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WEATHERVANE THEATRE



WHITEFIELD, NH - June 16, 2025 - Weathervane Theatre is pleased to present North Country Shakes: Shakespeare in Love (And Laughter) June 20 - 30. Presented on Weathervane's outdoor stage, this FREE programming will play at 6 PM on June 20, 21, and 26 and at 5 PM on June 27 and 30.

North Country Shakes is an educational and artistic opportunity for students throughout Coös County and surrounding areas to experience Shakespeare as it's meant to be experienced—seen and not read. Helmed by Jorge Donoso, this new and

original adaptation of Shakespeare's works will bring audiences to the Weathervane's outdoor stage.

Shakespeare In Love (And Laughter) combines the Bard's most romantic scenes and highlights the hilarious language within them. From Ferdinand and Miranda's awkward first encounter in The Tempest to Malvolio's "letter prank" in Twelfth Night, this promises a hysterical evening suitable for the whole family and the dog! Check out Shakespeare In Love (And Laughter), a pet-friendly event, FREE on the Weathervane's outdoor stage.

Representing a wide

variety, the cast of North Country Shakes features members of the local community and Weathervane Theatre's 2025 Resident Acting Company. The cast includes Ophelia Beebe, Alton Bradbury, Claudia Canuto, Josie Cromer, Morgan Forest, Baylee Fuentes, Chloe Gagnon, Nolo Gonzalez, Kansas Lynch, Nora Jellison, Brooke Lavoie, Nora McCann, Mack McCloud, Mick St. Cyr, Deb Stinehour, Violet Streivig, Carrington Tetreault, Joshua Thompson, and Ria Yamdagni.

"It's always a blast to direct local talent, along with members of our intern and professional companies," said Donoso. "It's the perfect opportunity to connect with the season's ensemble before the MainStage shows kick off. I'm always amazed by how many audience members turn out to support our North Country Shakes cast. It's a true testament to how much the community values this initiative and the incredible people that make it happen."

A fully realized production, North Country Shakes is written and directed by Jorge Donoso. It also features designs by Rien Schlecht (costumes

and set), Connor von Rentzell (sound), and Gabbie Flores (props). Stage management by TessaMarie Beard and technical direction by Vero Villalobos.

North Country Shakes is FREE, and no reservations are required. Seating will begin thirty minutes before the performance, and patrons are encouraged to bring their own blankets or chairs. Chairs are available upon request and on a first-come, first-served basis. The bar featuring beer, wine, and snacks will be open one hour before showtime. If a show is canceled due to rain, it will be announced on Weathervane's social

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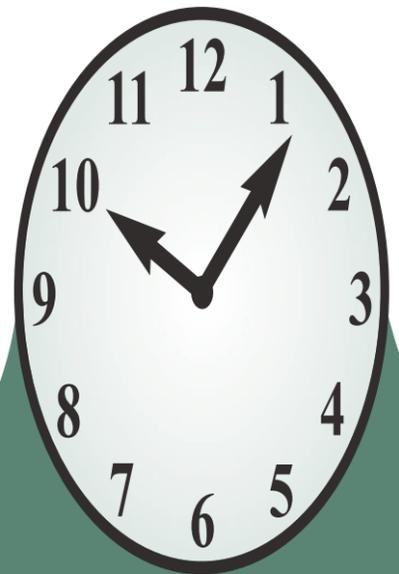
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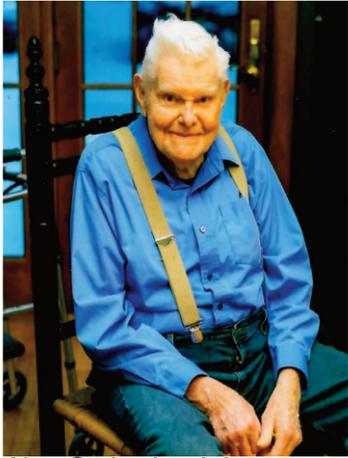
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OBITUARY:
Alex Sutherland Jr

Alex Sutherland Jr. went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Grafton County Nursing Home in North Haverhill, NH.

Alex was born on November 11, 1927, in New Canaan, Connecticut, where he grew up as the son of a gardener on a private estate. As a teenager, he began working at a local Ford garage before being drafted into the Army at age 18. He completed basic training in Alabama and served two years as a mechanic for the Army motor pool in Japan until his honorable discharge.

After his military service, Alex returned to New Canaan, Connecticut, and continued his work as a mechanic, first for Ford and then as a self-employed individual. He and his late wife, Isabelle (Raymond) Sutherland, purchased a vacation home on River Road in Bath, New Hampshire, and later moved there with their two sons. Alex worked for H.G. Woods Lumber in Bath, New Hampshire (now Britton Lumber), and continued farming into his 80s, raising and selling cattle, pigs, and eggs from as many as 300 chickens. When he wasn't farming, you would still find Alex enjoying the outdoors and down at Bear Ridge Speedway helping his son race.

Alex was one of three remaining World War Two veterans in his area. He

was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5245 and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Woodsville. In 2024, he was honored as the Parade Marshal for the Woodsville-Wells River Fourth of July Celebration.

He is predeceased by his wife, Isabelle (Raymond) Sutherland, and his son, Brett Sutherland

He is survived by his son, Alexander Sutherland III and wife Jean of Benton, NH; a grandchild, Kimberly "Kim" Chicoine and husband Jared of Gilmanton, NH; two great grandchildren, Leila & Mae Chicoine of Gilmanton, NH; a sister, Dorothy Stockmar and lots of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Grafton County Nursing Home, Maple Unit, for the exceptional care and compassion they provided to Alex throughout his stay. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Calvary Baptist Church in Woodsville, NH. There will be a private burial for the family at a later time.

Alex is remembered with sincere gratitude and respect for his service to our country.

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

Wells River Welcome Center seeks local brochures and volunteers.

