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2024 Installation of Officers at Ross-Wood Post #20 American Legion, Woodsville, NH



Newly Elected Legion Commander Nicholas Thompson, installed by District 8 Commander Barbara Pires Lynch



Re-Elected Legion Auxiliary President Lori Thompson, installed by District 8 President Linda Dupont



Newly Elected Legion SAL Commander Jim Marshall, installed by District 8 SAL Commander Thomas Doyle



Re-elected Legion Riders Director Mickey Leafe



Receiving awards on Wednesday, May 8 were Rider Mickey Leafe, Auxiliary member Lesa Longmoore and outgoing SAL Commander Phil Davidson. Unable to attend the ceremony was Legion Member Tom Sullivan. An award was also given out to the Police Officer of the Year - Michael DiDomenico of HPD. Jeff Morin, Wells River Fire Chief received the Fire Fighter of the Year award but was unable to attend the ceremony.



A special donation of \$350 was made by Legion member Joy Henson to the Scholarship Fund. The money was raised thru Spring Fling dance at the Legion Post Home at 4 Ammonoosuc Street in Woodsville earlier this year.



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TRENDY Dining Guide

The Fair Food Festival

Helloooo, I am back not that I really left, but I thought you might want to hear from Dad a couple times. This issue due to the Fair Food Festival at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds. I felt that I needed to check it out. I didn't get to last year and I was very disappointed so I made a point to go. I decided to have Anthony go with me as he also had never been. He ended up working in the morning and so I decided to meet him at the Newbury park-and-ride so we could ride together together. First pulling up and who did we see was low and behold, my dad. Gary Scruton it was \$5. a carload. He tried to charge me double,

but that didn't go over well. You know you would figure being his daughter that I'd get some perks out of it, not at all. We drove all the way around the fairgrounds to park, but it was nice cause we got closer to where everything was and if we needed to we could make a quick getaway. We had taken my car so I parked. It was roughly around 1:30. This year instead of just having the fair food, they also had vendors in the two main buildings, which was nice. We had to walk by them to get to the fair food vendors. We both were starving so we went straight for the delicious smelling food. They had an array of different

food trucks. I believe either 12 or 13. We both decided as they all had lines. We would go to the quickest line. We decided on the English BBQ, which was a smoke shack and decided on the Mac Attack which was the Mac and cheese with pulled pork on top. I got one with a tad bit of bbq sauce and he got the full amount. It was delicious. All for \$14. Each . We sat under cover for a bit as it had started to sprinkle. After we were both full. We decided to order a pizza from the Greenhouse. Got a meat lovers for \$20. It was gonna take about 10 mins so we went to check out the vendors. There was such an array of wonderful items. We went to grab our pizza and went home as I needed to finish this issue. I hope you enjoy the next couple weeks and have a safe and wonderful Memorial Day holiday.

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OBITUARY: Donald "Don" "Pops" R. Waterman,

Wells River, VT – Donald "Don" "Pops" R. Waterman, 75, passed away at home in the loving presence of his family on Saturday May 11, 2024. He was welcomed into the world by his parents, Leona (Brousseau) and Asa Waterman, on May 24, 1948, in Attleboro, MA.

Don had a busy childhood with four brothers: Asa, Robert, Earl and Bruce. Don was influenced at an early age by his church's outreach missions including UNICEF and Heifer International, which fosters growth of animal agriculture throughout the world. In 1961, Don's parents moved their family to Woodsville, NH. Don graduated from Woodsville High School in 1966. After high school he attended the University of New Hampshire and was active in the fraternity Phi Kappa Theta. He received his BS from UNH in 1970. In 1973, Don moved to Texas where his older brother lived. Don worked at Sears in the hardware department. Following his father's passing, Don returned to Woodsville to be closer to his daughters and to restore the farm with his younger brother. He met Judi Partridge Bouffard in 1982 at the WRCC Women's Fellowship Bazaar and this was when love found him. On July 2, 1983, they were married and blended their families. In 1992, Don stopped farming and had a few different jobs including; subbing at BMU, bus driver, real estate salesman, department manager at John Deere, property manager of NCMC and accounts manager at CRN. In March 2002, Don joined the WRSB as a loan originator and concluded his tenure in May 2015.

During his lifetime, Don was a man of faith and civic duty who loved his family and spending time outside. He enjoyed hiking and accomplished quite a feat when he hiked all forty-eight 4000 footers in NH with his daughter Leslie. At times, Don was joined by other family and friends. Don organized several overnight hiking trips for family and friends, a memorable experience for all! Don was actively involved in his community, serving as a Wells River Village Trustee, Newbury Selectman, WRCC treasurer and trustee, president and treasurer of the Wells River Rotary, and WRAP president and treasurer. He helped establish 302 Cares Drug Eradication Program and served as a liaison between 302 Cares and Haverhill Drug Eradication Program. Don loved spending time in his garden. He was easily recognizable on his walks through Wells River and Woodsville thanks to his red McDonalds hat. Don could be seen as Uncle Sam on the 4th of July parades and Santa Claus at the WRSB. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren, all of whom loved their "Pops" fiercely in return.

Donald was predeceased by his parents: Asa Waterman on October 24, 1981, and Leona "Lee" Waterman on June 1, 2017; and a brother, Earl Waterman on April 11, 2018.

Don's memory will be cherished by his wife of over 40 years, Judi Water-

man; his daughter Dana Seeley and husband Keith; his daughter Leslie Waterman and partner Joe Williams; and his son Jon Bouffard and wife Liz Paterson; 10 grandchildren, Runa, Lee and wife Michelle, Bri, Andrew, Dan, Joslin, Michael, Shea, Collin and Owen; his brothers, Asa Waterman Jr, and wife Pat, Robert "Bob" Waterman and wife Linda, Bruce Waterman and partner Dara Myers; his nieces and nephews, Kristy, Asa III, Roger, Lance, Daniel, Craig, Jeremy, Adrian, Olivia, Taylor and Shelby; several great nieces and nephews; brother and sister in-laws; several cousins; and many friends.

Donations in Don's name can be made to the Baldwin Library, PO Box 337, Wells River, VT 05081.

There will be calling hours for Don on Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 5 – 7 PM at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH. His Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 11 AM at the Wells River Congregational Church with Pastor James Merriam. A private committal will follow at the Wells River Cemetery.

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When you're creating your estate plan, your biggest priority may be taking care of your family — your spouse, grown children, grandchildren, and other loved ones. And as you think of where you want your assets to go, you also may be thinking about how to be fair — but is that the same as treating everyone equally?

In estate planning, "equal" doesn't always mean "fair." Let's consider some factors that can help explain the difference:

Need — It's highly unlikely that the individuals you want to include in your estate plan — especially your adult children — have the same family and financial situations. For example, you could have one child who is extremely successful and has no children of their own, while another child earns much less income and supports three children. Clearly, your two adult children have vastly different financial needs — so, you need to consider whether you want to treat them equally or fairly. If you decide you want to treat them fairly, you may want to divide your assets in a way that provides more help to the child who needs it most.

Should estate plans be equal ... or fair?

Abilities — You may well have some assets that you believe are more suitable for one child over another. This can be especially true if you are planning on passing on a family business. If you know that one child is the most capable of running the business or has been primarily involved in the business, then you may want to give that child control as a next-generation owner. Yet, this may not seem fair to another child, who might also express interest in the business, so you may want to look for ways to provide this child with enough assets to help make the overall inheritance more equal.

Practicality — In some instances, you might think you can meet both the "fair" and "equal" criteria. Suppose, for instance, that you have a cabin or other vacation home that you think two of your children could share. In theory, this joint ownership might sound good, but in practical terms, it could cause problems. Are both children equally willing and capable of paying taxes and upkeep on the cabin or vacation home? What if one child wants to sell their share? And then, there's the question of who gets to use the property at various times of the year. All these issues should be resolvable, but they can also cause great stress

within the family.

There's no simple formula for solving the fair-versus-equal dilemma. But keep this in mind: Communicating your wishes to your loved ones while you are drawing up your estate plan can help reduce confusion — and hopefully lead to fewer hard feelings — when you are no longer around. By their nature, fairness and equality issues related to estate plans can trigger a range of emotions, and addressing these feelings beforehand can help provide a great service for your loved ones.

You might also find that some objectivity can be valuable. That's why, when creating your estate plan, you may benefit by working with a team of professionals, including your legal, financial and tax advisors.

