placement from the owner in need. The two miniature lives have already begun to form a fast friendship as they settle into the peace, protection and possibility the farm is known for.

"It's important that we make a difference to humans and animals alike," says Laima Whitty, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit's Vice President. "Being here to offer peace of mind to the aging owners of beloved aging pets is just another way we help the local and regional community."

Need is everywhere and while both Vickery and Whitty admit that no

organization has the capacity to assist every human or every animal in need, they know the efforts of the Tomten Team make a difference to many. As the organization enters its second decade, they look forward to making an impact for years to come.

In addition to these two newly welcomed senior lives, the primarily volunteer-staffed nonprofit organization currently cares for 75+ animals in lifetime sanctuary including horses, ponies, goats, sheep, donkeys, pigs, cats, rabbits, alpacas, geese, chickens, geese and "SaMule HalfHorse, their popular rescued mule. They welcome their supporters and the general public who have yet to discover Tomten to enjoy regularly scheduled RSVP Farm Tours where visitors can get up close and personal with the rescues, hear their stories and be touched by the magic and miracle of each life. More information including upcoming tour dates can be found on their website, [tomtenfarmandsanctuary.org](https://www.tomtenfarmandsanctuary.org) You can also travel beside them virtually every day via their very active facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tomtenfarmandsanctuary/>.

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Weeks State Park Summer Programs 2024

Weeks State Park Summer Programs 2024-Bird Walk, Migratory Bird Day Event, Thursday, May 16, 2024 7 AM to 12 PM. Lead by David Govatski

Join us for a Migratory Bird Day Walk at Weeks State Park. We will meet at the parking lot of the scenic auto road at 7 AM. We will slowly walk up the auto road looking and listening for a variety of migratory birds that are

settling in on territories. We expect to see a variety of warblers and flycatchers at this birding hotspot. We also will be looking at Spring ephemeral wildflowers. The walk is 3 miles round trip and ascends 800 vertical feet at an easy pace.

At 11 AM we will offer an optional visit to Martin Meadow Pond to look for loons, osprey and eagles. Free Migratory Bird Day

posters will be available. The program is free to the public. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather.

Dave Govatski is the field trip leader and is an experienced birding guide and naturalist. He is President of the Ammonoosuc Chapter of the National Audubon Society.

The programs are sponsored by the Weeks State Park Association, NH Division of Parks, and



White Mountain Voices Presents Spring Pops! Concert

Spring is Popping at White Mountain Voices and White Mountain Youth Voices! Our pops concert features light-hearted choral classics by Bernstein, Gilbert and Sullivan, Gershwin, Strauss and many others. All frivolous, all fun!! The program, under the direction of Victoria Cole, features a jazz ensemble with Joseph Hansalik, piano, Gary Mathews, bass, and Rick Erwin on drums.

Concerts are May 18, 3:00 PM at Lancaster Town Hall (note new venue and time) and May 19, 3:00 PM at First Congregational Church in Littleton. Suggested donation is \$15.00. Children under 18 are admitted free.

This concert is like a musical party! We wanted these concerts to lift spirits and get us all singing – and there will be audience sing-along as well. Concertgoers will be treated to some settings of nonsense pieces like Jabberwocky and The Little White Hen,

selections from operetta and Broadway, some Gilbert and Sullivan and favorites from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story and Candide. We hope the audiences will experience the joy of singing through these diverse pieces.

We are proud to feature White Mountain Youth Voices, a new chorus for ages 6-14 in northern New Hampshire. They will present several numbers on their own and with the adult chorus. Artistic Director Victoria Cole is very excited about this dedicated group of young singers who are enthusiastically learning about choral music.

White Mountain Voices is a community chorus founded in 2017 and serving the Littleton-Lancaster region, typically performing two concerts per year. The Youth Voices program started this past October. White Mountain Voices is a fully-registered charitable non-profit 501.C.3 organization.



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OBITUARY: Marie Spencer,

Marie Spencer, 80, Warren, NH, passed on Thursday May 2, 2024, at her home surrounded by family after a period of failing health. She was born in Plymouth, NH to Fred and Irene (Eldridge) White on April 24, 1944. She attended Plymouth High School and Empire Cosmetology School in Laconia, NH. She married Edward "Butch" Spencer in Orford, NH on June 12, 1975.

Marie owned and operated Kountry Korner Beauty Salon in Warren for many years. She was the hairdresser at Glenciff Home as well during this time. Marie later found work at, and eventually bought and operated, H&R Block in Woodsville for over 30 years, retiring in 2015. She was a work-a-holic and rarely sat down, although she did enjoy puttering outside around the house and maybe catching a nap in the sun. In her younger years she loved to go out dancing with Butch. She was a loving Nana to her family and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren is what she enjoyed above all else.

Marie is predeceased by her parents; a son Martin Spencer; and a brother Roger White; grandsons Stephen Foley, Kevin Ball and Clayton Belyea. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 48 years,

Butch Spencer of Warren; a son, Michael Spencer of Warren; three daughters, Laurie Foley and her husband Edward of Whitefield, Marcia Belyea of Warren, and Elaine Ball and her husband James of Glenciff, NH; 9 grandchildren - Kimberly Oliver (Marcus), Timothy Foley (Rachel), Jaimie-Lyn Foley, Zoey Ball, Zabrina Ball, Jack Ball, Thayne Spencer, Brooke Spencer, Jonathan Spencer and 11 great-grandchildren - Graham, Calvin, McKinley, Myler, Colton, Mathieu, Jay, Bode, Mason, London, and Desmond; a sister Donna Heal of Rumney; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday May 9, 2024, at the Warren United Methodist Church, 6 School St. Warren at 1:00PM, followed by interment at the Warren Village Cemetery. Those who wish may give donations in memory of Marie Spencer to the Minerva Temple #40, C/O Marlene Wright, 54 Studio Rd, Warren, NH 03276

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Letter to the Editor: TRUMP: A CIRCUS CLOWN OF CHAOS

To the Editor,

Several of my previous letters-to-the-editor have made my views clear when it comes to the topic of Ex-President Trump.

This letter will reinforce that view.