The Wells River Welcome Center will open for the season on Friday June 13th, Father's Day weekend. The Welcome Center is opened Monday – Saturday 9AM – 5PM, on Sundays from 10AM – 4PM and is located at 5 Railroad Street at the junction of Route 5 and 302, in Wells River Village.

Area tourist and non-tourist related businesses, churches, and recreational attractions in Grafton and Orange Counties and the Northeast Kingdom are invited to provide us with new brochures. There is no charge for having your brochure at the Welcome Center. Brochures may be mailed to WRAP, Attention Welcome Center, Post Office Box 538, Wells River, VT, 05081 or dropped off at the Welcome Center at 5 Railroad Street, Wells River during operating hours. We suggest, 15 to 40 copies of your brochures. An outside bulletin board is also available to post local upcoming events.

In addition to maps and information on hiking and biking trails, recreational activities, museums, and upcoming events, the center has something that the internet or QR codes cannot offer. That is, a clean restroom for the traveling public plus two well shaded picnic tables for use.

The Welcome Center is operated by the Wells River Action Program and is staffed by volunteers. There are two shifts daily, Monday – Saturday from 9AM -1PM and from 1 - 5PM. On Sundays, there is one shift from 10AM – 4PM. If you are interested in being a volunteer greeter, or for more information contact Judi Waterman at 802 757 2572 or via email at wrapwr@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed for regular shifts, occasional shifts or as a substitute on an on-call basis.

In the late 70s, the Florida Orange Growers had an ad campaign that said, "Orange Juice, not just for breakfast anymore", paraphrasing, "The Welcome Center - not just for tourists". Stop by and let the Welcome Center help you plan day trips and mini vacations in Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Welcome Center will close for the season on Monday, October 13th, Indigenous People Day.

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It's important to save for retirement, but only half of Americans have calculated how much money they'll need, according to the 2024 Retirement Confidence Survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. Yet without knowing how much you'll need, it's hard to know if you're on track to reach your goals for retirement.

Here are a few considerations to help shape your retirement savings strategy. Calculate how much you'll need. You may dream of retiring "comfortably," but how do you define "comfortable" in terms of actual money? Take the time to outline how much you spend now, and how much you think you'll spend in retirement. That will help you understand how much you need to save now to afford the retirement lifestyle you want later. A financial advisor can help with resources and knowledge for building and managing your retirement strategy.

Start saving now. It's easy to procrastinate, especially if you are younger and further away from retirement. But the earlier you start, the less you may need to save from each paycheck to build your funds over time. If you're closer to retirement, you can take advantage of catch-up contributions to most 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457 plans and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan. If you're 50 or older, you can save pretax an extra \$7,500 to your retirement account beyond the standard total limit of \$23,500 allowed in 2025. Those 60-63 years old can contribute to these plans an extra \$11,250 above the

standard total limit. That's an annual total of \$31,000 for people ages 50 and older; or \$34,750 for those 60-63 years old in pretax retirement plan contributions.

Take the right amount of risk. You may think it's risky to put money away for retirement instead of keeping it handy for discretionary spending. But the biggest risk of all is not reaching your retirement goal. For example, a portfolio that's all in cash will have little increasing value over time and won't provide any growth potential even to keep up with inflation. It's as if you're losing money every year. Then again, if your investments are only keeping up with inflation, your money is not growing. Consider growth investments to help build the funds you'll need in retirement. The key is ensuring you have the appropriate amount of risk — not too much, but not too little — to achieve your growth goals.

Save separately for emergencies. To protect your hard-earned retirement savings, build an emergency fund separate from your long-term investments. It can help ensure you have what you need to cover surprises like a large auto repair, unexpected medical bills, temporary loss of income from changing jobs or early retirement caused by health issues. For most people, three to six months' worth of total expenses is an appropriate amount for an emergency fund. And you'll want to keep it in an accessible, low-risk account that holds cash and equivalents. Above all, try to avoid taking money

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Retirement should be an exciting time to enjoy what you've worked so hard to earn. Planning for what you'll need and protecting those savings can help ensure a comfortable future.

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The United States of America is fast approaching its 249th birthday. Since 1981 there has been a group of locals who have produced a 4th of July celebration on the streets of Woodsville and Wells River, as well as field activities on the Woodsville Community Field. This year those activities get started with the two state parade. The theme of the day and especially for the parade is "Stars, Strips and Home Town Vibes". With this in mind many individuals, organizations and businesses have already been busy planning an entry for this grand parade. They will finalize their ideas and gather at the Woodsville Elementary School by 10:00 am in order to step off at 11:00 am. The parade will head west on Central Street (Route 302) with a reviewing stand stop and the presentation of the Star Spangled Banner at An Affair To Remember in the old Woodsville Station building. The parade finishes on Main Street in Wells River. There is no doubt that thousands of parade watchers will view another great show. Judges will also hand out cash prizes to the top three entries in three different divisions. Check the website www.wvr4th.org for complete details as well as an entry form.

The Haverhill Historical Society is delighted to bring an encore presentation of "Railroads of Haverhill" to Alumni Hall on Monday, June 23rd, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. After last year's presentation, so many people asked when we were going to do it again that we felt we had to bring it back.

"Railroads of Haverhill" takes the audience on a journey through time and place, exploring the rights-of-way of the railroad in Haverhill.

This presentation, produced by HHS members Peter & Justin Tice, examines the route of the tracks through our town in the context of geology and topography. By more fully understanding the reasons that the tracks were laid where they were, we are able to better understand the evolution of the many villages of Haverhill. Along the way, we will visit the several railroad stations of Haverhill, in the past and in the present, to see who they served, then and now.

Whether you missed it last year or want to see it again, we hope you'll join us for an evening's discussion of the "Railroads of Haverhill".

Admission is free of charge, and donations are gratefully accepted. Light refreshments will be provided.