When developing your estate plan, you might well strive for equality and fairness but above all, you want to get things right. And careful planning, open communication and appropriate guidance can help go a long way toward this goal.

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Lisbon Area Historical Society to hold Open House and More during Lilac Festival

LISBON - The Lisbon Area Historical Society (LAHS) is thrilled to announce the return of its Annual Open House, during Lisbon's Lilac Festival after renovating its new museum. As part of this celebration, we invite families, history enthusiasts, and curious visitors to join us at the LAHS museum on May 25, 2024, from 10:00am-2:00pm at 9 Depot St, Lisbon, for a delightful day of exploration and community engagement.

Bring your little ones! We will have engaging crafts and activities suitable for children of all ages — coloring, designing cards, and a wool spinning demonstration. You can also explore our exhibits showcasing the rich heritage of Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff, NH. From vintage photos to artifacts, there's something for everyone. Join our knowledgeable staff for guided tours of the museum and discover fascinating stories behind the exhibits and gain insights into our com-



Lisbon Area Historical Society Museum will have something for all ages at its Open House, during Lisbon's Lilac Festival this year.

Courtesy photo

munity's past. Bring your cell phone to take an audio tour and take part in our selfie scavenger hunt! "The admission is free, as we believe in making history accessible to everyone. We are always looking for enthusiastic individuals to volunteer or join our group to help us continue preserving and promoting the history of Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff", says Dorothy Wiggins, LAHS President/Archivist. For more information visit our website www.lisbonareahistory.org, or contact us at lisbonareahistoricalociety@gmail.com.

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Rhonda Duncan, Christopher Boulton, Andrea and Luis Mejias, and Jason and Erika Cooney. She also has surviving great grandchildren, Alec and Brandon Bosselman, Thomas Boulton and Daniel Mejias.

Velma loved her hometown of Bath, and was instrumental in its enhancements. She was very civic minded and participated in many organizations. She enjoyed gardening, and needlework, reading, and cross-

word puzzles.

"And may there be no mourning of the bar when I put out to sea."

At her request there will be no calling hours. Funeral will be held Saturday, June 1 2024 at 11:00 a m in the Bath Congregational Church.

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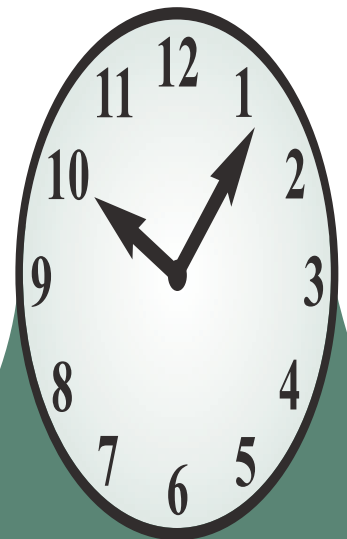
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Woodsville High School proudly announces the top academic achievers for the Class of 2024.

This year's Valedictorian is Mackenzie Griswold, and the Salutatorian is Katherine Vasconcelos.



Mackenzie Griswold – Valedictorian Mackenzie Griswold, daughter of Trish and Gerald "Thump" Griswold, has been named Valedictorian. She has demonstrated exceptional academic prowess and leadership in the classroom and athletic fields. She will attend Plymouth State University, pursue a psychology major, and continue her softball career.

Mackenzie's achievements include:

- Local Winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest.
- Varsity Softball Division IV State Champion for 2021 & 2022.
- NH Division IV Player of the Year in 2023.

Katherine Vasconcelos – Salutatorian Katherine Vasconcelos, daughter of Kathleen and Miguel Vasconcelos, has earned the honor of Salutatorian. Committed to service and leadership, Kate excels in academics and extracurricular activities. She plans to attend Colby Sawyer College this fall to major in Nursing and play on their soccer team.

Kate's accolades include:

- President of the National Honor Society.
- Executive Council Vice President.
- Member of the Athletic Leadership Council.
- Recognized as an NH Scholar.
- Captain of the Varsity Soccer team.

"These students have set high standards with their dedication and hard work. We are immensely proud of what they have accomplished and look forward to seeing the contributions they will make in their respective fields," said Mr. Hayden Coon, Principal of Woodsville High School. "Congratulations to Mackenzie, Kate, and all our graduates!"



Ben Taylor has been named the recipient of the prestigious 2024 Amy Dutton Memorial Scholarship



Our Core Values

The community, students and faculty believe these to be our core values and beliefs about what is most important in every student's education at Woodsville High School.

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 - Individuals who understand their role as socially responsible to the world around them.
- All students will have an opportunity to be successful in their learning
- The school provides a safe and friendly atmosphere in which to learn and grow in all areas.
- Our challenging curriculum provides opportunities for diverse experiences with high expectations for all students in all areas.
- Our school provides opportunities to apply new knowledge to life opportunities and situations beyond the classroom walls.

Woodsville High School is proud to announce that Ben Taylor has been named the recipient of the prestigious 2024 Amy Dutton Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association. This achievement marks an extraordinary milestone, as it is the third consecutive year that a student from Woodsville has won this significant scholarship, with an impressive total of four wins since 2018.

Ben Taylor's receipt of the Amy Dutton Memorial Scholarship highlights his exceptional abilities and dedication in academics and on the soccer field. His commitment to excellence continues to elevate the standard for student-athletes at Woodsville High School and is an inspiring example of what our students can achieve.

"We are immensely proud of Ben and his accomplishments," stated Principal Mr. Hayden Coon. "His hard work and perseverance reflect the values we cherish at Woodsville High School. Ben has not only excelled in sports but has also shown remarkable academic prowess and community involvement."

The Amy Dutton Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship, academic excellence, and community commitment. Ben's achievement is a testament to his hard work and the robust support provided by the faculty and coaches at Woodsville High School.



Ethan Kimball has been selected as the Student of the Month

Woodsville High School is pleased to announce that Ethan Kimball has been selected as the Student of the Month. Over his four-year tenure at WHS, Ethan has distinguished himself through his extensive involvement in school activities and community initiatives.

An active participant in various sports, Ethan has also been instrumental in the social media marketing efforts for both school and sports events, showcasing his versatility and commitment to promoting school spirit. Additionally, Ethan has demonstrated a strong dedication to his academic growth, tackling a challenging curriculum that includes College Prep (CP), Honors, and Running Start classes.

"Ethan embodies the spirit and values of Woodsville High School," said Principal Mr. Hayden Coon. "His engagement in sports, leadership in our social media outreach, and rigorous academic efforts make him a standout member of our community. We are incredibly proud of Ethan's accomplishments and the positive impact he continues to make."

Ethan's selection as Student of the Month reflects his unwavering commitment and outstanding contributions to Woodsville High School. His achievements inspire his peers and the entire WHS community.



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The Blue Van by Elinor Mawson

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So it was with great excitement that we went to pick it up. My husband dropped us off--me and our 2 little boys--and, after the ubiquitous paperwork, we were ready to drive away. He decided to go first--which was our first mistake.

The van was brand new, although being a year old. It had 2 seats in the front; the back was a big empty box. We had brought a small chair for one of the boys; as I recall there was a little argument about who was going to sit where, but it was settled before we started off.

All went well for a few minutes. We followed my husband on to route 495, a major highway, and it was rush hour. I was in the passing lane when I felt a small hesitation when I had my foot on the gas pedal, and looked at the dashboard to get my bearings. I noticed the gas gauge that registered "empty" just as there was a last gasp and I realized we were in trouble. I eased the van over 2 lanes of traffic to the breakdown lane and watched my husband disappear over the horizon.

We sat there for a few minutes. Yes, we were out of gas. Yes, we were virtually alone. And yes--I didn't have a dime to my name.

My 2 little boys couldn't help. I had to come up with a strategy, which wasn't easy--this was the 70's which meant no cell phones--and no ATM's either. I was at a loss as to what we were going to do.

Finally, I made a decision--we would walk to the

nearest exit and see what we could come up with. It was about a half mile, and I worried about my 2 boys on that busy highway. After giving them specific directions about staying in the breakdown lane, we started off. I still didn't know what was going to happen once we got off the highway, but I really didn't have many choices.

Thankfully, there was a gas station at the top of the exit. We went in and met a guy who was just sitting there, and explained our dilemma. I had no idea what was going to happen next; however we had just met a very nice guy who realized our problem. He said, "Come with me", and that's what we did. He filled a gas can at the pump and ushered us into a wrecker and off we went. My 2 little boys were thrilled with the ride--and I was very glad they were with me.