Trump, a one-term, twice-impeached, disgraced conman and liar creates and exists in a whirlwind of psychosis. That nightmare involves lying, cheating, distracting, diverting and delaying, all to allow himself the chance to become president again, and gain the protection of that office.

He entered public awareness as television entertainer - and became

a clown, a circus clown of chaos. Nothing wrong with entertainers or circus clowns, we need them.

But Trump used that guise to bluff, lie and bully his way into destructive power and anti-democratic, anti-American action. He's still doing it today. And that's just fine to a certain percentage of short-sighted folks who prefer a tyrant to the leader of a democracy. Trump is a dangerous aging clown who is so wrongly misdirected, I actually feel sorry for him - a disturbed sad man who can't change his evil ways.

Other folks agree with

me concerning his multiple on-going legal woes - "Mr. Trump brought these charges upon himself - these allegations are serious and are consistent with his other actions - offensive to the national interest". Republican United States Senator Mitch Romney.

A whirlwind of psychosis.

Do you really want this dangerous clown to be president again? Seriously?

Robert Roudebush
North Haverhill, New Hampshire

Robert,

Your next to last sentence is the one that is the most important, in my view anyway, though I would not pose it in quite that manner. The simple, middle of the road, question is, who do you want to be the next president of these great United States of America?

At this point in time there appear to be two major party candidates who have essentially locked up their party nominations. But let me remind everyone that those conventions have

not yet taken place. There are also a number of third party, or independent candidates looking to change the norm.

Whichever way you lean, I urge you to be informed, know the candidates and what they stand for before you walk into the polls in November. And then vote in the manner that makes you feel the best. Just the act of voting is an honor. And to vote with thought and foresight is taking that honor seriously.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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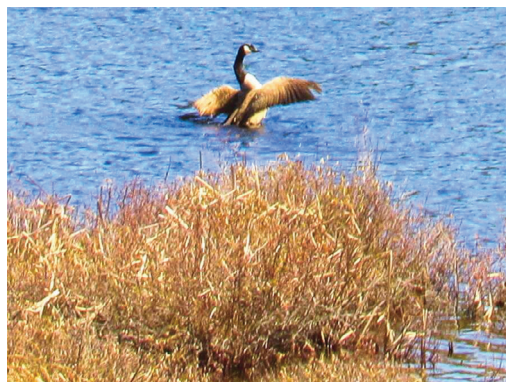
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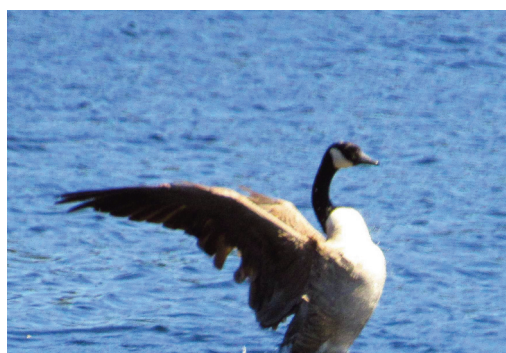
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Waste

by Elinor Mawson

I may be halfway through those years during the octogenarianism but I haven't forgotten my mother's advice! She came through the Depression and learned a lot about saving and waste.

"Don't buy one when you can get 2." "Scrape that bowl of cake mixture! You can get a whole cupcake from what is left in there!" "You'll get used to sloshing that dirty diaper out in the toilet!" (I never did). That information sounds useless to me, I know, but I remember it all.

Thanks to my mother, I have always been a saver and hate to waste anything. I still save aluminum foil that can be used over again. When I sewed my clothes, I carefully put the pattern pieces closer together to save fabric. We eat our leftovers.

When we got married, we were very poor. Even in 1958, living on \$70 a week was a challenge. We managed, however, by careful spending and never buying anything we didn't need. I have discovered that being poor once is an unforgettable experience, and you can go right back to it if necessary.

Nowadays, I don't think anyone has ever heard of the Depression--

those years during the 1930's where there was huge joblessness and lots of poverty. Followed by World War 2 with rationing and shortages of gas, butter, meat, and other necessities, life wasn't easy. People grew Victory gardens and helped each other out and somehow got through hard times.

I was in the hospital recently and was not too sick to notice the rampant waste that took place in my room. Beds are changed even though they have hardly been used. Paper products are thrown away indiscriminately. Food comes in within throw-away containers (some of good quality) and disposed of immediately. When it's time to go home, patients are told to take unfinished products with them or they will be thrown away. I have to say I was aghast, even though I understood the reasons behind the process. No wonder healthcare is so expensive, even though it has no effect on the waste that takes place.

I have to think that this waste is a thing of the future because nobody, (anymore) has a reason to not continue it.

I'm glad I'm not 60 anymore.



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Concord, NH – Today, following approval by members of the Executive Council, New Hampshire's Department of Natural and Cultural Resources announced \$1,000,000 in funding to improve the statewide trail system following damage caused by historic rain and flooding events in 2023.

Initial damage to the trail network occurred in July 2023, particularly within Pittsburg and Swanzey, and was then compounded during the December 18 storm. During this weather event, extensive trail damage also occurred in the Berlin, Gorham, and Randolph areas, particularly within Jericho Mountain State Park.

"The thousands of miles that make up New Hampshire's trail system play such an important role in New Hampshire's outdoor economy," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Following storm damage over the last few months, we're moving quickly to provide local clubs with the financial support needed to repair hundreds of miles of trails."

"We are excited that this funding is being made

available to our hard-working clubs and volunteers to assist in repairing the trails that were so severely impacted across the state by recent storms," said DNCR Commissioner Sarah Stewart. "Eighty percent of the statewide trail network is located on private lands, and these funds will be put to good use to repair those storm-damaged trails and to ensure that the trail network remains connected to communities while being safe for all trail users, including motorized and non-motorized recreation."

In recent years, registrations for motorized Off Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRV) and snowmobiles have reached all-time highs. Combined annual registrations now average more than 80,000 units. Snowmobiling alone in New Hampshire generates \$500 million annually in revenue to the state economy.