OBITUARY: Camille L. Roy,

North Haverhill, NH- Camille L. Roy, 85, passed away in the comfort of his own home on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

He was born on November 2, 1939, to Elie Roy and Germaine (Lamarre) Roy.

He grew up in Bath at the old Roy homestead with his 16 siblings. After graduating from high school, he went on to be the first Roy boy to attend a trade school located in Manchester, NH. He had multiple carpentry jobs until he owned his own carpentry business. He ended his career at Royal Electric.

Over the years, he enjoyed hunting and fly fishing, sharing his tips with many. He enjoyed his many trips to Canada, rabbit hunting with his beagles, and spending time at his camp off Tewksbury. He always had a love for dancing and bluegrass music. He enjoyed the many years of volunteering at the North Haverhill Fair and the North Haverhill Senior Center. He loved all the people he met along the way. In 2022, he received the Older Adult Volunteer award from Governor John Sununu for Grafton County. He cherished the time he spent with his son Craig during his long racing career.

In more recent years, he came to enjoy the endless hours spent sitting on his nephew Paul and wife Alice's front porch, watching the traffic and doing his word search puzzles. He sure had a soft spot for their pups, Sandy & Maggie. His favorite day of the year was the annual Roy family picnic. Camille was part of the grilling team,

flipping hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone to enjoy.

After 36 years, he is now reunited with the love of his life, Margaret Roy. He is also predeceased by his parents, Elie and Germaine Roy; his sisters, Rita Lackie, Louise Forcier, Irene Guilmette, Anne-Marie Dauphinais; and his brothers, Martin Roy, Fernand Roy, Paul Roy, Victor Roy, Patrick Roy, Ernest Roy, Norman Roy, Roger Roy, Richard Roy and nephew, Peter Roy.

He is survived by his son, Craig Roy, and wife Denise; his daughter, Christine Hudson; Grandchildren, Daniel Roy and wife Alexis, Kenneth Hudson, Kolonie Hudson; great-granddaughter, Elaina Roy; his siblings, Bernard Roy and wife Betty Ann, Philip Roy and wife Patricia, and Clement Roy; his in-laws, Jean Roy, Joyce Roy, Louise Roy, and Sandy Roy; and many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the North Haverhill Senior Center, Attention Meals on Wheels, 91 Horse Meadow Rd, North Haverhill, NH 03774.

There will be a graveside service honoring Camille's life on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 1 PM at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Bath, NH.

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Following the talk, stay for a screening of Don't Look Up, Adam McKay's star-studded satire about climate change and media distraction, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence, and Meryl Streep.

This event is presented in partnership with White Mountain Science, Inc. and is part of The Science on Screen Series at The Colonial, generously sponsored by Douglas Arion, Mary Secor, and Mountains of Stars.

Friday, June 27 at 7PM: Bethlehem's Next Chapter: Recycling, Resilience, and Jane Goodall – Reasons for Hope

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The presentation concludes with a screening of Jane Goodall – Reasons for Hope, an uplifting documentary that shares global stories of environmental success and hope, from species conservation to inspiring youth-led initiatives. This film is part of the Spotlight Film Series, which shines light on independent, rare, or local films.

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Woodsville High School News



Woodsville High School is proud to announce Angie Clough as the recipient of the 2025 Student Council Community Award. This annual recognition is presented by the WHS Student Council to an individual who has shown outstanding support and service to the school and local community.

A familiar face at Woodsville High School sporting events, Angie Clough is known for her unwavering dedication to WHS Athletics and student activities. She has been a member of the Woodsville Area Booster Club since 2012 and currently serves as the club's president. In this role, Angie has played a central part in organizing events such as the annual sports banquet and the JV basketball tournament. Her volunteerism at the concession stand and her constant presence cheering from the stands have made her a beloved part of the WHS community.

In recognition of her commitment, Angie received a personalized plaque and will have her name added to the Student Council Community Award plaque, which is displayed prominently at Woodsville High School.

"Angie is the kind of supporter every school hopes for," said WHS Principal Hayden Coon. "She gives her time, her energy, and her heart to our school and our students. This recognition is well deserved."

The Student Council Community Award is part of the school's Spotlight on Students, Staff & Supporters series, which highlights individuals who go above and beyond in support of WHS values and excellence.

Woodsville High School is honored to recognize Angie Clough for her continued dedication and looks forward to her continued presence in the WHS community for years to come.



Woodsville High School is proud to announce the newly elected student officers of the National Honor Society (NHS) for the 2025–2026 school year. These students were selected based on their commitment to the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

The 2025–2026
WHS NHS Officer Team includes:

- President: Eli Vasconcelos
- Vice President: Ryan Walker
- Secretary: Makayla Walker
- Treasurer: Katherine Houston
- Publicist: Riley Emmerton

These officers will take the lead in planning community service initiatives, organizing school-based projects, and upholding academic excellence across Woodsville High School.

"This group truly represents the best of WHS," said Mrs. Mulliken, National Honor Society Advisor. "They are compassionate, responsible, and committed to making a difference. I'm incredibly proud to work with them."

In the group photo, officers are pictured from left to right: Riley Emmerton, Ryan Walker, Eli Vasconcelos, Makayla Walker, and Katherine Houston.

Woodsville High School congratulates these student leaders and looks forward to the great work they will do during the 2025–2026 school year.



Members of the Woodsville High School National Honor Society (NHS) recently rolled up their sleeves for a community service project at Bedell Bridge State Park, demonstrating their continued commitment to stewardship, teamwork, and pride in their local environment.

The group delivered and placed two sturdy picnic tables that NHS students constructed earlier in the school year, providing much-needed seating for park visitors. In addition to delivering the tables, students helped clean up the grounds, including trimming overgrown brush and tidying the area around the park's trails and gathering spaces.