The nice man put gas in our van and we thanked him over and over. We started for home with our many waves and smiles at our benefactor.

When we finally got home, my husband said, "I wondered what was taking you so long!"

I called the dealership and told them of our experience and asked why our van hadn't been filled with gas before we left. He gave a weak excuse and didn't even apologize for the mistake. Needless to say, we didn't ever trade cars there again.

Our van took us far and near and carried many loads of antiques here and there. When we finally sold it 10 years later, it was bought by a man who wanted it to transport his motorcycle to Florida, and we wondered if it was the same guy who didn't buy it in the first place.

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Windsock Summer Theatre Camp



Weathervane Theatre's Windsock Summer Theatre Camp Welcomes New Camp Directors Nicholas Deapo and Emma Aldrich Jordan will run Weathervane's summer theatre day camp.

WHITEFIELD, NH - May 6, 2024 - New Hampshire's award-winning Weathervane Theatre is pleased to welcome Nicholas Deapo and Emma Aldrich Jordan as Camp Directors for its summer theatre day camp - Windsock.

Nicholas Deapo returns to the Weathervane for his third season. In addition to being a camp director, Nicholas is also Weathervane's Box Office Manager and a member of the acting company. On-stage credits include Jersey Boys (Joe Pesci), Blood Brothers (Sammy), and A Midsummer Night's Dream (Demetrius).

Nicholas Deapo has been a guest teaching artist and performer throughout the Upper Atlantic and New England regions. As an actor and multi-instrumentalist, he gives lessons and classes covering many performance areas, ranging from comedy improvisation to stage combat to music lessons (voice, piano, drums, composition/songwriting). Nicholas holds a BFA from Nazareth University in Musical Theatre with

minors in Entertainment Recording Industry and Contemporary Commercial Music and trained with the New York Film Academy in Walt Disney World.

Last year, Nicholas was a member of Camp Windsock staff, where he helped create and direct the music for the camp show and composed the camp's welcome song.

"When given the chance to be a Camp Director, I jumped on it. I am looking forward to so many things," said Deapo. "I am fully committed to ensuring that the next generation of young creatives and artists have the opportunity and time to cultivate and enjoy their craft. My goal for this year's campers is that they can feel proud of their artistry and have a really fun experience alongside the learning and rehearsing!"

Emma Aldrich Jordan, who grew up in the North Country arts scene, will join Deapo as camp director.

"Windsock introduced me to theatre! It's crazy to think about now, but I don't think there was a year after Windsock that I didn't do any theatre," said Jordan. "The Wind-

sock Camp was the summer experience we looked forward to every year. It tapped into our creative spirits and allowed us to form lasting connections with other unabashedly artsy kids."

Jordan returns to Weathervane for her second season as the Patchwork Stage Manager and as a scenic artist. Emma has been an educator and artist in the Northeast and Midwest since 2017. Her educational experience includes time as a preschool teacher aide and a substitute teacher. In the North Country Jordan ran an afterschool art program in Littleton and her local freelance artwork can also be seen at Alburitos Restaurant, Topic of the Town Restaurant, and The Franconia Coffee House in Littleton and Franconia.

Jordan adds, "I have such fond memories of the Windsock Camp, so I am honored to be a part of Windsock again. Those two weeks in Whitefield were truly the best part of the summer for me, and it just makes sense to pass that experience on to the

incredible kids I've gotten to know in this community as a substitute teacher in the North Country."

Rounding out Weathervane's Camp Windsock Camp is Grace Livingston Kramer, Executive Director. Livingston Kramer, a Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) director and educator with international credits, is in her fourth season with the camp and her sixth season with Weathervane Theatre.

For over twenty years, Windsock Camp has brought campers from across the White Mountains region to the Weathervane, introducing them to the building blocks of theatre with all the fun of a typical summer day camp experience.

Running July 15 - 26, 2024, Windsock will offer two one-week camps for ages 6-11 and one two-week camp for ages 6-17. The camp day starts at 9 AM and ends at 4 PM and is divided into blocks of rehearsal for the camp show and blocks of instruction from Weathervane guest and resident artists covering all aspects of theatre (dance, music, Shakespeare, tech, etc.), strengthening the connection between the campers and the

Weathervane resident company. Campers also receive exclusive behind-the-scenes access to Weathervane's highly anticipated productions of The Wedding Singer, and the global regional premiere of Everybody's Talking About Jamie. Additional perks for campers include complimentary Patchwork Players performance tickets and discounts for select Mainstage productions.

Windsock will present its final camp show on Saturday, July 27, at 10 AM on Weathervane's outdoor stage. A complete theatrical production, the show will include elements like props, costumes, music, and a set. The camp show will only feature campers enrolled in the second week of camp (July 22 - 26).

Camp registration is now open. Registration includes the classic Windsock Camp t-shirt tie-dye experience and complimentary tickets to a Patchwork Players performance at the Weathervane.

For more information and to register, visit weathervanenh.org/education. Camp staff can be contacted by email (windsockcamp@gmail.com) or phone (603-837-9322) with additional inquiries.

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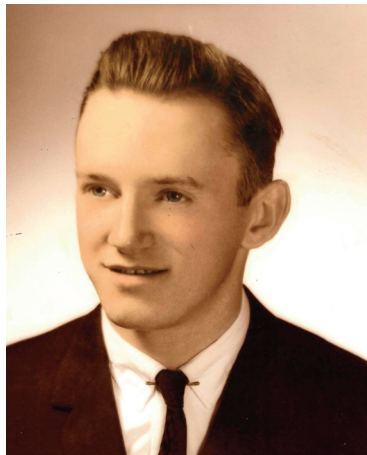
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OBITUARY: James Arthur Gray

Northfield, VT – James Arthur Gray, 77, passed away in Hospice Care at the Four Seasons Care Home in Northfield, VT, on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, following a 6 week stay at Central VT hospital in Berlin, VT. He was born at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, NH on November 2, 1946, to Arthur Kendall Gray and Eleanor Clara Chapman Gray.

He spent many years living in Bradford, and worked some jobs over the years. In recent past years he has been living in Community Care Homes. In all the different places he lived, he was adored by the staff and others who lived there. For the past 5 years, he lived at the Four Seasons Community Care home in Northfield, VT. He really loved it there and all the staff loved him. He would flirt with the ladies, and he loved the attention. Prior to moving to Northfield, VT, he lived in Bradford, VT at the Oasis Home before they closed. He loved walking to town to get a soda at the store, and sometimes he would see friends to speak with and he so loved that. He would walk up to PTO's in

Bradford and talk with the guys there then head back to Oasis Home.

Jim graduated from Bradford Academy, Bradford, VT in the class of 1966. He was able, a few years later in his life, to get his driver's license, and loved driving his car until he was unable to as he got older. He so loved playing pool, which he played since he was a teenager or younger, and he was a master of that when his brother would play him and take him to places to play. He was a champion pool player. We all loved playing pool with him, and he usually won most of the time. He also loved playing cribbage as well and was very good at it.

He was a gentle soul, very kind, loving, polite, caring man, who loved his family so much. He so loved our family get-together at the many birthdays of his nieces and nephews, brothers and sisters, mom and dad when they were with us, and especially his birthdays and Christmas with all of our families together. He loved interacting with everyone and all the families! He loved being the center of attention at our gatherings. And we all loved him so much and we

all showered him with love.

He will always remain in our hearts and memories forever. He had a beautiful smile and demeanor, and he spread his joy and sense of humor to everyone. We will forever miss his presence, and all we shared with him, as our oldest brother. His struggle is over, and God took him home to rest.

Jim is survived by 5 other siblings and their families: Shirley Kingsbury (Homer Jr.), Tracey Gauthier (Robert), Jamie Kingsbury (Elizabeth), Evan Kingsbury, Thomas Gray (Mary-Ellen), Ryan Gray (Rachel), Lauren Calkins (Derrick), Emily Gray (Zachary), Robert Gray, Kara Moore (Ryan), Michael Gray (Mary), David Kemp, Jessica Gray (Rich), Beverly Gray (Mark) and lots of nieces and nephews!

Jim was pre-deceased by our grandmother, Christie Forsyth Gray in 1983, our dad, Arthur Kendall Gray in 1987, our nephew, Christopher Gray, in 2008, and our mom, Eleanor Chapman Gray in 2013.

Thank you to all who knew Jim and was his friend/family as he adored you all. Thank you for your kindness and love to him. It is and was much appreciated.

Rest in peace brother. We all loved you so much.