The \$1 Million in funding will be distributed through the Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Program as 100 percent grants, with no match required, to assist local snowmobile and OHRV clubs with storm-related trail

repair work. The GIA Program is normally funded through OHRV and snowmobile registrations along with unrefunded gas taxes.

To ensure repairs are made quickly, awards will be made through the GIA Program's spring grant round of funding, which currently has a May 3, 2024 deadline for clubs to apply. Clubs were notified of the availability of these funds (pending G&C approval) via email on April 5, 2024. A special storm damage GIA application was created and was attached to the email notice, as well as posted on the Bureau of Trail's website. Additional information about these funds, as well as other grant information is available here.

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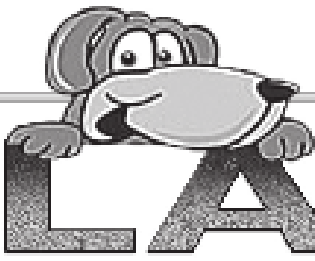
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Tickets for "Yamnuska: The Ragged Edge" are \$10 for Members of The Colonial and \$12 for Non-members at BethlehemColonial.org. The Reel Outdoors Series is sponsored by Carlson's Lodge, The Lawton Company, Liquid Death, North Country Climbing Center, and The Trout Unlimited Ammonoosuc Chapter 554.

The following night, Saturday, May 18th, The Colonial stage heats up with the Live! at The Colonial event featuring the award-winning Québécois folk group, Le Vent du Nord. Their infectious energy promises an unforgettable evening. "Featuring button accordion, guitar and fiddle, the band's sound is defined by the hurdy-gurdy, which adds an earthy, rough-hewn flavor to even the most buoyant dance tunes," says the Boston Herald.

Tickets for Le Vent du Nord are \$28 for Members of The Colonial and \$36 for Non-members. Seating is assigned for all Live! at The Colonial events this year and ticket buyers may select their seat online at BethlehemColonial.org. This performance of Le Vent du Nord is sponsored by Margo and Greg Connors. The 2024 Live! at The Colonial series is sponsored by Tami Nason.



Saturday, May 18th
7:30 pm

Late one Sunday night in October 2003, Session Americana had its first jam around a table in the back of Toad (RIP) in Cambridge Massachusetts. Looking back, the group has a natural, almost inevitable evolution from a loose bunch of friends sitting around swapping songs in a bar, to a hot ticket weekly residency, to a touring collective. Along the way, they have made 10 records, played clubs and festivals across the US and Europe, and developed some deep collaborative bonds with a wide community of musicians. Their diligent avoidance of music business "shoulds" have led them down a quirky and joyful path through the music world and the result is evident in

the musical prowess they bring to every show. Swapping instruments, lead vocals and their original songs, Session Americana is constantly exploring new collaborations and touring like a band out of time, still searching for a welcoming and homey venue, a long lunch with old friends and a good glass of wine.

After recently completing a five-week tour together throughout Ireland and Europe the band will continue to be joined by singer-songwriter, guitarist and fiddle player Eleanor Buckland playing in the band. Eleanor made her start as one-third of Lula Wiles, the Boston-based folk-rock trio that became an acoustic music scene favorite with their three critically hailed albums. Now living in Durham NC, the singer

songwriter has turned to a different side of her musical interests as a solo artist. Buckland's debut album You Don't Have To Know (released October 2021 on Soundly Music) sets her deeply personal songs against inventive indie rock arrangements.

Session Americana and Eleanor Buckland return to the US following a five-week tour of Ireland and Europe leaving audiences in 10 countries inspired and breathless from the band's catalog of down to earth songwriting, instrument swapping and joyous energy. You will not want to miss this show!

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OBITUARY:
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Newbury, VT – Charles B. Emerson, 84, passed away at home on Sunday, April 28, 2024. He was born on July 3, 1939, in Newbury, VT, to Edith (Bartlett) and Charles “Warren” Emerson.

Charles married the love of his life, Marilyn (Powers) on July 30, 1958, and they had four children, Carl, Alan, Neil, and Janice. Over the years he worked many jobs: in factories, construction, as a mechanic, he was a trucker, and a logger which was his life passion.

He loved to hunt, watching NASCAR, and he loved baseball – whether it was just watching a game, coaching a little league team, or playing slow pitch. He proudly supported and cheered on his own grandchildren in their sports. He also really loved a good family cook-out.

In his golden years, he worked on and restored old tractors. However, his biggest accomplishment was his loving family, the family that he and Marilyn created together.

He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 60 years, Marilyn Emerson on March 28, 2018; his parents Charles and Edith Emerson; his brothers, Lawrence Emerson, Philip Emerson, and Russell Emerson; his sister, Rachel Emerson; and a son-in-law, Rick Benoit.

He is survived by his children, Carl Emerson of Newbury, VT, Alan Emerson and wife Linda of Hinesburg, VT, Neil Emerson and wife Amy of South Ryegate, VT, and Janice Duvall and husband Kurt of Walden, VT; his grandchildren, Danielle, Brittany, Kevin, Richie, Katie, Maggie and Will; his great-grandchildren, Audrey, Mia, Gavin, Jackson, Cole,

Lennox, Weston, Parker, Anthoni, Mackenna, and Ricky; a sister, Phyllis Hayward of Chelsea, VT; and lots of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

There will be a graveside service on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Groton Village Cemetery with Brian Emerson officiating.

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SOME CALL IT MAGIC

By: Maggie Anderson

Recently the our local sky-scanners told us we were in for a celestial surprise. The conditions were right for the aurora borealis to play in the skies as far south as Portland and Seattle; conditions perfect for sweeping its fingers through the atmosphere like some giant child dragging a hand in the water while somebody rowed a boat across the stillness of a secret pond.

Sadly we were socked in here at the beach. Clouds stepped in to spoil our view. I'm sorry to have missed it, but it brought to mind my first encounter with a show so entrancing I might have lain on my back in the front yard for days in perfect contentment had it lasted that long.

We were living in the old farm house in Brookfield, New Hamp-

shire at the time. I was 8 years old.

Dad had beckoned me in the voice he used when the news was too wonderful to miss. I ran out to the driveway and was instantly paralyzed by dancing ribbons of color undulating against a black velvet sky.