While at the park, the group also visited the willow tree they planted several years ago as part of a previous NHS service project. Unfortunately, the tree has become a favorite snack for the resident beavers and will likely have to be removed.

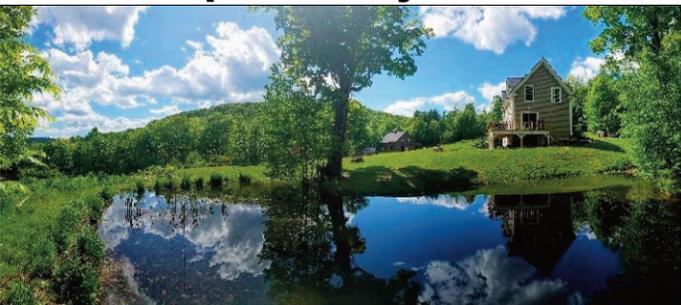
Mrs. Mulliken, National Honor Society advisor, praised the students' efforts:

"I'm so proud of the students for their hard work and community spirit. They've truly left a lasting mark on a beautiful place that means so much to our community."

The WHS NHS continues to lead by example, showing what it means to make a difference through service, dedication, and Engineer Energy.



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U.S. Army Major Greg Mathieson Jr., a resident of North Haverhill, graduated from the US Army Command and General Staff College this week with a Masters Degree in Operational Studies before heading off on his next assignment. A graduate of West Point class of 2014, he's also finishing up an MBA at Kansas University in the coming weeks.

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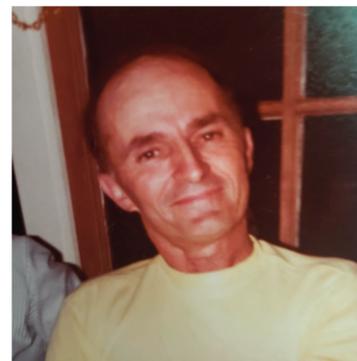
Orford, NH – Frank Alexander McKinnon, 80, passed away quietly on January 16, 2025, at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, NH after a period of failing health. There will be a graveside service for Frank on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 1 PM at Orford West Cemetery, Orford, NH.

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Newbury, VT - Elton Hunter Brinker, 69, died unexpectedly at his home earlier this year. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 1:30 PM at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch Street, Woodsville, NH, with a reception to follow in Bradford, VT.

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OBITUARY Raymond "Pete" Arthur Wright,



Raymond "Pete" Arthur Wright, 90 of Haverhill NH, died at Dartmouth Health, May 30, 2025, after a brief illness.

He was born at home in East Haverhill, NH, on August 17th, 1934, to Peter Thomas Wright and Mary-Ann Masse Wright. He attended Haverhill, NH area schools.

Pete had a stellar work ethic and started at eight years old as a golf caddy at Lake Tarleton. He also worked at a number of farms in the area, The Whiting Milk Company, and Grafton Motor Sales as a mechanic. In 1957, he started "Pete's Rubbish" with one small truck, which grew into a highly successful waste management business.

He loved fishing, admiring antique cars and tractors, volunteering with the fire department, tinkering on new inventions, golfing, mowing his lawn, and enjoying time with his family. He served in the NH National Guard for nearly a decade in the 1950's

He is predeceased by his parents, sister, and

granddaughter Jenna Lynn. His surviving family includes his wife of 68 years Arlene Wright, children and their significant others, Denise and Tom of North Haverhill, NH, Brenda and Charles of Martha's Vineyard, MA, and Lori and Paul of Englewood, FL. Grandchildren include Jennifer, Ryan, Amanda, Charlie, Kayla, Megan, Abigail, Andre and Spencer, and great grandchildren Lindsay, Claire, Maxwell, Ava, Liam, Emmett, Josie, Owen, Connor, and Bradley.

Calling hours will be Friday June, 6, 2025 from 11-1 at Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville, 1 Birch St. Woodsville. Interment will follow immediately at Ladd St. Cemetery, In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dartmouth Health, Cottage Hospital, and or Haverhill Corner Fire Department.

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Haverhill Select Board News Update by Gary Scruton

The Haverhill Select Board continues to have plenty of items on their list for 2025. In my most recent conversation with Select Board members Ron Hurlburt and Joe Longacre we discussed many of those items.

Town Administrator search: The Select Board has been promised a first draft (due to be delivered by June 12) on a promotional piece written by the company that has been hired to find a new Town Administrator. Once that piece has been agreed to it will be distributed to potential candidates. There is a promise to offer up to 25 candidates to the Select Board by the end of August. At that point the board will have the opportunity to make a final choice and offer a contract. It is hoped to have a person in the position sometime in early Autumn.

Brushwood Road Construction: There are a total of over 30 culverts to be replaced, repaired or at least maintained along the section of Brushwood Road from Route 25 up to the recently

completed section. With that many culverts to be addressed the project may be contracted out rather than having the Haverhill Highway Department handle the work. With that being said, the paving may be delayed until 2026.

Personnel issues: There is currently an opening for the position of Assistant Town Clerk. The Select Board has been working with the Town Clerk in order to find a viable candidate. There is hope that this position will be filled shortly and therefore the office may be able to be open more hours each week.

Tax Abatement: The Select Board recently toured the building at 47 Central Street in Woodsville. The owners of the building are asking for a tax abatement while they continue to do renovations to improve the building both inside and outside.

Haverhill/Woodsville payment timetable: A recent meeting between the administrators of Haverhill and Woodsville was recently held in order to formalize a Mem-

orandum of Understanding (MOU) in regards to when payments would be sent to the precinct for various purposes including highway, fire and ambulance monies. An agreement was not made at that time and further clarification of wording is still being worked on.

Forensic Audit: Another item passed at the 2025 town meeting was \$100,000 for a forensic audit of the town's books. At this time there is still work being done to finalize the audit from 2022, though much progress has been made. Work is also ongoing on the audit for 2023. It is hoped that once those audits are completed, that the audit of the 2024 books will go much more smoothly. The Select Board continues to look for the most practical and beneficial way to spend the money that was appropriated. It is believed that the money allocated will not be sufficient to do a forensic audit for more than a short period of time.