Services will be held privately. Memorial contributions may be made to a local mental health chapter or to the Four Seasons Care Home, 135 South Main Street, Northfield, VT 05663

To offer the family an online condolence, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with services.

The Rhubarb Hop

The Rhubarb Hop Coming June 15

The Waterford (VT) Historical Society is preparing for a public tour of three historic farms for its annual fundraiser on June 15.

“The Rhubarb Hop: A Progressive Lunch” will allow visitors to experience two working farms and a third with a tour of a barn restoration, complete with displays and artifacts from an archaeological dig undertaken by the historical society.

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July 13 & September 28*

MR. POTATO HEAD HAD THE RIGHT IDEA

By: Maggie Anderson

It seems unfair to me that, though we were born the same year, Mr. Potato Head made his television debut when we were only 3 years old, when the miracle of television itself was barely a teenager.

I didn't hit the tiny silver screen until my first book of poetry was published when I was in my 20's. I was a late bloomer next to the spud.

Mr. P's first moment in the spotlight was the very first advertisement expressly aimed at children.

Originally Mr. Potato Head was sold as a sack of plastic body parts that came with some clothes. And a pipe. We had to supply the starchy body ourselves, sometimes a cuke or a squash if potatoes were in short supply.

In the 80's when the whole world seemed to be trying to shake themselves loose from their addiction to nicotine, Mr. P actually surrendered his pipe to C Everett Koop, who was USA's Surgeon General at the time.

Seems Mr. Potato Head finally decided

smoking was one thing he didn't need to do, and he figured he shouldn't be setting that example for his legions of impressionable young fans.

So much effort is being spent these days reclassifying marijuana to a lesser evil on the drug scales and thousands of folks are urging its legalization, we seem to have forgotten Mr. Potato Head's wisdom in the process.

We seem bent on trading one form of poison for another. Why, pray tell, is one seen as less detrimental than the other.

In California, the young woman, named Bryn Spejcher, who killed her boyfriend - in what her lawyers, and the State's expert witnesses, called a cannabis-induced psychosis - stabbing him 108 times - with a knife in each hand - was described as a naive user. They said her violent reaction was unpredictable, and unforeseeable explosive violence, caused by the couple of drags of marijuana she had taken from her boyfriend's bong.

The unfortunate, and

might I say unrepentant, Ms. Spejcher was given 2 years of probation, and 100 hours of community service, community service in the form of educating others.

Educating them about what, the dangers of smoking marijuana, the price they may have to pay for misdeeds done under its influence, or just the info that there will always be lawyers and experts around to find excuses for the things they do?

Don't worry, her lawyers are appealing such a harsh punishment. Apparently 2 years of probation and all that community service, instead of the 4 years she could have been given for her involuntary manslaughter conviction, was too much for her to bear. Her lawyers are working hard to right the scales of justice on her behalf.

Who will find justice for the dead boyfriend?

My question is, how many people will now be slaughtered by a naive user, in a cannabis-induced psychosis before it stops being used as the newest excuse for murder?



OBITUARY: Virginia S. Bailey,

Bailey.

She is predeceased by her parents, her beloved husband Marvin O. Bailey and younger sister Eleanor Butler, and brothers-in-law Waylon "Peewee" Butler and Franklin Bailey, and her baby brother Allen Smith.

Virginia loved seeing all the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She loved to travel, going to Florida during the winter for several years, and riding on back roads in the summers in Vermont. She was a member of the Grange and a member of the Presbyterian Church of Barnet.

There will be a funeral at the Presbyterian Church of Barnet Center, 276 Barnet Center Rd, Barnet, VT, on Thursday May 16, 2024, at 10AM. Interment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Presbyterian Church of Barnet, Attn: Assistant Treasurer Shellie Samuels, 279 West Main St. Barnet, VT 05821.

To offer the family online condolences, please visit www.rickerfh.com Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting.

Virginia S. Bailey, 90, of East Barnet, VT, passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2024, after a short stay at the Francis Atkinsons residence in Newbury, VT.

Virginia grew up in East Topsham, VT the daughter of Angie (Gilman) and Harley Smith. She attended schools in Topsham and was a member of the graduating class of 1951 from Bradford Academy.

She is survived by six children and eleven grandchildren, Marie (Donnell) Dupuis, daughters, Angala, Katrina; Patricia (Mark) Farr and daughters, Roseann, Melissa, Christina, and Jennifer; Roland (Darlene) Chicoine, daughters Tera and Karen; Roger (Monica) Chicoine, daughters Mandi and Sasha; Robert Chicoine, daughter Veronia; Ronald (Marlene) Chicoine, sons Riley and Dustin.

Virginia married Marvin Bailey of East Barnet on September 12, 1975, with his five children Cynthia (Douglas) Cooney, Danial (Barbara) Bailey, Diane (Dennis) Lamothe, Marie Morse, and Jeffrey

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OBITUARY: Janice (Robinson) Estes,

Janice (Robinson) Estes passed peacefully in her home on May 2, 2024, surrounded by her children and beloved dog.

Janice was born on May 15, 1946, to Charlotte (Camp) and John F. Robinson. Janice was raised in New Haven, CT. She attended the Eli Whitney trade school where she learned the art of sewing. She turned her trade into a career through her work as a seamstress in alteration shops and bridal boutiques. She later started her own business doing alterations and making American Girl doll clothes. Janice could be found at craft fairs throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, where she enjoyed selling her doll clothes to a large following.

Janice met her husband of 60 years, Paul Estes in 1964. In 1970, they moved from New Haven to Clinton, CT where they raised their three daughters. Janice was an active member of the Clinton United Methodist Church and developed many friendships with people in the community. Janice gave back to the community through her work as a Girl Scout leader for many years.

Throughout her life Janice always believed in helping others. She was generous and helpful to everyone she met. After moving to Monroe, NH, Janice became an active member of the Monroe Community Church and contributed as much as possible to church functions. She enjoyed and appreciated the time she spent both at the church and helping other members serve the community

through their outreach and services.

Janice is predeceased by her husband, Paul Estes; both her parents Charlotte (Camp) Robinson and John F. Robinson; her brother John Robinson; her in-laws Margret (Johnson) Estes and Irving Estes; her brother-in-law Richard Estes and wife Rena; and her sister-in-law Carol Estes, and one grandchild.

Janice will be greatly missed by many, leaving behind her daughter's Paula (Estes) Ingerson and husband James of Monroe, NH, Katherine (Estes) McDermott and husband Brian of Landaff, NH, Christine (Estes) Noon and husband Griff of Pitman,

NJ; two sisters Betsy (Robinson) Liscio of North Haven, CT, Claire (Robinson) Crotty and husband Ed of Westbrook, CT; brother-in-law Albion Estes and Janice of Haverhill, NH; 7 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; multiple nieces and nephews, as well as other extended family members.

We would like to extend a heart felt thank you to North Country Home Health and Hospice and Caring Hands for their dedication to allow our mom to remain in her home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to North Country Home Health and Hospice, 536 Cottage Street, Littleton, NH 03561.



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Letters To The Editor:

Vote Yes for Amendment on NH Electric Cooperative's Bylaw Change
Vote for Jerry Stringham, Leo Dwyer and Jeff Morrill for the Board of Directors

Through June 12, customers of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) will be able to vote for the four open Board Member positions as well as on the member-petitioned Bylaws question on the ballot.

The NHEC's mission has changed in recent years from providing low-cost reliable energy to the north country to also expanding access to affordable, reliable broadband services. I met with Leo Dwyer about six years ago to discuss the importance of broadband access. Many businesses are suffering from labor

shortages and workers are having difficulty finding homes. It is not unusual for an individual who is attracted to our nature-based economy and good employment potential to move to another state primarily due to lack of housing. Broadband has become as essential as electricity, water and roads for new housing developments.

Leo Dwyer was instrumental in bringing a \$50 million grant to the Coop for broadband and getting broadband off the ground. He and Jeff Morrill are needed on the Board to inspire fiscal discipline and sound implementation of expanded broadband service. As State Representative serving the state of New Hampshire as Clerk of the Finance Committee, I see tremendous opportunity

to leverage the investments to implement broadband and lower energy costs, both issues I have taken great interest in as State Representative in Concord. My strong business and government background will be valuable in this critical stage of NHEC's migration to its broader mission.

The Amendment to the NHEC Bylaws is needed so that the Board of Directors has access to the information they need to guide the Coop's decisions. I urge you to support this amendment as well. Please vote for Stringham, Dwyer and Morrill and support the ballot amendment.