Barely breathing I found a place next to Dad, who was already lying on his back watching the show. Time seemed to lose its meaning, nothing could change my focus, it was as if I were pinned to the ground, magnetically held by the wonder of that sky.

When I asked dad what was happening he said, " There are answers to your questions, scientific explanations, but the truth is, it is simply magic."



Joseph T. Webb Jr, 79, of Haverhill, NH, went to his heavenly home on April 24th, 2024, at the White River Veterans Hospital with family by his side.

He was born in Philadelphia Pennsylvania on November 19, 1944, to Joseph T. Webb Sr & Marjorie (Whitney) Webb. He joined the Navy and served from 1963 to 1969.

After the service, he met and married the love of his life, Martha Robinson. They married on May 12, 1979, and have spent the last 45 years adventuring together.

Joseph drove trucks for many different local companies for over 52 years, finally retiring from Mountain Milk. In his free time, he still stayed busy, you would find him puttering around in his shed or working on lawnmowers, keeping his car clean and perfect. When he wasn't busy, he enjoyed the company of family and friends and enjoyed a good old country station to listen to.

He is predeceased by his father, Joseph Webb Sr; his mother, Marjorie (Whitney) Colby; a step-father; Carlton "Stub" Colby; and two sisters, Linda McKenzie & Miriam Koppell.

He is survived by his loving wife, Martha (Robinson) Webb; a son, Jason Webb & wife Christine; two daughters, Heidi Rabideau and husband Terry, Michelle Thibodeau, and husband Thomas; 9 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, George Parker & Tommy Webb; two sisters, Susie Cartwright & Connie Bachman; three nieces, Hope, Joy & Annie; and a brother-in-law, John McKenzie

The family wishes to thank the nurses and doctors in the ICU of the

OBITUARY:

Joseph T. Webb Jr,

White River Junction Veterans Administration for their loving care.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 12:30 to 2:30 with a funeral service with Alan Thompson as an officiant to follow at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville,

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OBITUARY: Scott Alden Brown,

Scott Alden Brown, age 53, passed away on April 7, 2024. Born on September 11, 1970, Scott lived a life filled with dedication, hard work, and love. He graduated from Saint Johnsbury Academy in 1988 before bravely serving his country in the United States Navy aboard the CV-67 USS John F Kennedy Aircraft Carrier during the war in Iraq from 1990 to 1994. January 1992 awarded a letter of appreciation dedicating numerous off-duty hours to the AIMD Support Troubleshooters. January 1993 was selected Sailor of the Month and awarded a Letter of Commendation for responding to a life-threatening emergency to a shipmate while on board CV-67.

After his four-year term, Scott returned home to embrace his family and contribute to the family business, The Green Thumb. Known for his tireless work ethic and his skill as a carpenter, Scott was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Scott found joy in simple pleasures, whether it was spending time with his parents, Alden and Priscilla, or riding his beloved Harley Davidson.

However, his greatest source of pride and happiness was his daughter, Gabrielle Rose Brown,

born in 2002. Scott cherished every moment spent with Gabby, and she was truly the light of his life.

Scott is survived by his loving parents, Alden and Priscilla Brown, his adored daughter, Gabby Brown, his devoted brother, Clinton Brown, and his sister-in-law, Leslie Walker. He will also be deeply missed by his nephew, Tyler Brown, and his nieces, Jasmine Brown, Hannah Brown and many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. The Family will have a private gathering to celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to support veterans, a cause that held great significance to Scott.

Scott's memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He touched the lives of many with his kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for his family. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

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SBA awards 2024 Vermont Microenterprise of the Year to Everlasting Herb Farm in Peacham, Vermont

A small, woman-owned business located on a scenic dirt road just outside one of the most photographed villages in all of New England has been chosen by the Small Business Association as Vermont's 2024 Microenterprise of the Year. This award is one of 9 awards that were recently given to Vermont-owned businesses.

In 2023, Meadow Bee Deodorant won two international awards in the Beauty ShortList Award Competition where Meadow Bee (a microenterprise with fewer than five employees) beat out large-scale consumer product competitors from around the world. This SBA 2024 Microenterprise Award winning business won two out of the six deodorant categories. (Best Unscented and Best Waste-Free Packaging). For additional information and a complete list of stores carrying Meadow Bee (51 stores in 12 states) visit Stockists — Meadowscape Botanicals (everlastingherbfarm.com)

Everlasting Herb Farm, maker of award-winning Meadow Bee Deodorant, is where herbalist Wendy Mackenzie has been creating botanical products in her home for 21 years. What started as a side-hustle back in 2003 enabled her to leave her teaching career in 2018 when her school was looking to make budget cuts. Her herbal products company had grown to the point where it started overtaking her whole house. With the help of her business partner and husband, Matthew Langham, they built a working studio (to look like a barn and fit into the neighborhood) in their backyard to expand production.

During the pandemic, she was asked by a community member who had suffered a stroke to make a cream deodorant that could be applied more easily than a traditional deodorant stick. At the time, Mackenzie thought, "I didn't know there was even such a thing as a cream deodorant or that



natural deodorants could even work." She had worn natural deodorants her whole adult life and knew from first hand experience that they did not work well at all.

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OBITUARY:
*Russ
Haviland*

Russ Haviland passed away peacefully in North Haverhill, New Hampshire on April 18, 2024. He was born on March 17, 1941, in Brattleboro, Vermont to E. Randall Haviland and Gretchen (Shaw) Haviland. Russ's time was a life well-lived in the mountains of Vermont, fulfilling his dream of raising a big family with his wife of 50 years, Margaret "Peg" Haviland, serving his community as an educator and farming the land.

Russ was a graduate of Brattleboro Union High School, Keene State College, and Fitchburg State College, where he pursued advanced degrees to prepare him for a long career in education. Russ also proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964, where he was stationed in Germany. With his education and military service in hand, Russ started his career in education as an industrial arts teacher, where he guided students to discover woodworking, a hobby that he enjoyed all his life.