OBITUARY: Joyce B. Page,

nature and its beauty, in fair weather, she could be found sitting at a picnic table, or on a bench, watching as traffic passed her by or taking it all in on a long walk.

She was predeceased by her parents, Daniel Raymond Minor Sr. and Bernice A. Minor, as well as her brother, Daniel R. Minor Jr. Joyce had many loves in her life, including coffee and chocolate, but none greater than the love that she had for her family and friends. She is survived by her loving daughter, Jennifer Kosakowski, and her husband, Josh of Groton, Vermont; her son, Billy White, and his wife, Jennifer of Pike, New Hampshire. She also leaves behind two grandsons, Hunter Larabee and his fiancée, Shannon Knowlton of Newcomb, New York, and James Kidder II of West Bath, Maine. She will be deeply missed by her lifelong friend, Glen Godfrey of Wells River, Vermont, and many other friends and extended family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM at the Groton Town Building in Groton, Vermont.

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Joyce B. Page, 71, of Wells River, Vermont. Joyce died on May 30, 2025, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, following a sudden illness.

Joyce was born in Hanover, New Hampshire, on July 22, 1953, the daughter of Daniel Raymond Minor Sr. and Bernice A. (Hovey) Minor. She grew up in Thetford, Vermont, and attended school there. Throughout her life, Joyce was a dedicated worker, most notably at the Bradford Veneer Mill and in the deli at Kelley's Supermarket. Many lifelong friendships were formed from the places where she worked. She happily retired in 2018.

Joyce had a vibrant spirit, and she loved to laugh and joke. A fan of music, in her younger years, it was not uncommon to find her dancing at the 111 Club in Woodsville, or somewhere listening to her favorite group, The Green Mountain Band. She was also an avid participant in the local women's candlepin bowling league and always looked forward to bowling night. A lover of

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LETTERS

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From The Editor

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To the Editor,

If there are any questions in one's mind that Trump Derangement Syndrome is not well and symptomatic of a misinformed segment of the population, one must read the editorials written by Rachael Booth and Richard Roderick (Trendy Times, May 20, 2025.) The vindictiveness and hatred they espoused for President Donald Trump are quite evident in their misguided comments.

The most important questions are where were these individuals and the rest of their ilk during the disastrous social and financial policies of the four years of the Biden Administration. Why were they not concerned when the Biden Administration lied about border security which allowed into our country between 11-20 million illegal aliens? Were they not concerned about the multiple rapes of women and children, the human trafficking of young girls and women, the deaths of thousands of innocent Americans on a yearly basis due to the importation of fentanyl and other illicit drugs, all at the hands of the Mexican cartels and as a direct result of Biden's open border policies? What about the murders of our dedicated border patrol agents that the Biden Administration relegated to clerical processing of paper work for illegal aliens to ap-

pear for future court appearances for which that they never show up? Apparently, they are OK with biological men competing in women's sports, eclipsing these young women athletes who worked their entire lives to reach the pinnacle of their careers.

When President Biden took office in January of 2021, the annual inflation rate stood at 1.4% despite Biden's false claim that he inherited a 9% inflation rate (FactCheck.org, May 10, 2024.) It was due to Biden's reckless spending policies through the so-called American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the tune of \$1.9 trillion, and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 at \$368 billion that inflation reached a 40 year high of 9.1%.

Why were they not concerned with Biden's obvious mental and physical decline during his four years in office, resulting in one of the biggest coverups and scandals in United States history? Even many influential Democrats are calling for answers. Biden's incapacities were obvious to all sensible persons as well as our adversaries. Who was really running the country? Who was wielding the auto-pen? We dodged the proverbial bullet when Kamala Harris failed in her election bid for the Presidency. Thankfully, our adversaries did not take

advantage of a very tenuous situation.

President Trump was elected by well over 77 million voters who saw through the distorted rhetoric, the lies, and the constant attacks on him by the desperate Democrats. Fortunately, Donald J. Trump was elected at a time when this country was in serious decline. His Administration has its work cut out for them, but the good news is that he has appointed some talented and dedicated individuals to his cabinet and other positions to aid in turning this country around. May God bless President Trump and all those who work for him.

Lastly, I would like to commend Greg Kouba, of Lindenwold, NJ (Trendy Times, June 3, 2025) for clearly illustrating the lies, half-truths, and misrepresentations perpetuated by CNN and MSNBC, the so-called news outlets. I must take issue with Editor Gary Scruton's response to Mr. Lindenwold. Gary continues to espouse the belief that one should get their news from more than one source. That is fine if the other news outlets are a reliable source of objective reporting. That is not the case with CNN and MSNBC. The latest cable news ratings for May 2025 (ADWEEK, Nielsen Media Research) shows that Fox News had 2.463 million total viewers, while MSNBC had 877,000, and CNN came in at 426,000, all during prime time. It's apparent what the vast majority of Americans are relying upon for their trusted news source.

Robert Briggaman
North Concord, VT

To the Editor,

I read, with amusement, the letters written by "an elected official" (Editor's note: the section previous in quotes is NOT what the letter writer wrote. It was edited to avoid any possible inclination of slander) He wants to talk about delusions? He believes that he is a woman. He is not. He is a man. What's even more delusional is that he expects the rest of US to agree with him.

Among those who took the time to vote, DJT won both the popular vote (you know, that democracy thing), and took the Elec-

Michael,

I find the rights of all American to be pretty important. Nothing to laugh about. I very much enjoy my right, and yours, to write these words and have them published for all to read. I do not fear that anyone will come along and take away that right, from either of us. But, as with all things, there is a limit.