Representative Jerry M. Stringham

Lincoln, New Hampshire

Rep. Stringham,

Not too many years ago the internet was something that most people had heard about but barely knew anything about. Today I agree with you that it is almost as important as electricity. There are many, many forms of internet access. And in my humble opin-

ion, the more the better. A high supply tends to push the price down. A win-win for consumers.

I will also thank you for pointing out good reasons to vote in favor of a candidate or policy.

Gary Scruton, Editor

To the Editor,

Congratulations to the Haverhill Selectboard filling the seat vacated by chair Blanchard's resignation. Commendatory because this Selectboard realignment was made without the Town Administrator/Manager conspiring with her "fixer" to humiliate and slander board members viewed as a threat. In addition, the applicants were not libeled or given a pejorative moniker by Ms. B and the "Good Old Girls" (GOG's) which occurred to a selectboard candidate prior to and after March elections.

An article in the April 11th Bridge Weekly Brigitte Codling stated that she was looking forward to working collaboratively with the Selectboard. This working relationship is how it is supposed to be whether Town Manager or Administrator. From this statement one could derive that she was not working synergistically with previous

Selectboards as Town Manager. A Town Manager or Administrator is supervised by the Selectboard, being that they are the elected governing body of the citizenry. It is my opinion that past and current SBs have not fulfilled their duty during Codling's reign offering the following few results of her pernicious management:

- Resignation of three Haverhill police officers
- Three Road Agents have resigned
- Resignation of two Selectboard chairs
- Widening the gulf between town government and Woodsville present governing body
- Targeting some town employees creating a toxic work environment for them
- Referring to citizens as "morons"
- Initiating or causing the excessive expenditure of town funds on legal matters and grandiose projects.

In 2023 44% of voters disapproved of Co-

Dear Editor:

I'm a NH Electric Co-op member and I urge NHEC members in northern Grafton County to vote in this year's election for Leo Dwyer, Jerry Stringham, and Jeff Morrill. I also urge everyone to vote YES on a proposed Bylaws amendment that will guarantee directors access to needed information.

The member-petitioned Bylaws amendment ensures directors have the tools to protect you, the member, and find ways to deliver reasonable rates. It's remarkable that there is any opposition to a proposal that simply guarantees a right to information requested by three or more directors, all of whom have a fiduciary duty to you – the Co-op's owners -- and are bound by a duty of confidentiality. The NH Public Utility Commissioners and Consumer Advocate, who perform a similar regulatory function in setting utility rates, would never allow restrictions on their meaningful access to utility information.

Greg,

As I have often said, though wish I could say more often, thank you for pointing out the positive points for favoring a candidate or position in an election. It is much more useful than simply hearing why not to vote for someone or something.

Gary Scruton, Editor

formation.

This year you can re-elect two of NHEC's strongest Board members, Leo Dwyer and Jeff Morrill. Dwyer was instrumental in getting the broadband internet project off the ground and securing a \$50 million grant – an enormous victory of which many in our area have already benefited by having high speed data connections already, if you have NHEC service. Grafton County is now enjoying the benefits of Dwyer's efforts with the NHEC buildout of the internet in the County. Morrill has chaired the NHEC board so he has deep knowledge of the co-op. Rep. Stringham, who represents Woodstock and Lincoln in the State Legislature, will bring high-level business experience and fresh ideas to the Co-op as well.

They deserve your support. Ballots will be coming automatically to members in the mail.

Greg Mathieson
North Haverhill, NH

ding and in 2024 53% voted their disapproval. Together these numbers indicate that Haverhill voters are about evenly split with a slight majority wanting a new, different Town Administrator/Mgr.

The current Selectboard chose the wrong person to fill the vacancy, for the right person stepped up. Having a firm grasp of NH RSA's, proven leadership, and nonpartisanship that person is Gary Hebert. Filling the open seat, one had to only confirm adulation of Brigitte Codling being approved by the GOG's and similar followers that hold Ms. Codling in high regard. So much for "One Town" with a Codling administration in power.

John Nelepovitz
N Haverhill

John,

Being an elected official is not an easy position to hold. No matter what decision you make someone will not be happy. It is also true that another someone, or group, will be very happy. The best any elected official can do is to make good reasonable choices that are in the best interest of the people they serve. The same thing could probably be said for a person in any high appointed, or hired, position. Do the best you can for those you serve.

As a resident of the town of Haverhill I can only hope that as a

town we can move forward in unison. That will be difficult. There have been divisions in town during my entire lifetime, and I was born here, grew up here, graduated high school here, and have worked here most of my life. At least I believe that we all want the same thing, progress for the town. The difference is in how to accomplish that task. It will only happen if we all try to get along and find the common ground.

Gary Scruton, Editor

**Squam Lakes Natural Science Center
is a 2024 Blue Star Museum
Free and discounted admission to
military personnel and their families**

Holderness, NH – Squam Lakes Natural Science Center announces it will join museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides free admission to currently serving U.S. military personnel and their families this summer. The 2024 program will begin on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18, 2024, and end on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024. Learn more and find the list of participating museums at arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums.

Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of Defense and participating museums across America.

"We are grateful to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center for participating in this summer's Blue Star Museums program and we hope military families will take this opportunity to create meaningful, lifelong memories," said Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. "Whether you are traveling this summer, getting to know a new duty location, or exploring what your community has to offer, Blue Star Mu-

seums is a wonderful opportunity to create connection and find inspiration."

"Military families love Blue Star Museums, and we couldn't run this program without the National Endowment for the Arts and the museums across the nation who show they care by participating," said Blue Star Families CEO Kathy Roth-Douquet. "Access to museums enriches military families, creates wonderful family memories, and helps us feel connected to our communities so that we can thrive and do the hard job we have to do for the country."

In addition to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, the Blue Star Museums program includes children's museums, art, science, and history museums, zoos, gardens, lighthouses, and more, and hail from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The current list of participating museums will continue to grow over the summer as organizations are welcome to register to be a Blue Star Museum throughout the summer and can be seen at arts.gov/blue-star-museums-map.

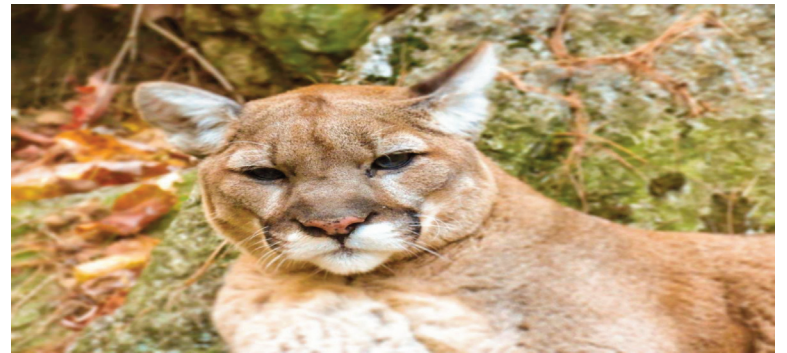
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those currently serving in the United States Military—Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force, members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members for a total of six people. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), DD Form 1173-1 ID card or the Next Generation Uniformed Services (Real) ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

In addition, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center extends discounts for military personnel and their families for the full trail season, May 1 through November 1. Before Armed Forces Day and after Labor Day active military personnel receive free trail admission while up to five of their family members receive discounted trail admission of \$13. The Science Center also offers veterans a trail discount of \$3 per person.

For full information, hours, admission rates, and more visit nhnature.org.

About Squam Lakes



Above: Mountain lion at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center.

Natural Science Center The mission of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is to advance understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world. Through spectacular live animal exhibits, natural science education programs, guided Squam Lake Cruises, public gardens, and a nature-based Montessori early learning center, the Science Center has educated audiences of all ages since 1966 about the importance of our natural world. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is Sensory Inclusive Certified by KultureCity. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is located on Route 113 in Holderness, an easy drive from exit 24 off I-93, and public trails are open daily from May 1 through November 1 with programming throughout the year. For further information about the Science Center, call 603-968-7194 or visit www.nhnature.org.

About the National Endowment for the Arts Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal

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About Blue Star Families Blue Star Families (BSF) is the nation's largest Chapter-based military and Veteran family support organization. Its research-driven approach fosters strong communities with a focus on human-centered design and innovative solutions. Since its founding in 2009, BSF has delivered more than \$200 million in benefits and impacts more than 1.5 million people each year. For more information, visit bluestarfam.org/.