Most in the community knew him as the Director of River Bend Technical Center, formerly known as Oxbow Vocational Center, in Bradford. After retiring in 2003, he stayed busy by driving a school bus and working in his wood shop. He would seek respite every summer on the coast of Maine with his family, enjoying a gin

and tonic while overlooking the ocean.

Russ loved nothing more than being outdoors. From tending his cows, chickens, and garden on his Brock Hill farm to taking long walks hand-in-hand with Peg. Russ was a dad to five children – Christopher, Samuel, Leslie, Patrick, and Brenna – whom he raised to be hard-working, dedicated, and generous to others.

These virtues were passed on to his 10 grandchildren - Kaleb, Colin, Aryana, Jillian, Brodie, Malakai, Bennett, Conor, Charlotte, and Lilah. Russ was known affectionately as "Poppa" by his grandkids, and he cherished the time spent with them at holidays and family gatherings.

Russ was predeceased by his wife, Peg, and is survived by his sister, Gretchen "Jane" Jenkins of Naples, FL, and his brother, Randall Haviland of Portland, OR; his children and grandchildren, his daughters-in-law Lynne Audet Haviland and Ashley Haviland.

His life will be celebrated on May 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Ricker Funeral Home in Woodsville.

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April 25 - May 15

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July 18 (PSU) & 19 (Lebanon Opera House) - Beauties & Beasts

Explore the depths of imagination and emotion through Texu Kim's playful Blow, Fly, Pop!!, Shostakovich's haunting Cello Concerto No. 1, Ravel's magical Mother Goose Suite, and Mozart's majestic Symphony No. 29. Led by conductor Yaniv Dinur and featuring cellist Sydney Lee.


July 25 (PSU) & 26 (Sawyer Center, Colby College, New London) - Remember Me

Engage in introspection and an exploration of memory and emotion through Higdon's ethereal Blue Cathedral, Prokofiev's passionate Violin Concerto No. 2, and Elgar's iconic Enigma Variations. Led by conductor Yaniv Dinur and featuring violinist Bella Hristova.

Aug 1 (PSU) - For the People

Celebrate the resilience and spirit of humanity through Copland's grand Fanfare for the Common Man, Hailstork's poignant Epitaph for a Man Who Dreamed, Kraft's evocative Kennedy Portrait and Beethoven's triumphant Symphony No. 3. Led by NHMF's Conductor Laureate, Paul Polivnick and featuring Tom Reicher as narrator

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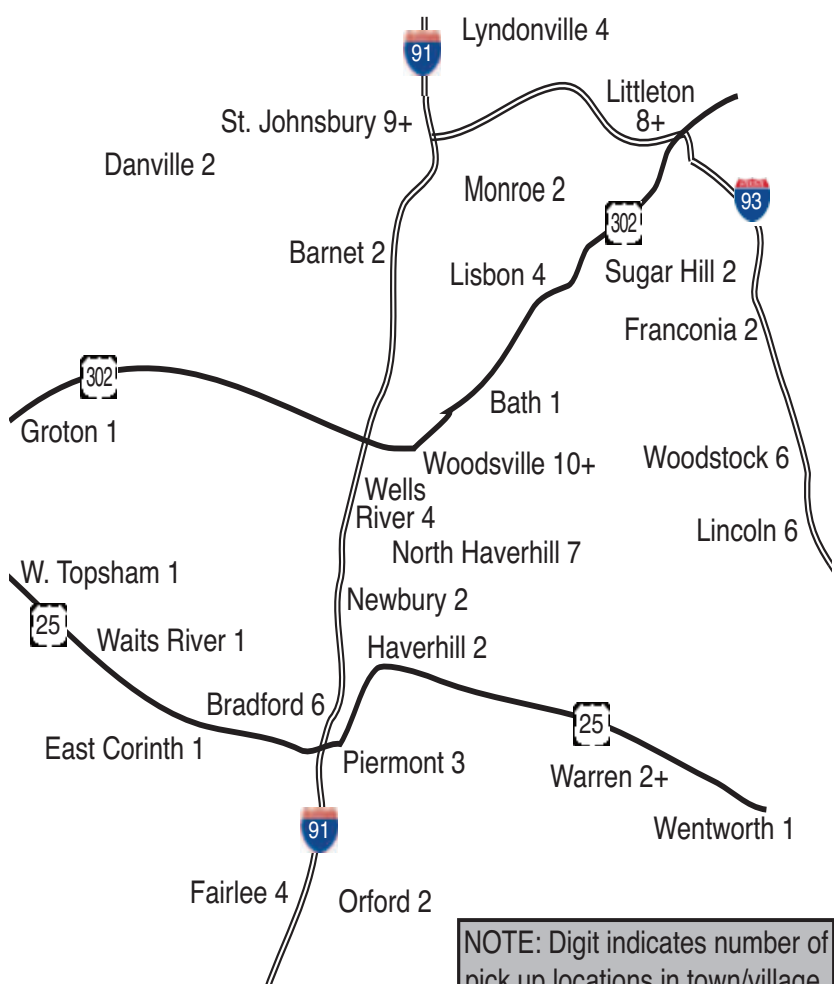
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Happenings at the Fairlee Public Library



Welcome to May, everyone. Buds on trees, blooms in the yard--everything full of potential and possibility.

Right now Mary Oliver's words are ringing loud in my head and resonating deep in my bones. 'Pay Attention. Be astonished. Tell About it.' I feel like Mary Jo Hoffman has been using that as her mantra for many years. Who is she, you ask? Mary Jo has been taking pictures of her finds from Nature for over a decade now, and from those daily photographs she has created a book called Still that just released. Most of what she brings home is laid on a white background to create such a simple, but exquisite, effect. Here's more about her, and, naturally, her Instagram if you want to give her a follow. Anyone who knows me knows that this is very much how I live my own life. Many of you know that I collect rocks, but when I'm out walking I often come home with a scrap of something my eyes spied on the ground. In truth, sometimes I just take a picture, like the green sprout I spotted Monday growing through the crack in the sidewalk. In one hand was the phone I was using to take the picture, in the other was the piece of tree bark I didn't think I could pass it up. I mean, it was just sitting on the ground when I was taking my walk. I wasn't sure if I was going to use it in a rubbing or possibly a background in a photo, but I know it had to come home with me. Walks are just treasure hunts in disguise.