I also believe in the right of someone to act in the manner that they feel best suited. As long as that action does not hurt, harm or interfere with others than why should it be so offensive? There are politicians, on both sides of the aisle, that I do not agree with on every issue (I dare say that almost everyone else could say the same thing), but that does not mean I can't agree with them on some issues. It also does not mean that I should talk down to them simply because I disagree with something they have said or done. As Rodney King famously said "Can't we all just get along?"

Gary Scruton, Editor

toral College. It's that college, one of many strokes of genius among the Founding Fathers, which so vexes the progressives who want a few heavily populated areas to ram their ideology down the throats of the rest of US. When their beloved democracy fails, progressives turn to activist courts. Now they find that courts can no longer locate certain previously discovered rights. HA HA HA.

R. Michael Smith
Haverhill NH

Robert,

There is no doubt that the divide between Republicans and Democrats has grown since the turn of the century. It seems that coming to any sort of bi-partisan agreement over almost anything is next to impossible. Even the 2024 election was split almost right down the middle. Yes, President Trump got 77 million votes. But Kamala Harris got 75 million.

I will go further and say that it will probably be another quarter century or so before history has a chance to look back and more accurately rank the two terms of President Trump as well as the one term of Joe Biden. Of course much of President Trump's second term is still to be experienced.

The best thing for us Americans to do is to keep paying attention to what is happening in Washington, as well as on our own Main Streets, and be educated when it comes time to once again go to the polls and let your voice be heard.

In regards to my assertion that voters need to get their news from multiple sources, I will not back down from that statement. Popularity of any news outlet does not necessarily make it the best source or even the most accurate source of information. It does mean that it has captured a segment of the population. I will also point out that the current population of the United States is a little over 340 million. My math may not be perfect but I do not believe that 2.4 million is a majority of 340 million.

Gary Scruton, Editor

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To the Editor:

Trump needs to be removed from office. After one week shy of 6 months in office, he has proved that he is not fit to be president. Presidents swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. Trump has not upheld the constitution. He and his cabinet constantly lie and fail to follow the constitution. Most recently a sitting US Senator (California Senator Alex Padilla) doing his job was assaulted during a Homeland Security press conference defending the illegal sending of thousands of National Guardsmen to Los Angeles. This comes after New Jersey U.S. Representative LaMonica McIver was arrested for doing her job in New Jersey in May outside a detention center.

According to the Appropriations Committee Democrats, "President Trump began breaking the law on day one of his term, and immediately pardoned hundreds of violent criminals upon taking office" plus the:

- Impoundment of congressionally-appropriated funds at numerous federal agencies, in violation of federal law
- Firing of dozens of experienced federal prosecutors
- Firing of thousands of other federal profes-

sionals in violation of the law, and the initiation of government-wide plans for further firings

- Firing of 17 Inspectors General, independent watchdogs that investigate waste, fraud, abuse, and potential criminal activity in our government

- Letting Elon Musk and DOGE access the sensitive data on tens of millions of Americans

- Signing of a series of illegal and unconstitutional executive orders

- Removal of experienced career FBI officials and threats to fire FBI Special Agents and analysts

- Removal or transfer of other experienced career officials at the Department of Justice

- Initiation of plans to transfer up to 1,500 FBI headquarters professionals out of the Washington, DC area

- Initiation of plans to gut the Public Integrity Section of the Justice Department, which helps investigate and prosecute corrupt public officials

- Initiation of plans to gut other Justice Department units that combat money laundering, prosecute foreign corruption cases, and more

- Initiation of plans to restore gun possession rights to convicted felons and persons with domestic violence convictions

- Closure of the U.S.

Agency for international Development, in violation of Federal law

The Center for American Progress in their website state:

- The president cannot use the Alien Enemies Act to summarily deport people.

- The president cannot legally run for a third term. Trump mentioned seeking that possibility

- The president cannot legally punish law firms for their legal activities.

- The president cannot legally punish his political opponents.

- The president cannot legally punish private companies and public organizations for diversity programs.

It is obvious the president and his cabinet either do not know what the constitution says or are deliberately ignoring it. Trump should not have been allowed to run for president because of his participation in the failed insurrection against the country in 2020. That said, it is time for Trump to be removed from office, our democracy depends on it. We can not wait to the 2026 elections hoping they will reign in the abuse of power. If he remains in office, I hope there are elections in 2026.

Richard M Roderick
Wells River

Heard at the County"

To the Editor,

After weeks of ZOO-Ming-in to the Grafton County Executive Committee Budget Meetings, it is apparent we have a "spending problem" at the Grafton County Complex. Transparency and Open Government is still non-existent since April 22, 2025 when Chairwoman Martha McLeod curtailed viewing of Grafton County Commissioners' Meetings!

A burdensome 9.41% tax increase of the Grafton County Budget (Fiscal Year...July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) is being proposed by 2 of the 3 Grafton County Commissioners. So, this is not unanimous. Ask yourself, "Why would one experienced, knowledgeable, and skillful Commissioner not support this Budget?" Is it that she knows the taxpayers of Grafton County cannot afford this proposed budget?

Salaries in most of Grafton County are meager based upon the occupations of loggers, farmers, and employees of retail and medical services personnel in our area. We do not have the salaries of the high-tech company employees of Silicon Valley of southern California and Seattle, Washington to support the bewildering and unsubstantiated requests of the Grafton County Commissioners and County Department heads.

Nick,

Our elected state representatives have a complex set of jobs they are elected to perform. One of those jobs is, as you point out, to vote on the budget for their home county. Those reps are the only ones that can vote yay or nay on the proposal. I must trust that each of them has done their homework, looked over the budget, asked questions, and are prepared to vote in the best interest of those who voted for, or against, them in the recent election. After all, they represent us all residents of the county whether we voted for them, against them, or not at all. Bottom line? I don't want to see my taxes go up any more either.