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The Songs of Maltby & Shire

WeatherVane Theatre to Present World Premiere Musical Directed by Two-Time Tony Winner Richard Maltby, Jr. **THE STORY GOES ON: THE SONGS OF MALTBY AND SHIRE** will open July 20 at New Hampshire's WeatherVane Theatre WHITEFIELD, NH - May 13, 2024—WeatherVane Theatre is excited to present the world premiere musical revue **THE STORY GOES ON: THE SONGS OF MALTBY AND SHIRE**. Featuring the music of the legendary and award-winning songwriting team of Richard Maltby, Jr. and David Shire, the piece will be directed by two-time Tony Award winner Richard Maltby, Jr. **THE STORY GOES ON: THE SONGS OF MALTBY AND SHIRE** replaces the previously announced **GALLERY** in WeatherVane's 59th Season.

A voice of a generation, Maltby and Shire are best known for creating the most thrilling, touching, and enduring revues in theatre history—**STARTING HERE**, **STARTING NOW** and **CLOSER THAN EVER**. As they complete their trilogy with a new revue, WeatherVane will premiere **THE STORY GOES ON: THE SONGS OF MALTBY AND SHIRE**, featuring the most beloved songs from the Maltby and

Shire songbook as well as brand new material. Be a part of theatre history in this intimate and heartfelt revue celebrating the human spirit.

A strictly limited engagement, **THE STORY GOES ON: THE SONGS OF MALTBY AND SHIRE** will premiere at New Hampshire's WeatherVane Theatre on Saturday, July 20, and run through July 27. Suitable for most audiences, **THE STORY GOES ON** will feature selections from **BIG, BABY, CLOSER THAN EVER**, and **STARTING HERE**, **STARTING NOW**. Principal cast includes Broadway's Becca Ayers (1776, **MY FAIR LADY**) and Robert H. Fowler (**THE PRODUCERS**, **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**), Julia Bogdanoff, Jorge Donoso, Shinnerrie Jackson, Marisa Kirby, Ira Kramer, and Ethan Paulini. Additional casting is to be announced at a later date.

"The opportunity to collaborate with a literal legend, I am so thrilled that Richard will do what he does best and create a brand new review with our company and for our patrons," said Producing Artistic Director Ethan Paulini. "Richard and David's work is a rich and thrilling part of the musical theatre canon, and being able to bring this to our stage will be an undeniable moment in WeatherVane's story.

While I am disappointed that we are not able to present **GALLERY** at this time, I think this is a replacement that will prove unforgettable".

THE STORY GOES ON features direction by Richard Maltby, Jr., and choreography by Valerie C. Wright. Deniz Cordell is the music director and supervisor. The additional creative team includes Scout Hough (lighting design), Alexander Pikiben (sound design), Rien Schlecht (set and costume design), and Billy Smith (properties design). Egypt Dixon and Reed Davis will stage manage the production.

Tickets for **THE STORY GOES ON** are now on sale at weathervanenh.org or at 603-837-9322. The show is part of WeatherVane's 59th rep season, which runs June 13 - October 13, 2024. Additional Season 59 titles include **BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL**, **WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME**, **THE WEDDING SINGER**, **SKELETON CREW**, **EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE**, **THE FULL MONTY**, **CLUE**, and **CABARET**. Season 59 tickets start at \$24.



What: Marisa Anderson + Footings Live at The Loading Dock

When: Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 7pm

Where: The Loading Dock, 35 Mill Street, Suite D, Littleton NH 03561

Cost: \$15 advance tickets online, \$20 at the door, \$5 students & seniors

Deeply original, beautiful & transfixing solo guitar playing by Marisa Anderson. Dubbed "one of the most distinctive guitar players of her generation" by *The New Yorker*, Marisa Anderson channels the history of the guitar and stretches the boundaries of tradition. Her deeply original work applies elements of minimalism, electronic music, drone and 20th century classical music to compositions based on blues, jazz, gospel and country music, re-imagining the landscape of American music. Her work has been featured in *Billboard*, *Rolling Stone*, *NPR*, *SPIN*, *Pitchfork*, *the BBC* and *The Wire*. Festival appearances include *Big Ears*, *Pitchfork Midwinter*, *Le Guess Who* and the *Copenhagen Jazz Festival*. Her latest solo album, *Still, Here*, is out now on Thrill Jockey Records.

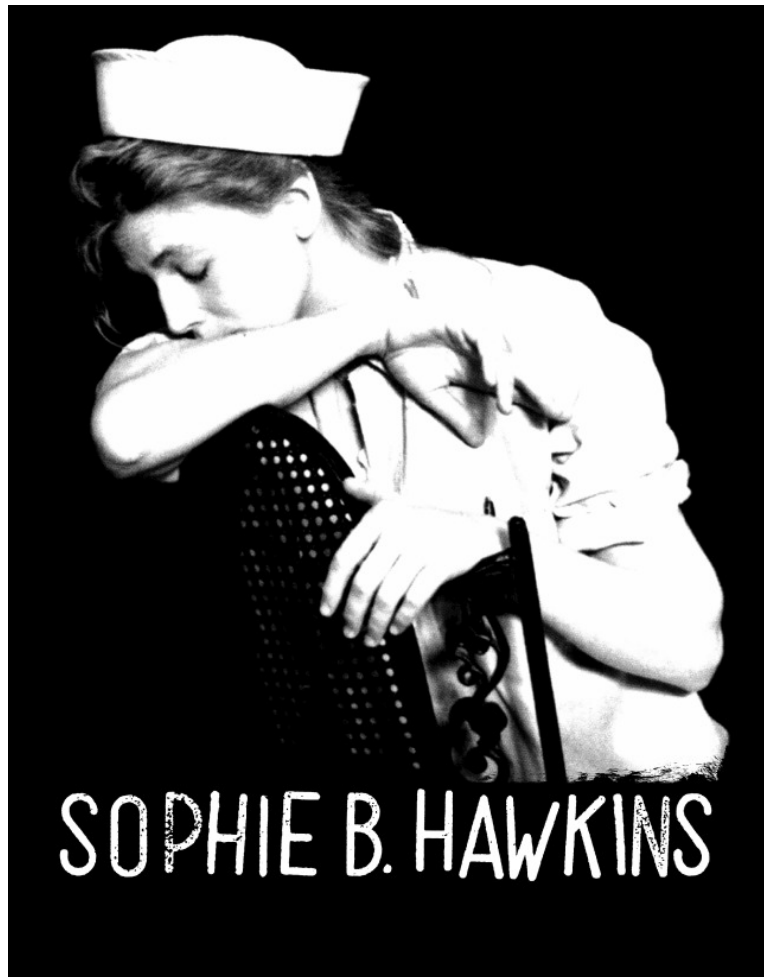
Footings is a musical project from Eric Gagne, a journeyman songwriter, singer, and guitarist who has been doing things out in the world since 2003. Under this moniker Eric has released four lps on *Sophomore Lounge*, *Don't Live Like Me*, and *Feeding Tube Records*, toured with Bonnie

Marissa Anderson & Footings Live @ the Loading Dock

Prince Billy, Rick from Pile, and the Huntress and Holder of Hands, and is currently winding down lp 5. Footings is a natural progression from Eric's earlier folk explorations in *Redwing Blackbird* and *Passerine*. He also has made records with *Dweller* on the *Threshold* and *Death to Tyrants*, and has had the honor of opening for *Mount Eerie*, *J Mascis*, *Diane Cluck*, *Waxahatchee*, *Califone*, *Dredd Foole*, *Steve Gunn*, *Mirah*, *Death Vessel*, *Leyla McCalla*, *Myriam Gendron*, and many more. This show will feature solo Footings, Eric Gagne playing guitar and singing songs with a sound that embraces a sort of inner light derived from folk music, but surrounds it with a variety of rockist tropes.

All ages. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets available online and at the door. Students and senior discounts available. Bethlehem Colonial Theatre members are our members too and get 20% off ticket prices online and at the door.

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



Grammy Award Nominated 90's Artist Sophie B. Hawkins Announces Show at The Colonial



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Acclaimed singer-songwriter and 90s music powerhouse Sophie B. Hawkins is bringing her dynamic live show to The Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem, NH on Saturday, June 1st at 8:00PM.

Hawkins, a true artist who carved her own path in the music industry, is best known for her iconic hits like the Grammy-nominated "Damn I Wish I Was Your Lover" and the chart-topping ballad "As I Lay Me Down." These tracks, along with her other infectious songs, have become staples of 90s nostalgia and continue to resonate with fans today.