There's a question we collectors sometimes ask ourselves, what are we

going to do with it? I mean collecting is part of the fun, of course, but once you start to amass a certain amount of something, do you ever interact with it or does it sit there taking up meaningful space as a reminder of some wonderful memories? We all have our reasons for why we feel the need to group certain similar items together. Case in point, the rocks that sit on my desk here at the Library.

Prompted by Suleika Jaouad and her Isolation Journals newsletter I've decided that I'm going to try and set a weekly intention of spending time with my art books. Suleika said that she has started choosing one and keeping it out on the desk where she can see it, touch it, and interact with it through the week. I'm going to start with Still and follow that with the Rothko book and the one on Dorothea Lange that I bought in conjunction with the shows I saw in DC.

Maybe you'd like to do the same. It doesn't have to be books, it could be anything you collect. Shells, erasers, stamps, coins, miniatures, concert t-shirts. Take the time to see what you have and how best to visit with those items. Do you want to write or photograph or make a list that can be passed on so that others know what these meant to you? I have a friend who's started this project with family photos and it's become very important to her.

And to bring this full circle, if you do have a collection and it's small enough to fit into our cases, please contact me so that we can see about displaying your treasures here. We have our historic

postcards on loan from Fairlee Historical Society, and if you haven't seen them yet, then make plans to stop in and see them.

This month we have many displays set up around the Library to bring attention to some different groups and causes.

Asian and Pacific American Heritage (AAPI)

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Mother's Day

Mental Health Awareness Month

Star Wars Day on May 4th (Be sure to scroll down for our Star Wars related joke for this month.)

Wishing you the bold joy of a forsythia in bloom,

~ms beth

PS I recently saw a write up of someone trying to decide which tree was their favorite tree. I'm wondering how you might answer this question. I have at least two favorites. I'd love to know yours.

Be sure to tune in at 7:03 am the Friday before Trendy Times hits the news stands as April will be giving an update on what you can expect to see in the next issue on WYKR.

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We're (still) dreaming of Blue Houses-- show us yours!

April was Fair a photograph, a Housing Month and painting, poetry, embroidery or something 3-d made out of clay, wood, or fabric. Any thoughtful creation will be accepted, as long as we have room here to display it. In cooperation with CVOEO we are also able to offer interested participants free watercolor kits for the "HeART & Home Community Art Project." Stop by and pick up one for yourself. This is an all-ages activity, please email us with questions or if you're interested in making a submission: library@fairleevt.gov Hope you'll be inspired!

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Lisbon Area Historical Society to Hold Antiques Appraisal Event

LISBON – The Lisbon Area Historical Society (LAHS) will hold an antiques appraisal event on Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 6:30pm-8pm at the LAHS Museum at 9 Depot Street in Lisbon. “If you have ever wondered about the historical context or value of your family heirlooms or collectibles, this event presents a great opportunity to have your questions answered by a professional appraiser,” says LAHS President and Archivist Dorothy Wiggins. Each person may present up to three items to be appraised by Michael Carver, Auctioneer and Appraiser, who owns and operates Ammonoosuc River Auction Company on Route 302 in Lisbon. Carver is a well-known buyer, seller, collector, appraiser, and auctioneer of quality antiques, home accessories, and collections, specializing in 18th and 19th century American furniture, art, coins, firearms, and more, with more than 40 years of professional experience. His Lisbon company has held full-service auction and appraisal services for individuals and businesses in New Hampshire and Vermont since

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LAHS as it continues its commitment to the community after purchasing and renovating the Lisbon Historic Congregational Church Parish House for its headquarters, museum, research and event center, and all appraisal fees, \$10 per item or \$25 for three items, will benefit LAHS,” says Wiggins. “We haven’t had an antiques appraisal here in Lisbon for many years, and we are excited to see what people may bring in. This event is one of many programs and special events we have scheduled for 2024 in celebration of the 60th

Anniversary of the founding of LAHS. To see the full schedule of events, go to our website, www.lisbonareahistory.org and choose Upcoming Events from the homepage.”

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Obituary: Kevin Charles Currier

Kevin Charles Currier died unexpectedly at his home in Topsham, VT on April 13, 2024 at the age of 62.

Our beloved Cubby, Bub or Bubby, as he was fondly called by his family and friends, was born on May 22, 1961 to Charles and Elizabeth/Betty (McTaggart) Currier of Topsham, VT. He grew up, lived and died on the family farm in Topsham. Kevin attended school in Topsham at U-36 and attended Oxbow High School in Bradford, VT. Kevin worked the family dairy farm and then on the McLam Chicken and Veal Farm until joining the Vermont National Guard in 1980. He served honorably and faithfully for more than twenty years. He was a heavy equipment operator for Lord & Son's, E.E. Packard, WSI Waste Management and Grandfield Excavation.

Kevin was a loving family man. He was a kind, gentle and caring brother who was always giving and especially there for his sisters, nephews and nieces.

He found comfort and was happiest spending time with his family and friends. He always enjoyed having the kids around to share a meal, hot cocoa or bowl of ice cream. Kevin enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends, gardening, and raising beef cattle. He loved his many hunting dogs over the years, and could often be seen riding around with them or sitting at his picnic table.

Kevin is predeceased by his parents Charles and Elizabeth (Betty) Currier, grandparents; Raymond and Anita McTaggart, Lewis and Gladys Currier.

Kevin is survived by

his sister's, Cindy Flannigan (Thomas) and Karen Smith (John); his nieces and nephews: Carla Horniak(Smith), Jennifer Pittsley(Flannigan), Heather Nelson(Flannigan), Jeffrey Smith, Thomas Flannigan, Jesse Smith and Libby Grenier (Flannigan) and great nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A graveside funeral service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday May 25 th at the East Topsham Cemetery at 1PM.

In Lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Kevin's memory to: The Clara Martin Center 1483 Lower Plain, Bradford, VT 05033, or The Green Mountain Conservation Camp Endowment Fund % Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, 1 National Life Dr, Davis 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3702.