Gary Scruton, Editor

Some personnel at our Grafton County Complex are receiving "Washington, DC 'Swamp-like-creature,' G-level salaries and benefits" while we, Grafton County workers and residents, support small, family businesses, earn scanty salaries, and live on modest benefits. The Middle Class needs a tax reprieve! We cannot afford to support all the perks being desired by those in power at the Grafton County Complex.

It was pointed out that salaries, COLA's, and overtime costs are up at the County. Also up are travel expenses while gas prices are down under President Trump's resumption of oil production and lowered gas prices at local gas stations throughout our area. Another fact pointed out was that the County takes in \$2.5 Million in revenues every month from various departments!

County Commissioners (2 of the 3) are additionally looking to build another courthouse to the tune of \$35 Million - \$40 Million dollars which will have a projected overall cost of \$70 - \$100 Million when interest on the loan is amortized over 20 - 30 years!

Email or call your Grafton County Representative, and instruct them to vote "No!" on these proposals.
Nick De Mayo,
Sugar Hill, NH

Richard,

The divide between the two parties in our two party system of elections seems to be getting wider and wider by the day. But in the end we all want the same thing. A Strong and united country. There is no doubt that it has not always been that way. We had a Civil War. We have battled through a great depression. We have seen demonstrations on the streets for a wide range of reasons. Some historians might attempt to point out that only one side or the other was responsible for most or all of these issues. But again, in the end, we all want the best for all of us.

The question becomes what is the best for us all? That is why we have elections. That is why we, the people, have the authority to vote someone out of office at the time of elections. To do so earlier, though some elected officials have been recalled in the not so distant past, is not how our system was designed. I have faith that our elected officials as well as our judicial branch of government will keep us either on the right path, or at least within eyesight of it, so that we can continue to move forward as the United States of America.

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Upcoming Events at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

Upcoming Programs and Events at Squam Lakes Natural Science

Members Only Special Event: Member's Only Summer Solstice at the Science Center

June 18 Wednesday 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for our first members-only "Summer Solstice at the Science Center." Enjoy the trails all to yourselves after-hours and talk with volunteer docents who share their passion and knowledge of our beloved animals. Tickets are not required, but please arrive by 6 p.m. to enter the trail.

Friday, June 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

All Ages At Curry Place, Holderness

StoryWalk™ Kick Off Reception – Mr. McGinty's Monarchs by Linda Vander Heyden Stroll along the channel as you read Mr. McGinty's Monarchs by Linda Vander Heyden posted one page at a time along the trail. Follow along to see if Mr. McGinty can come up with a plan to save the monarch caterpillars after their milkweed has been mowed down! Children

can participate in a craft and enjoy a snack connected to the story during the Kick Off Reception. StoryWalk™ surrounds the Holderness Town Gazebo behind the Post Office at Curry Place. Presented in partnership with Curry Place, Holderness Library, Squam Lakes Association, and Holderness Recreation Department.

StoryWalk™ is open daily from June 27-September 1

Sponsored by: Meredith Village Savings Bank
Cost: No charge and no reservations required.

Lecture – Unveiling the Secrets of a Forest-nesting Raptor: The Broad-winged Hawk by Rebecca McCabe, Research Biologist and Laurie Goodrich, Director of Conservation Science with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association

Monday, July 7, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Adults

Join Hawk Mountain research biologists Drs. Laurie Goodrich and Rebecca McCabe to learn about one of New Hampshire's most iconic raptor species: the Broad-winged Hawk. Laurie and Rebecca will provide an

update on Hawk Mountain's long-term collaborative research on the full annual cycle of this forest raptor including migration data from Broad-winged Hawks tagged with GPS transmitters in the Granite State.

Cost: Free, but space is limited. Advance registration is required.

Special Event: Family Picnic: "Friends of the Forest" Saturday, July 12, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All Ages

Bring your family and join us to celebrate "Friends of the Forest" and enjoy Naturalists-led animal programs, the Kid's Corner sponsored by Blue Heron School, crafts table sponsored by Service Credit Union, lawn games sponsored by "Survival of the Fit", music by the Audrey Drake Band, and, of course, mouthwatering food from Gusto Italian Cafe, MrSippy, Peaks Food Trucks, and Sub-Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream. Other sponsors include: Samyn-D'Elia Architects, Squam Lakes Financial Advisors, Lake Life Realty, Lakes Region Tent and Events, Belknap Landscaping, Bridgewater Power, Children's Dentis-

try, junedays, and Pam and Larry Tarica. Tickets sell out quickly!

Purchase your tickets today at nhnature.org/picnic or call us at 603-968-7194.

Discover Squam Guided Lake Cruise

Daily at 1pm through
Learn about the natural history of Squam Lake, look for majestic Bald Eagles, and listen for the haunting call of Common Loons. Hear about the people who have lived on its rocky shores surrounded by scenic mountains for over 5,000 years. Cruise on this beautiful lake where On Golden Pond was filmed more than 40 years ago.