This upcoming performance at The Colonial promises an unforgettable

evening of Hawkins' greatest hits, alongside deeper cuts and captivating storytelling. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the magic of Sophie B. Hawkins live.

Tickets for Sophie B. Hawkins are \$26 for Colonial Members and \$34 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 Sophie B. Hawkins is Event

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To learn more about The Colonial, or to become a member or volunteer please visit BethlehemColonial.org. While you are there, sign up for regular email updates or follow The Colonial on Instagram (@bethlehemcolonial) or Facebook (Facebook.com/BethlehemColonial).

Bath Public Library

The Bath Public Library has been awarded a Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Summer Readers Program Grant. On May 28, 2024, as part of this grant, students in Bath, NH will have a school visit with the award-winning Vermont author, Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Afterwards every child can choose two books to keep from a large selection provided by CLiF.

Natalie Kinsey-Warnock is a local children's author, famous for books such as The Bear That Heard Crying and The Canada Geese Quilt. She will tell stories of her childhood growing up on her family's farm in Vermont. Her focus will be on showing how true family stories can be inspirational, and on encouraging students to explore the stories in their own families.



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Monaco Modifieds Ready to Rumble Thunder Road on Memorial Day Weekend



Barre, VT — The teams of the Monaco Modified Tri-Track Series are gearing up for their first event of the season at Thunder Road International Speedbowl as part of the 61st Mekkelsen RV Memorial Day Classic on Sunday, May 26. After rain postponed the much-anticipated series debut at Thompson Speedway in April, the Monaco Modifieds have run out of fingernails to bite, impatiently waiting to start their season on the highbanks of the Nation's Site of Excitement!

Famously named as drivers who live by the Grace of God and 600 horsepower, the Monaco Modifieds bring the thrilling open wheeled masters of Southern New England on a grand New England tour. The 3rd annual Granite City 100 will pay a \$10,000 winners share following what is sure to be an exciting 100 lap battle of greats, set to drive with their hearts in their throats with their foot to the firewall in an all-out brawl to the checkered flag.

Defending Granite

City 100 winner Ronnie Williams of Ellington, Connecticut has already voiced his excitement for the Monaco Modified return to Thunder Road. "What a place! They've done such a beautiful job...I wish there was more than just one event there," said Williams. "The goal is to be competitive and give ourselves a shot to win. We had a really fast car there in 2023, Adam Skowrya and the team provide me with a race car to win at each place and it was a big accomplishment to show up with them to a track they had never seen and be as dominant as we were last season. If he does his job and I do mine, I truly feel we are unstoppable."

Williams isn't the only one prepped and ready for the Series' return to Thunder Road! Former Supermodified Thunder Road victor and 2022 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Jon McKennedy, recent Modified Racing Series winner Matt Swanson, 'The Sultan of Stafford' Woody Pitkat and Jake 'The Jet' Johnson are earmarked favorites

among the early entry list.

The brave pilots of the lightning-fast Monaco Modifieds return to the Nation's Site of Excitement, Thunder Road Int'l Speedbowl, on Sunday, May 26 for the \$10,000 to win Granite City 100! Along with 100 laps for the open-wheeled ground-pounders comes the 61s Mekkelsen RV Memorial Day Classic 125 for the Maplefield/Irving Late Models to start both the King of the Road championship campaign but also the new Late Model Triple

Crown! The Lenny's Shoe & Apparel Flying Tigers, rk Miles Street Stocks and Burnett Scrap Metals Road Warriors will also be in action for a jam-packed day of excitement on the Barre highbanks! Post Time for the 61st Mekkelsen RV Memorial Day Classic featuring the Monaco Modified Granite City 100 is set for 1:30pm on Sunday, May 26. Grandstands open at 10:00am with adult general admission tickets on sale for \$30, kids 12-6 for \$10 with children 5 and under free! Camp-

ing is also available for Memorial Day weekend at Thunder Road starting at noon on Friday, May 24. This is open to self-contained units only and all campers must be off Thunder Road property by 12:00-noon on Monday, May 27. The weekend camping price is \$40. For more information, contact the Thunder Road offices at (802) 244-6963, media@thunderroadvt.com, or visit www.thunderroadvt.com. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @ThunderRoadVT.

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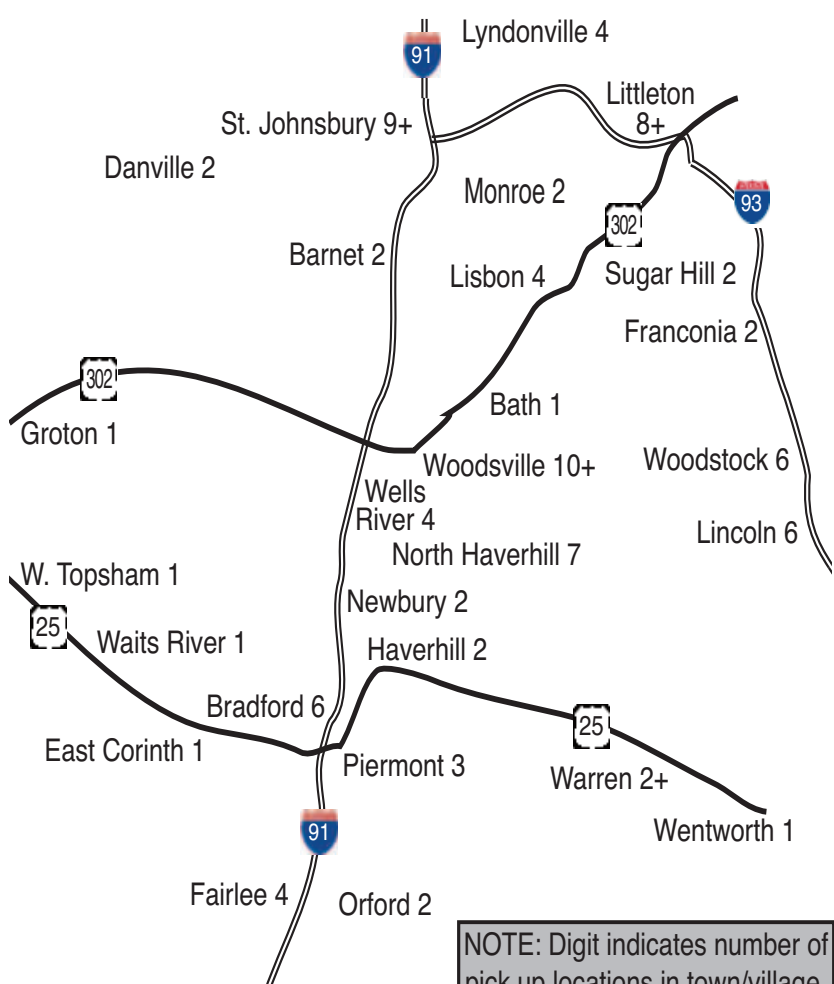
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Cottage Hospital Auxiliary's Little Ticket Raffle Is Back Again



CVHS Walk for Animals Fundraising Update!

WOODSVILLE, NH - The Auxiliary announced that this year's annual primary fundraiser will be the "5th Annual Little Ticket Raffle." Over the past nine years the Auxiliary's annual raffles have raised and donated more than \$75,000 to Cottage Hospital for new hospital equipment and system upgrades. Tickets for the Little Ticket Raffle are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased from any Auxiliary volunteer member. Raffle tickets can also be purchased at Cottage Hospital's booth at the North Haverhill Fair on July 24-28. For more information about the Auxiliary's 5th Annual Little Ticket Raffle or to buy tickets, please email the Raffle Co-Chairpersons - Marcia Selent at marcia.selent@charter.net or Dottie Long at dottie-long@gmail.com.

Little Ticket Raffle tickets are \$20 each and only 400 tickets are being sold which really in-

creases the odds of winning. There will be five cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250 and \$100 with the raffle drawing to be held on Saturday, September 14th at 12 Noon (rain or shine) in the Cottage Hospital courtyard with a complimentary BBQ lunch. Proceeds from the Little

Ticket Raffle will again be going to help fund new equipment and system upgrades within the hospital or Rowe Health Center.

The Cottage Hospital Auxiliary is a tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organization. Membership in the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary is open to everyone, women, men and hospital employees. Please consider becoming an Auxiliary member. To

obtain more information about the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary or to become a member, please visit www.cottagehospital.org/support/cottagehospitalauxiliary or call 603-747-9707.