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The event commences at 12:30 with registration and a hot dog BBQ along with a Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM ending with a 6PM dinner with awards and prizes presentation.

Registration starts now at \$150 per player which includes greens fees, golf cart, goodie bag, awards, and a luncheon. If you need further information, please call 603-464-2590 or go directly to the website to

register – www.farmsteads-ne.org.

If you are not able to play but would like to support Farmsteads, you can consider being a sponsor of the event by calling Billie Tooley at 603-770-0347, who can explain the different sponsorship levels available.

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LeBlanc Family Raises Mini Late Model Purses to \$500 to Win for 2024



N. Woodstock, NH — Following an exciting call this week, Jean and Jane LeBlanc have pledged to bump all Ammonoosuc Asphalt Mini Late Model events to a \$500-to-win purse at White Mountain Motorsports Park in 2024. The popular four-cylinder division has found a part-time home at New Hampshire's Favorite Short Track and shows growth this season with two former Strictly Mini champions moving up to tackle the new challenge.

With the LeBlanc's pledge, seven of the eight Ammonoosuc Asphalt Mini Late Model events at White Mountain will now pay a \$500 winner's share. That, along with the annual Mini Late Model Special on June 1st paying \$1,000 to the winner, could mean a lucrative \$4,500 pay-day this summer, not including the championship point fund!

"Jane and I have been involved in motorsports for many years now, in several different capacities," said Jean LeBlanc on Monday. "It's just our way of trying to keep this great division going. The Mini Late Models are so fun, kids can relate to them because it's what they're driving out on the street and guys like Kristian (Switzer) and Chris (Moulton) are taking their Strictly's and tuning them up to join us. I think it's

going to be a fun summer!"

The Ammonoosuc Asphalt Mini Late Models return to White Mountain Motorsports Park for a third-consecutive season in 2024 with eight events in a part-time schedule at New Hampshire's Favorite Short Track and it all starts on HK Powersports Opening Day, Saturday, May 18! The Mini Late Models join with the Foley Oil & Propane Late Models, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank Strictly Minis, Wayne's Market Dwarf Cars and Dad's 4 By Tool & Supply Kids Division with the R&R Street Stock Open Series also joining the fun!

Opening weekend also features the Pro All Stars Series spectacular on Sunday, May 19 that includes the first leg of the all-new ACT Tri-State Flying Tiger Series and the Central Asphalt Paving Triple Crown for the Fisher Auto Parts Flying Tigers plus the lightning-fast New England Supermodified Series and the Kennebec Equipment Sales PASS Modifieds!

For more information, contact the White Mountain Motorsports Park offices at (802) 244-6963, media@actour.com, or visit www.whitemountainmotorsports.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at [@WhiteMtnMotorsports](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteMtnMotorsports). -30-



Lyle Quackenbush of Orford, NH died on October 27, 2023. Lyle died at home with family and friends in attendance. Lyle had contracted a rare disease that devastated his body and had no cure or treatment.

Lyle Quackenbush was born on June 26, 1952 in Hanover, NH. His parents, Robert and Elsie Quackenbush were deceased before he was ill. Lyle had been married earlier in his life to Karen Gladstone. They were divorced and Karen died in April of 2023. Lyle then married Kellie Quackenbush who was at his side during his illness.

Lyle Quackenbush was a graduate of Orford High

OBITUARY: Lyle Quackenbush:

School. He spent eight and a half years in the United States Navy. He was following the fine example set by his father and Uncle William Quackenbush. Both men served in the Navy during World War Two. Lyle had an honorable career in the Navy.

Lyle worked for Mary Hltchcock Memorial Hospital for 18 years in CSR, a part of the surgical department and then 10 years at Central Vermont Medical Center in their CSR, part of the surgical department. Lyle was always proud of being on time, accurate and a loyal friend to his coworkers.

Lyle valued his friends. He was especially fond of golfing at Blackmount Country Club in North Ha-

verhill, NH. Lyle loved being a part of "the men's night" golf league. He enjoyed traveling but would arrange vacations and travel so that he would not miss "Men's night" golfing.

Lyle will have a graveside service at the Orford West cemetery on May 25, 2024 at 10 AM. His friends are encouraged to come and bring folding chairs. A brief reception will be held at the Orford Greens, the field beside the cemetery.

Lyle was very fond of the charitable work done by the Blackmount Country Club, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to Blackmount Country Club, 400 Clark Pond Road, North Haverhill, NH 03774.

We would also like to thank the Lions Club for their kindness and generosity during his illness. A special thanks for the kindness of his friends in Orford and Lyle's many cousins, nieces and nephews and coworkers that helped Lyle in his final days.

Fair Food Festival at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds



If you love fair food, and who doesn't, you need to make plans to visit the North Haverhill Fairgrounds on Friday, May 17 from 5 until 8 pm. There will be plenty of fair food for everyone to choose from. From BBQ to cotton candy, french fries to tacos, a great variety will be offered up by about a dozen vendors. At the same time you can enjoy some music from Red Rooster Riot who will be set up on the Thayer Stage playing a nice variety of music made to

make you hungry. If you don't get enough food on Friday, head back to the fairgrounds on Saturday. Not only will there still be plenty of food, but about 80 craft vendors will also be set up inside two of the large buildings. They will be offering a vast array of hand made crafts and so much more. The Craft Fair will start at 11 am and those doors will close at 4 pm. The food vendors will also get started at 11 am, but they will be offering their tasty treats until 8 pm. One

more things starting at 11 am will be the Sled Wrenches, another trio of musicians filling the air with some very listenable tunes. They will be followed by more music by Red Rooster Riot who take over the stage about 3 pm.

All of these offerings can be found at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds, 1299 Dartmouth College Highway in North Haverhill. Admission both days is just \$5.00 per vehicle to get on the grounds, so bring the whole family.