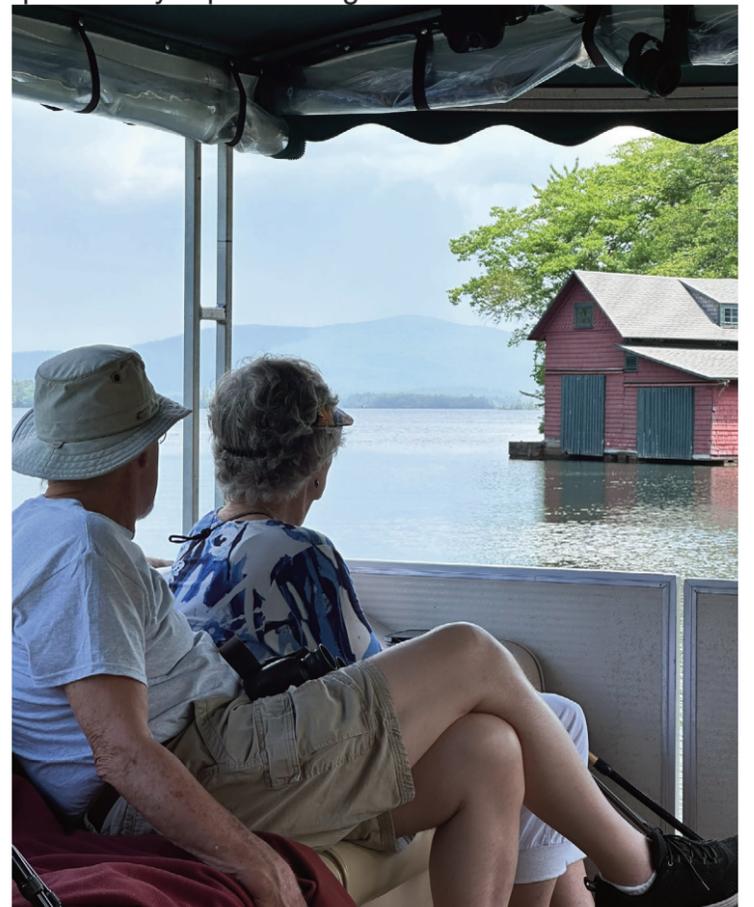
All Squam Lake Cruises are 90 minutes in length on canopied pontoon boats. Binoculars are available for viewing or bring your own. Cruises depart on Route 113 across from the Science Center. Squam Lake Cruises are not recommended for children under age 5.

Cost: \$34 adult; \$32 senior (age 65+); \$30 youth (ages up to 15), Members discount: \$4 per person
Advance reservations required by purchasing

tickets at nhnature.org.

About Squam Lakes 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.





Over Sugarloaf Mountain NH.
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Woodsville Wells River 4th of July Celebration

Friday, July 4, 2025

Theme: "Stars, Stripes & Home Town Vibes"

11:00 AM Gigantic Parade

From Woodsville into Wells River

No Fee to enter parade 3 Categories for Cash Prizes



Schedule of Events at the Woodsville Community Field

Located just south of Route 302 on Route 135

12:00 PM Field Activities Open:

Food Vendors, Flea Market & Crafters

1:00-3:00 DJ Mike

1:00-7:00 Children's Coloring for Prizes

1:00-10:00 Touch A Truck

2:00-6:00 Free Face Painting

2:00-9:00 BINGO Under the Tent

4:30-6:30 Donna Thunder

7:30 PM Parade & Window Display Winners Announced

8:00-10:00 The Sled Wrenches

9:00 PM Money Raffle Winners Announced

9:00-10:00 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sold - Drawing during fireworks



**10:00 PM
Immense
Fireworks
Display**

Fired from the south end of Wells River Village, Best watched from the Woodsville Community Field

Check us out on Facebook or visit our website: www.wvr4th.org

TO PLOW OR NOT TO PLOW

By Maggie Anderson

Well, it's happened again. Another celebrity, this one a blast from the past, has been stopped for a DUI.

She paid her \$100.00 fine and says she takes full responsibility for her actions.

I can only imagine what the \$100.00 loss will do to her

Yes, I know the fine was the usual punishment for a driver's first DUI, and I know West Virginia doesn't revoke somebody's license for a first offense.

But that still leaves a couple of questions unanswered.

Will the hundred dollar fine and the short lived embarrassment be of any consequence, enough consequence to keep her - or any other driver - from getting drunk and getting behind the wheel again?

Will the fact that the news of it will be completely obscured so quickly she won't even remember it the next time she attends a party or picks up a beer at the Piggly Wiggly, keep her from doing it again?

Or will she, like so many thousands every single year in this country, hit the road again slogged beyond reason and put kids, cattle, and co-workers in jeopardy because she didn't feel a thing the first time?

The fatalities caused by impaired drivers on America's roadways is shameful, and should have been squelched long ago.

Our problem is that "everybody drinks" so our laws are not designed to protect those who are plowed under by a drunk driver, they are in fact designed to get a drunk driver's attention.

Sadly, that attention span is shorter than a gnat's.

Want to Connect to Other Readers? Join the Bath Book Club!

The Bath Library Book Club will be discussing "Hello, Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano on Monday, July 14 at 5:00 pm at the Bath Public Library. "Hello Beautiful," a New York Times bestseller, is "an exquisite homage to the timeless classic, Little Women."

Hello, Beautiful is a drama about four sisters in an Italian Catholic family in Chicago. William Waters meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college. It is as if the world has lit up around him, but Julia comes with her lively family. Eventually, two sisters fall in love with the same man, causing the family to split apart for 25 years. This is a moving portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are but because of it.

Books may be picked up at the Bath Library; hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and Saturday 9:00 am to noon. Anyone with an interest in reading and conversing about books is welcome to attend. For information, please contact the library at 603-747-3372 or email bathlibraryljh@gmail.com



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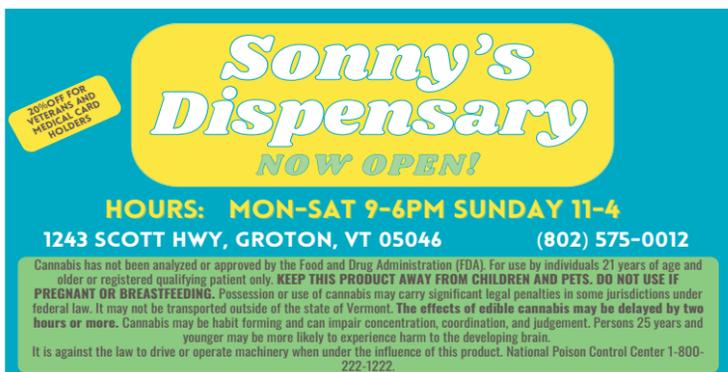
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