Move your paws for an important cause do you love animals and want to make a lasting impact on their lives now? Is your chance join Central Vermont Humane Society's biggest event of the year walk for animals and raise money to help provide food shelter, exceptional care and second chances to the hundreds of animals who will need see the HS this year show off how much you love our furry friends on Saturday, June 8 at the state house lawn, where you can participate in a variety of family, friendly, and pet friendly activities and make a difference. One step at a time event is free to the public to sign up. Make a donation and learn more info visit <https://secure.giv.com/event/cvhsW42024>

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St. Johnsbury Ramps Up for Summer Fun

ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT – Springtime in St. Johnsbury is usually a quiet time for visitation. But, with the unprecedented number of eclipse visitors and the success of the Kingdom Maple Festival in April, that was decidedly not the case this year.

Now, summer events and activities are coming up, and town organizers are getting ready. “We’re starting from a place of excitement, and it’s only going to get better from here” states Gillian Sewake, Director of Discover St. Johnsbury.

Discover St. Johnsbury’s website www.DiscoverStJohnsbury.com and social media pages are the best places to find up-to-date information about daily events happening all throughout town. In particular, save the date for some of St. Johnsbury’s signature summer event series, most of which are free and family-friendly:

The Food Truck Popup @ the Pavilion returns on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each summer month, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, & August 13 & 27, from 4:30 - 7:30pm. Many of last year’s popular vendors will be returning, plus a few new options that haven’t been part of the series before. At each event, the Trailhead Pavilion (195 Bay Street) will be full of people enjoying dinner and dessert, live music, and perhaps enjoying a game of cornhole. Details and the vendor lineup can be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/food-truckpopup

Now in its third year, the popular St. J Final Fridays series returns on June 28, July 26, and August 30, led by partners Discover St. Johnsbury, the Town of St. Johnsbury, and Catamount Film & Arts. From 4 - 7pm, Railroad Street will be closed to motorized vehicles and

filled with FREE live art demonstrations, family fun activities, goodies galore, a gallery stroll, and lots more. At 7pm, the event closes out with a free Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series performance that turns the downtown into a concert venue. More details can be found at www.discoverstjohnsbury.com/finalfridays

The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series, presented by Catamount Arts, is also back with 11 free, family-friendly concerts at two St. Johnsbury locations. In addition to the three St. J Final Fridays concerts downtown, nine shows take place 5pm each Sunday at scenic Dog Mountain (143 Parks Road) from July 7 through August 25. Dogs are welcome, and the event features food trucks, a beer garden, and free activities on the lawn.

For the full line-up of world-class performers featured in the series this year, visit www.catamountarts.org.

The St. Johnsbury Town Band Concerts & Ice Cream Socials begin on Monday, June 24 at 7:30pm at Courthouse Park (1126 Main Street) and run every Monday evening through the end of August. These free events are a beloved summer tradition, with local organizations sponsoring the weekly ice cream socials and performances. Founded in 1830, the St. Johnsbury Band is the third oldest continuously-operating community band in the nation, with only the West Point Military Band and the Allentown, Pennsylvania

Band coming in older. More information about band concerts and its history can be found at www.stjohnsburyband.org Along with these events, the St. Johnsbury Farmers Market is back at its summer location on Pearl Street & Eastern

Avenue, happening each Saturday, 9am - 1pm. Dog Mountain’s annual dog party series returns with the Founders Celebration Dog Party on June 22, and the Summer Dog Party (selected as one of the State of Vermont’s Signature Events for 2024) coming up on August 3. Art exhibitions and live music performances happen so frequently that there’s something to enjoy literally every day, including trivia nights, live music, art openings, recreational meet-ups, and more, hosted at eateries, bars, and shops all around town.

The best place to find an up-to-date listing of St. Johnsbury-based events is at www.DiscoverStJohnsbury.com/calendar, which includes links to organizer websites for full event details. Bookmark the Calendar to stay up to date as new events are added.

“St. Johnsbury is expecting to be a hot destination for summer visitation this year, and our shops, restaurants, and attractions are ready to welcome both new and returning visitors at any time.” says Sewake. “But, make sure to plan ahead if you want to experience some of the events that show off the best of what our town has to offer.”

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Since 2002, Discover St. Johnsbury has stimulated and promoted the vitality of St. Johnsbury’s cultural, commercial, and community resources through destination marketing, producing community events, support for local businesses, and other economic and community development activities. The organization combines the commercial goals of a business alliance with the structure of a designated downtown organization. [www.DiscoverStJohnsbury.com](http://www.DiscoverStJohnsbury.com)

## NoCo Mural Project to Host Community Lead Public Art Mural Painting at Center of Littleton First Friday Festival

Littleton, NH– The Littleton Cultural Arts Commission is thrilled to announce the schedule for its upcoming First Friday events, set to take place on June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd, 2024. These events promise an immersive cultural experience for residents and visitors alike, showcasing the vibrant arts scene of our community.

The First Friday events offer an eclectic mix of visual arts, live performances, culinary delights, and interactive activities for all ages. Each event will feature a diverse lineup of local artists, musicians, and performers, creating a dynamic atmosphere that celebrates creativity and community spirit. These events serve as a platform to showcase the incredible talent of our local artists and performers while fostering connections within our community.

Attendees can look forward to exploring artist pop-ups featuring a wide range of artwork. Live music performances on the Catamount Arts Main Stage will provide the soundtrack for the evening. Food trucks and vendors will offer delicious food, and the interactive mural painting with NoCo Mural Project will invite participation and engagement from attendees of all ages.

The First Friday events are made possible through the support of the Littleton Cultural Arts Commission, local businesses, and community partners. The commission extends its gratitude to all those who contribute to the success of these events and help promote arts and culture in Little-

ton.

A special thanks to Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank for their unwavering support of the arts in our community.

Event Details:

Date: June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, 2024

Time: 5:00pm-10:00pm

Location: Downtown Littleton, Main St./Riverwalk District, Porter St.

Admission: Free and open to the public

For more information about the Littleton Cultural Arts Commission and its First Friday events, please visit [www.littletonculturalarts.org](http://www.littletonculturalarts.org) or find on social media @littletonculturalarts

About Littleton Cultural Arts Commission: The Littleton Cultural Arts Commission is dedicated to promoting and enhancing the cultural life of the Littleton community through arts programming, public art initiatives, and cultural events. Composed of volunteers passionate about the arts, the commission works collaboratively with local artists, organizations, and businesses to create meaningful experiences that enrich the lives of residents and visitors.

About NoCo Mural Project:

The NoCo Mural Project is a New Hampshire-based initiative that brings public art to the White Mountains' town centers. They collaborate with artists, youth groups, and community organizations to create murals in public spaces. They believe art should be accessible to everyone.



## Beef Stroganoff

like, mild or hot.

1 4 oz. can of chopped green chilies, drain but don't rinse

1 8 oz. package of wide egg noodles or half of a lb. Package

1 1/2 Cup of sour cream

1 1/2 Cup shredded cheddar cheese or munster, I used cheddar.

let cook the hamburger with the onion, garlic, salt, chili powder and ground cumin. Break up the hamburger with a wooden spoon so you don't have big chunks. Cook until browned. When done add the 1 Cup of salsa and the green chilies to the pan and simmer for about 10 minutes. Meanwhile cook the egg noodles in boiling salted water for as long as instructed. After cooled drain and put some in your dishes and spoon the hamburger mixture over the egg noodles. Top with shredded cheese and a dollop of sour cream.

That's it! You are done. Your family will love it because it is Delicious! Enjoy a nice glass of Carlo Rossi Paisano or your favorite Cabernet red wine with your dinner. Remember to drink responsibly. If you have any questions please contact Gary and I will help you out. I would like to hear from you, you can let me know how yours came out.

Well folks that's it for now. Until next time I'm signing off, Sincerely Cin Pin.

Hello hello my fellow chefs. We have been blessed with some beautiful sunny days. I took a drive to Littleton a few nights ago and after a brief thunderstorm there was a gorgeous double rainbow, it was simply beautiful. I haven't seen a rainbow in quite a while and seeing it made me feel awesome. I hope some of you got to see it too.

Today's recipe is easy peasy and I think you will love it. Here's what you will need to buy and how to make it.

Ingredients

1 lb. Lean ground beef 1 Red or green pepper chopped, I used a red one 1 Large onion chopped 2 Cloves of garlic minced, I used fresh but you can use 2 teaspoons of minced garlic in a jar.

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1 Tablespoon chili powder 1 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

1 Cup of salsa, I used medium heat but use what you

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