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2024 Spring Paddle the Border by Gary Scruton



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The event itself got started by the Newbury Conservation Commission with Mike Thomas at the helm. Unfortunately the very first attempt went by the wayside due to high waters and unsafe river conditions. It got started again with help of the Haverhill Recreation Commission and the Co-hase Chamber of Commerce. These three groups worked cooperatively to iron out the launch and take out sites, get the local bus company involved, hire a band, arrange a cook out, and even have a port-a-pot available at the end of the trip.

Those three organizations along with the Strawberry Farm Band are still involved today. The meal has continued with various groups and there will be food for sale at the take out site again this year. Along the way other groups have joined in to keep this a free for the public event.

For those who have never joined in, and there seem to plenty of newbies each year, the system is fairly simple. On Sunday, May 19 take your canoe or kayak (we have also seen paddle boards) to the Woodsville Community Field. Unload your paddling equipment with the help of volunteers, and then drive your vehicle to the Bedell Bridge

State Park. There other volunteers will get you parked and you can hop on the school bus that will bring you back to Woodsville. The bus will make at least two trips, the first leaving about 10:00 am and the second no earlier than 11:00 am. Once back in Woodsville prepare yourself and your gear for the paddle. Make sure you have your personal flotation device - PFD in your boat, it is the law, and you will not be allowed to launch without one. Then get in line with your boat and wait your turn to get launched. The boat launch has seen some great work done since last year that should allow for a more comfortable launch. Again volunteers will be there to assist as needed. Then just relax and enjoy the magnificent views. Take your time paddling downstream, or even take a

more scenic trip by going up one of the many tributaries, or simply paddle around an island or two.

Depending on how much you explore, and how hard you paddle it will take about three and a half to four hours to arrive at Bedell Bridge State Park. At that point, again volunteers will be there to offer any assistance needed. Plus when you arrive you can still relax and listen to the music, get a bite to eat, and start telling others the story of your trip.

Most years there are plenty of new people to meet on the bus, on the river, or during the after party. All are encouraged to take their time and enjoy the offerings of Mother Nature and the great contributing organizations, and many volunteers that make the whole project happen each year.



OBITUARY: Mike N. Chamberland

Ryegate, VT- Mike N. Chamberland, 52, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

He was born on April 27, 1972, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island to Nestor C. Chamberland Jr. & Linda H. (Morin) Chamberland. Mike loved music, he was the bassist, singer, drummer, & sound guy in his band, The Beer Knights. He enjoyed golf on a cool summer day, and target shooting with family and friends. When he had free time, he would find storage units to buy and flip like the TV show, storage wars. Mike recently graduated with his bachelor's in computer science from UNH and was going to continue his education this fall.

He is predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Nestor Sr & Rhea Chamberland; his maternal grandparents, Phillip & Rita Morin; and his father Nestor Chamberland Jr.

He is survived by his loving Wife, Ashley Florentine of VT; His Stepdaughter, Emily Prue of VT; His Mother, Linda Chamberland of FL; A Brother, Mark Chamberland and Wife Sherri of FL; Nieces & Nephews, Christopher & Samantha Hipp of FL; Joey, Emma & Matthew Chamberland of FL; and Mikara & Mathew White of VT; An Uncle, Russell Morin and Wife Robin of FL; A Mother in law, Pam Florentine of VT; A Sister in law, Jen Florentine from VT; A Brother in law, Tim Florentine of VT; His band brothers, Josh Souliere, Rick Churchill, Dave Sulham, Josh Aldrich, & Jimmy Aldrich; & his wife's loving family and their friends.

A graveside service will be held at the Ryegate Corner Cemetery on Friday May 10th, 2024, at 1 PM with Melissa Gould as funeral celebrant.

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.

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Split Pea Stew/Soup

Hello hello my devoted fellow chefs. Well finally all the snow has melted away. Now it's time for yard work. Anyway, I'm calling today's recipe a stew because it's very dense/thick, not a soupy consistency because we are going to cook for 3 - 4 hours. It's certainly not slaving over the stove by no means, it's basically not a hard recipe just cooks for while allowing the peas to totally saturate and turn into a soft mashed potato consistency instead of soupy. I was given a food basket for Easter and it had all the ingredients I needed to make this recipe. So here goes !

- Ingredients**
- 5 Cups of split peas or a large bag 2 Lbs. I was given yellow split peas so that's what I used.
 - 1 Lb. of ham steak, I used two 8 oz. Ham steaks by Hatfield, cut in small cubes.
 - 3 uncooked slices of Bacon cut in small pieces
 - 2 32 oz. Chicken broth containers 64 oz. total
 - 2 Carrots sliced thin
 - 2 Celery stalks sliced thin and use some celery leaves chopped
 - 1 Onion chopped small
 - 2 teaspoons garlic

- powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 1 Tbsp. Butter
- 1 1/4 Cup Parmesan cheese

Open the bag of split peas and put in a large strainer (the kind with small holes), rinse under water and with your hands go through all the peas and remove any small stones or discolored peas.

Like looking for a treasure! Put in large pot and cover beans with water, bring to a boil and cook for 5 minutes. Drain the starchy water and rinse the peas. This removes excess starch.

Check again for any discolored peas. Put back in pan and cover with chicken broth using both containers, they should be covered with about 1" over the peas .

Bring to a boil and cook for one hour. Stir every 20 minutes or so so nothing sticks to the bottom. While that's cooking cut up the carrots, , leaves and of the celery, onion, and the bacon.

Add everything to boiling pot including the seasonings and olive oil, and

butter. Add all these ingredients except the parmesan cheese and slow boil for 2-3 more hours until everything is cooked remembering to stir often. Everything will melt except the carrots. All these ingredients add layers of flavor. If too thick add some water or more chicken broth and mix well. I used a diffuser, one of my favorite kitchen necessities. It sounds like a lot of work but it's not. Add the parmesan cheese and mix well.

Voila you have created a "Delicioso " hearty supper. This makes a lot, so when you use the leftovers heat on stove and add more broth and stir. I hope you enjoy my version of split peas stew/soup. Any questions you can contact me through April, Gary and I will help you out.

Well folks until next time I'm signing off,
Sincerely Cin Pin.

Due to Cin Pin not feeling well she has asked to use an older recipe. This is the one dad picked. Please keep her in your heart and prayers.



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